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Comments: Dear elected official,

Recently, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the USDA Forest Service (USFS) announced a proposal to protect the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed from the effects of mineral exploration and development. In government terms this action is called a "withdrawal" which starts a process that would remove over 20000 acres from the threat of mining pollution. The Rapid Creek watershed is the drinking water source for both Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force base. This action will help protect water quality for all those using this drinking water source. It will also help protect the cultural value of the Black Hills, sacred to the Lakota, Nakota and Dakota. It's also an important resource for recreation, wildlife and fish which deserves to be protected.