Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/14/2023 8:18:10 PM First name: Javier Last name: Marrero Organization: Title: Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for the mineral withdrawal in the Pactola area. As a concerned citizen and someone who values the preservation of our natural resources, I believe it is crucial to prioritize the long-term sustainability and ecological integrity of this region.

The Pactola area boasts a rich and diverse ecosystem that provides habitat for various species of wildlife, including several endangered and threatened species. It also serves as a vital water source, supplying clean water to local communities, supporting recreational activities, and contributing to the overall ecological balance.

By implementing a mineral withdrawal in the Pactola area, we can ensure the protection of these critical natural resources and preserve the unique beauty that makes this region so special. This withdrawal will safeguard against potential negative impacts associated with mining activities, such as habitat destruction, water pollution, and the disruption of delicate ecological processes.

Moreover, the Pactola area attracts numerous visitors each year who come to enjoy its scenic beauty, engage in recreational activities, and connect with nature. By preserving this area, we can continue to promote sustainable tourism and provide educational opportunities for future generations, fostering a deep appreciation for our natural heritage.

I applaud the U.S. Forest Service for considering the mineral withdrawal in the Pactola area, and I urge you to proceed with its implementation. This decision would align with the agency's mission to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of our nation's forests and grasslands for present and future generations.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that you will take my support for the Pactola area mineral withdrawal into careful consideration. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Javier Marrero