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Comments: Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the Forest Service's withdrawal from the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed. I also request that the Forest Service perform an environmental assessment and a finding of no significant impact once the assessment is completed. It's so important to honor the water in the Black Hills region, being significant for the Native peoples that once inhabited the area, and also significant to maintaining quality of life for people and the natural surroundings. I respect the sacred lands of the Lakota people and ask that the Forest Service do as well. We are in the middle of a climate crisis that has no end in sight. The very least we can do is keep our water free from toxic pollutants and curb extractive industries as much as possible. Thank you for your consideration.