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Comments: I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.

The deadline for all public feedback is June 20, so this is as urgent as it gets! As you know, we usually like to provide you with easy-to-send, pre-filled form emails. However, because the Forest Service has its own form and values individually crafted messages, please use your own words on this one. Here are some effective talking points when sending your message:

I am asking the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

I am asking the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA) and for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed.

My primary reason for my support of the mineral withdrawal is the water quality and cultural values, such as keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation.

I am NOT asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead I am asking for an EA, which is a much faster process. EA and FONSI now.