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Comments: I ask that the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed

Withdrawal.

The Forest Service should do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw. However, other impacts will be detrimental.

I support the mineral withdrawal because of:

- 1. Water quality (keeping the water free of toxic pollutants)
- 2. Cultural values (respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People)
- 3. Preserving the site for recreation.

Thank you.