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Comments: Protect the Rapid Creek watershed!

I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. This is a real and imperative opportunity to save one of the most beautiful and special places in Lakota Country.

I 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 kept pristine forever.

Please do an Environmental Assessment (EA). And then ask 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!