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Comments: It is vital that a high level of water quality be maintained in the Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek watershed, which can only be assured if any and all toxic pollutants from mining are not introduced into the watershed. In addition, these are sacred lands of the Lakota People and should be respected as such. The site should be preserved for recreation.

Please say yes to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal, initiate an Environmental Assessment for the project, and provide a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Also, please consider expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These lands should remain pristine and the water clean forever.