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Comments: Dear Forest Service authority,

Thank you for taking my comments about the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #NP-3479 Project.

I strongly support withdrawing any possible transaction (Mining, development, sale, settlement, etc) so that an effective environmental assessment (EA) will be done, and deliver the FONSI advocating for the withdrawal.

There is strong cause to stop any land disruption/development in these areas which naturally nourish the holy, purposeful land. The pristine watershed and source of water should be preserved, if only for 20 more years, but I ask for even longer. The future of our society and community members deserves it.

Please decide to honor this Withdrawal application for the sake of our people, nature loving, patriotic and those who cares about our current and future welfare. If mining is continued to be approved, there is such meager short-term gains but will last a generation or more of negative consequences with destruction of a habitat and ecosystem that's so critical for the cycle of nature and life, and good clean water. Not to mention the disrespect of first-people, the Lakota People, sacred lands, and to preserve nature for all to recreate and appreciate.

I urge you and your team to please move forward with the EA and conclude no findings with the FONSI. Your support in doing right by our society's resources and our future possibilities, with this petition to withdraw and to instead preserve for at minimum 20 yr this area, would go a long way in the fight against miners which suck out the good without realizing repercussions of their unending consumption.

Thank you for consideration. Please let me know if you have questions.

Best,

Seona Bae