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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I want you to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

There should be a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed as there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw.

The reason I support the mineral withdrawal is the need to protect the water quality and cultural values in this area, as there are: keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation.

Many South Dakotans and also potential tourists like me who like to visit such lands will appreciate that this land is preserved from any mining destruction. In fact I believe that the ecological, cultural and touristical/recreational value of these lands is much higher than the value that can be temporarily generated by mining.

Best regards

Tanja Lehmann