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Comments: When it is gone, it is gone. Whatever has been destroyed will not come back as it was. Not even closely to what was before. Gone is forever.

I support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These are sacred lands, which nourish Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and pristine forever.

Please, say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. And do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

I/we ask for finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw! With our natural resources rapidly diminishing and an every increasing problem with pollution of air, water, land, and food everything must be done to preserve what we have and quickly as we can. Perhaps in the future the minerals mined will not be needed or some of those profits will actually be utilized for better, safer processes of extraction that will not jeopardize humanity and the eco-systems we rely on.

Indigenous people are more in tune with the land and the life forces that depend on it. Clean water is vital to all life. Preservation of all peoples' histories are worth preserving!

What is needed is an EA and FONSI, not and EIS.

Preserve our future by protecting the NOW.