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Comments: Dear USDA Forest Service,

I write as a Black Hills land owner to offer my full support in saying YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. It is critical we protect the water from toxic pollutants, and respect the Black Hills as the sacred homelands of the Lakota People. Mining would also compromise the tourism economy, threaten Rapid City water supply and pollute the water for recreation, and for the future generations.

I further encourage the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). Additionally, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) - once the EA has been completed.

Thank you for protecting the water.