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Comments: The Forest Service should say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal! Please perform an Environmental Assessment with the intent of finding of no significant impact once the EA has been completed.

This is important for not only the water quality of the area, but the cultural values, such as keeping the water free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota People, and preserving the site for recreation is vital.

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