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Comments: I believe that the USDA Forests Service should say yes to the Pactola Reservoir Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawl. It is important to preserve sacred lands and culturally significant spaces, and as this is referring to area that belongs to the Lakota people it should have a lot of cultural significance. Preservation of cultures is important in the study of human history, civilization, and culture, but also, the sacred objects or areas of a currently existing group of people should not be taken from them this way. I believe the best way to do this would be through performing an Environmental Assessment and following up with a Finding of No Significant Impact. This should be a quicker way to re-assess the land and ensure that it remains with the people who rightly claim it.