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Comments:

I SUPPORT the mineral claims withdrawal. The Pactola Reservoir area of the Rapid Creek watershed is far too sensitive for any mining.

In addition, please consider expanding / additional withdrawal:

UPSTREAM from Pactola to protect tributaries that supply water to the Reservoir (as well as cultural & natural resources in those areas),

DOWNSTREAM from Pactola to protect aquifers that Rapid Creek flows into (as well as cultural & natural resources in those areas),

and PROTECTION of the entire Rapid Creek Watershed as the best way to protect surface & groundwater that Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and surrounding communities rely on.

Thank you