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Comments: Dear USDI Bureau of Land Management,

I am writing the Forest Service to ask for you to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

Please conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA), as this is most expedient.

Also, please do a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed.

Water quality is imperative for life, keeping the water free of toxic pollutants is a must. Respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People is of utmost importance, and preserving the site for recreation enhances the natural beauty that abounds. All people benefit in from being in nature. Having recently visited the Black Hills, I can't stress enough how important it is to preserve nature. There seemed to be expansive growth over near Sturgis and I am concerned about the encroachment to Bear Butte. Please, please keep the all sacred places untarnished and the natural beauty protected.

Thank you for you kind consideration.

Sharon Hoffmann