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Comments: I support expanding the area covered by the Pactola area proposed mineral withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These lands should be protected because of their sacred importance to the local Native communities and the clean water they provide to all communities downstream.

I ask that you say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and that you complete an Environmental Assessment (EA).

When the EA has been completed, I hope that you will be in agreement that there is no significant impact to the land once the miners have withdrawn.

I support this mineral withdrawal because the Black Hills are a beautiful, natural place that should be protected from further damage from mining. Water quality is of utmost importance both for those who live nearby and for tourists like myself who enjoy recreating in the waters and backcountry of the Black Hills.

Thank you for your time and consideration.