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Comments: I fully support the positions of the Lakota Law Alliance on protecting the Rapid Creek Watershed.

The Forest Service MUST say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

The Forest Service MUST do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

There must be 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!

Primary reason for support of the mineral withdrawal: pristine water quality and cultural values must be prioritized, keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation.