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Comments: Hello,

My name is Annie Calhoon and I was born, raised, worked my first job, had my first apartment, went to school etc in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. As I went to school and spent time in other states. I was always so proud to get to share with people where I was from and tell them about all of the wonderful things I have gotten to do in the Black Hills: skiing, hiking, camping, and of course, lake days. Some of my fondest memories in the Black Hills are spending days at Pactola. When people from other places think of South Dakota, they might not think of much, but it has always been my honor to show them pictures of the beautiful Black Hills that I know so well. Spending my childhood outdoors in the Black Hills has made me who I am today. Someone who loves exploring and connecting with our land. I even had the amazing experience recently of solo-backpacking the Centennial Trail, which passes right by Pactola, drinking from its water and the river it's fed by. Our land should be protected, our water should be protected, our home should be protected.