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Comments: Mr. Manning,

I am writing in support of the mineral withdrawal of 20,574 acres of National Forest System lands in the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed in Pennington County, South Dakota. Pactola Reservoir and the Rapid Creek Watershed are critical to Rapid City, Ellsworth AFB and the surrounding community as a vital water source. The risk of contamination from mining is too great a risk to take. Additionally, the potential threats to the local recreation economy, fishing, boating, paddling, and hunting, are very real and would deal an economic blow to the local area, if water resources were negatively impacted by mining.

Thank you for your consideration.

Rochelle Plocek