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Comments: I'm writing to ask the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and do an Environmental Assessment (EA). For there to be no Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed, there should be no mining on this land or this waterway.

I was born in the Black Hills and know first hand how beautiful and beloved the land and water are here. This area is sacred to (and by treaty belongs to) the Lakota people and should be protected from further exploitation by the mining industry. In writing this letter, I formally request the Forest Service preserve water quality, natural habitats, and access for recreation at this site for future generations.