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Comments: I am strongly in favor of protecting the clean water rights of the Lakota people and of South Dakotans, and all those downstream from the Pactola-Rapid Creek Watershed. I encourage the withdrawal of this 20, 574 acre parcel from all mining rights, mineral leasing, and other sale and intervention. Please vote Yes on the withdrawal of the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed from mining access and other forms of contamination. History has shown that the mining industry has repeatedly lied about its environmental impact and cannot be trusted to honor or respect the public good. I encourage the Forest service to do an Environmental Assessment and, once completed, a Finding of No Significant Impact. Please protect these sacred Lakota lands from desecration and expand that protection throughout the Black Hills.