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Comments: Hello,

I am voicing my support of the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

Please do an Environmental Assessment (EA), and when this EA has been completed I ask for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

There are many reasons to preserve the water quality and cultural values of this area, but the most important thing for me is that the sacred lands of the Lakota People are respected. These sacred lands, which nourish many native and non-native communities downstream with clean water should be preserved forever. I support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. It is the duty of the Forest Service to preserve these lands before it's too late.