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Comments: Greetings US Forest Service,

I am requesting you to support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include ALL federal lands in the Black Hills! These life giving Sacred Lands nourish many Native and nonNative communities downstream with CLEAN WATER and should be preserved in perpetuity.

I do want the Forest Service to say "Yes" to Pactola Reservoir Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I request today the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). I'm asking for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA is completed.

Keep the water free of toxic pollutants and respect Sacred Lands of the Lakota Peoples!

Respectfully

E.M. Stevane