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Comments: The Forest Service should say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

It should do an environmental assessment.

It should issue a finding of No Significant Impact once the EA is completed.

Indigenous treaty rights and water quality will be protected by the withdrawal. Gold mining, which is proposed, is a toxic process and under the obsolete mining law, would result in no revenue to the federal government because it does not require royalties.

The Pactola Reservoir is a mere 15 miles from Rapid City and is heavily used. The withdrawal would protect the watershed of this important lake from the most onerous abuse.