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Comments: I request that Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. Further, I request that the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). Respectfully, I encourage you to consider a finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This finding makes logical sense because there will be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw!

Choose and give at least one primary reason for your support of the mineral withdrawal.

In making this request I am specifically concerned about water quality for the people and farms that depend on this watershed. Mining always involves some dispersal of toxic pollutants, even with the most conscientious operators.

I also believe this withdrawal is the best way to respect the sacred lands of the Lakota People, based on communication with members of that community.

It stands to reason that the region would also be preserved for public recreation.