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Comments: Dear Forest Service Professionals,

This withdrawal proposal is a tremendous step in the right direction! Thank you in advance for your reasoned and well-considered review.

Please say "yes," to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I'm writing to share my support for expanding the area covered by the withdrawal - particularly, to include all federal lands in the Black Hills.

If The Service conducts an Environmental Assessment, it will become apparent to all why these sacred lands, which nourish so many communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever. With an EA conducted in relation to this proposed withdrawal, a clear Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will not only be obvious but will render evidence of the great value of the proposed Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

Keeping our waters free of toxic pollutants is of profound merit considering the countless other sites across the U.S. where degradation or disregard for water safety standards has brought illness and even death to human and animal populations. Let's start with 20 years and keep renewing that commitment until these lands are retained and respected as sacred in perpetuity.

Many Thanks,  
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