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Comments: RE: Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed WithdrawalBlack Hills National Forest

SupervisorElysia Retzlaff, Project ManagerI am a lifelong resident of the Black Hills. I recreate in all ways in the forest, but my primary passion is fishing. I grew up fishing Pactola with my grandfather and skied at Terry Peak most my life until I couldnot look at the destruction in that area. I have been part of that superfund clean up when I was on the Game Fish and Parks Commission. I support the withdrawal of this small drainage area. It is good, however not a great start. Please pushfor the entire drainage to be included in this proposed withdrawal. I believe the secretary has that discretion. There needs to be congressional action taken also. 20 years of no mining is but a flash in the pan. We will be at this again in 20 years or get it changed in Washington DC. Our clubs will be pushing our congressmen to overhaul the old mining act. No easy task. I attended the public meeting. There were some very good speakers and I hope those comments hold weight as they should. Thank you for bringing this forward and hope the BLM and BHNF will continue with this kind of forward thinking to protect our precious resources.Jeff Olson