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Comments: I'm submitting these comments as a concerned citizen to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to 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 are sacred lands. They nourish many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water. These lands should be preserved and kept as pristine as possible to support the life and well-being of future generations of all living beings and the ecosystems with which all are interdependent.

Thanks for your consideration of my comments.