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Comments: As a citizen that lives in Rapid City and who supports the access to clean water in my community, I support the Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek Mineral Withdrawal. The resources of water and all else in the Black Hills are cultural and have deep extensive roots in the community, especially in the culture of the Oceti Sakowin, as this is their homeland as a people. In addition to the mineral withdrawal the protected area should be expanded and should continue to be protected from mining campaigns and other sources of contamination of the water in this area. The people who live around Pactola and Rapid Creek and depend on this freshwater for drinking water should be prioritized in the fact that we need this water, respect this water, and believe this water and these wild areas deserve protection. I would like to ask for an Environmental Assessment of the area to insure that the area is safe. The EA must result in a Finding of No Significant Impact.