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Comments: I support the withdrawal to limit mining activity in the area around Pactola Reservoir and Upper Rapid Creek and to release it from the 1872 Mining Law, which has historically caused massive destruction and pollution in the Black Hills land and water. The mining industry has proven to be untrustworthy and dishonorable in the abandonment of exploratory holes, underground and surface mines and haphazard-at best-reclamation of clean up sites. Ultimately I believe this withdrawal should be permanent to protect and preserve the land for use as a drinking water source, and for agricultural and recreational purposes. Clean safe water means more to humanity than mining profits. Thank you for your attention to my comments.