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First of all, my family and I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

We are asking the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

We are asking for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw!

During this unprecedented time of ecological collapse while climate change fueled Canadian wildfires are impacting tens of millions of Americans air quality, we need to act now and act decisively to improve our environment. Water quality and respecting and maintaining 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, are absolutely essential - especially at this time.