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Comments: Dear Sir or Madam:

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.

Most importantly, I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal, and I'd like to ask the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). I'd like to also ask for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed because there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw!

I support the mineral withdrawal because I care about 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.

Please note that I am NOT asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead I want an EA, which is a much faster process.

Please save one of the most beautiful and special places in Lakota Country.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Corey Schade