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Comments: I strongly support the mineral claims withdrawal and urge the Forest Service to do the same. We need to protect the Rapid Creek watershed for future generations. In my family, I am the 4th generation to benefit from a recreational cabin that was built by my Great Grandfather. We depend on well water that comes from the Rapid Creek watershed and create special memories in Lake Pactola and Rapid Creek - fishing, swimming, and stand up paddle boarding. Rural areas often depend on well water and do not have access to water improvement strategies and technology that would be necessary if the watershed became contaminated through extracting minerals.