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Comments: I am writing to ask the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

I would also request that the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Furthermore, I would ask for a 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!

As a physician and public health professional, I would like to emphasize that with so many of our natural resources under stress the importance of water quality and availability in this country is crucial.

Furthermore, given the very, very long history that the federal government has of DISRESPECTING Native Americans, it is absolutely crucial that we do everything we reasonably can to respect Indigenous cultures, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People.

Thank you.