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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I support the mineral claims withdrawal and urge the Forest Service to conduct an Environmental Assessment.

This is necessary to determine the negative impacts of proposed mining projects in the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed, including:

- Contamination of the soil and water, which may spread to the Madison and Minnelusa aquifers, the primary aquifers serving Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and other communities
- Reduced recreational use and tourism value for the area
- Disruption and death of local wildlife

I support the mineral claims withdrawal and urge you to expand it to include the entire Rapid Creek Watershed to safeguard the water supply and preserve the economic value of Rapid City and its surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Henry Lamont