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Comments: I am writing because I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These are sacred lands, which nourish many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water and should be honored as such and preserved and maintained in pristine condition always.

I am asking that the Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

I am also asking for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. Once the miners withdraw, there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land.

In this time, when water continues to be polluted and increasingly scarce, protecting its quantity and quality is critical for life, in tandem with honoring the sovereignty of the Lakota people and their sacred lands and culture, which is vitally essential.

To do the right thing and be in right relationship, I am again asking that the Forest Service say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.