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Comments: I would like the Forest Service to decide YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I would ask that the Forest Service conduct an Environmental Assessment, and once the Assessment is carried out, for a Finding of No Significant Impact to be found as a result of the withdrawal.

I believe there are many important reasons for this course of action - the removal of mining operations from the landscape is likely to improve water quality and other environmental factors by removing toxic pollutants. This is turn will increase the area's recreational value, and show respect for the sacred lands of the Lakota People.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my thoughts on this matter.