Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/9/2023 1:10:40 PM First name: Valerie Last name: Farr Organization: Title:

Comments: I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.

I want Forest Service to say yes to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal as well as Environmental Assessment (EA). After EA has been completed, I request No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed.

My reasons for supporting the mineral withdrawal is to respect the sacred lands of the Lakota people, in turn, their cultural values would help preserve the site. Water quality will increase, water being free of toxic pollutants, and the land will thrive.