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Comments: Re: Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #NP-3479

These lands are sacred to many people and nourish many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water. These lands and their waters should be preserved and kept pristine forever.

I am asking the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed is important because there will be no significant impact to the land once the miners withdraw.

I support of the mineral withdrawal because mining will harm the water quality and keeping the water free of toxic pollutants is extremely important for the well-being of people and the environment. It is also very important to respect the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserve the site for recreation.

I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills.