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Comments: I support the USDA Forest Service's efforts to seek a withdrawal of the Pactola area and lands pursuant to #NP-3479 in South Dakota. This land and water are important and necessary to many people who live there for clean drinking water and use , etc. It is also important to our Country to ensure and protect the pristine areas of nature that remain from pollution and contamination and ultimate destruction. These are important areas and I think that all the federal lands in the Black Hills should be part of this withdrawal and urge the Forestry Service to expand their application to include them as well. As a country we have preserved some of our places of natural beauty , but

there are those who are always trying to corrupt those lands, water etc. in their obsessive quest to make more money. This is a sickness that we must stand up against. We have destroyed so much of our land and we must protect what we have left . All federal lands in the Pactola area in #NP-3479 must be protected and for ALL Time and I urge the Forest Service to expand their application to include All Federal Lands in the Black Hills as well. We Must Protect our places of refuge and really

start seeing them as the Scared Lands they are , then maybe we can start seeing ourselves as Sacred Beings too , charged with the responsibility, working together to maintain and protect our land and peoples. The world may not survive the climate crisis we are in today , but we can still do

everything in our power to keep our country , our lands, water, air as unpolluted as possible and strive to make the changes in ourselves, our attitudes and our actions to preserve this Wonderful and 'Wonderous ' planet we have been entrusted with, for ourselves and for the future generations.