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Comments: Dear USDA Forest Service,

Please say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I would like to see the FS do an Environmental Assessment (EA). When the EA has been completed, provide a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). I have spent time in my childhood in the Black Hills, and my sister goes there every year because she still lives in Minnesota. Water quality is fundamental to maintaining the area. Furthermore, the cultural values of the Lakota there depend on keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the lands, and preserving the site for recreation. I support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.