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Comments: The proposed mining, in the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed- #NP-3479, is a clear example of wrong thinking. How can the mining assist in acting against the Climate crisis.? this area is beautiful. it will not be after any filthy mining operation.

If anything, we should be expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These are sacred lands, which nourish many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water. These lands are part of the struggle for the survival of our planet & nation. They should be preserved forever.