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Comments: I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I further 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 Forest Service must say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. An Environmental Assessment must be done, with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed.

Keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation are vital and must be a priority.

Thank you,

Jean Davis,

Former Rapid City resident impacted by the Rapid Creek flood, and lover of Jenny Gulch and Pactola Reservoir.