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Comments: It would seem to me that mining minerals for lithium batteries is such a beautiful place in the US defeats the purpose of preserving our land and water for future generations. First the elements that make up the batteries are toxic to humans. Their extraction pollutes the land and there is no clean way to recycle the batteries once they are spent. In fact, I have read that there are only two recycle plants in the US. This means that there are not enough and that the batteries will have to be shipped to the location and then shipped back. All this burns carbon into our atmosphere while polluting a site that is full of live giving water and nature. I am in support for the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek watershed withdrawal. I support having a Environmental Assessment and ask that when the mining is withdrawn that no damage to the environment be caused by the miners.