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Comments: I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I believe that the expanded area covered by the withdrawal needs to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These are sacred lands. Not only are they sacred lands for Native communities, there are Las numerous non-Native communities downstream which depend on this clean water. And, having seen photographs of this are, these lands should be preserved and pristine forever.

I want the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). And after that has been completed, I would like. a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) after the EA has been completed. Once the miners are forced to withdraw, there will be no significant impact to the land!

These lands are beautiful, and the water quality that they provide for Native and non-Native communities in my opinion, are the principle reasons that this land should be protected from mining. Water around our country must be free of toxic pollutants, so please preserve this incredibly beautiful site from pollutants and keep that water and environment safe for people.

Thank you.