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Comments: I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawal. I also support expanding the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These sacred lands, which nourish so many Native and non-Native communities downstream with clean water, should be preserved and kept pristine forever. Most importantly, I want the Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

I ask that the Forest Service do an Environmental Assessment (EA).

I ask for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed. This may seem counterintuitive, but there will, in fact, be no significant impact to the land once the miners are forced to withdraw.

I want to see the water kept free of toxic pollutants, respecting the sacred lands of the Lakota people, and preserving the site for recreation.

I am NOT asking for a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Instead, as noted above, I request an EA.

I value clean water, sacred lands, and beautiful expressions of the natural world in South Dakota. Please consider my comments.