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Comments:

I hope the Forest Service will definitely approve the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. The Forest Service should do an Environmental Assessment (EA), followed by a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA is complete. I support the mineral withdrawal, so that water quality can be higher and to keep the water free of toxic pollutants. We should all respect the sacred lands of the Lakota People, as well.

I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These are sacred lands, nourishing a number of Native and non-Native communities with clean water, and they should absolutely be preserved and kept pristine for all times. .