

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/16/2023 11:26:47 PM

First name: Tom

Last name: Reed

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Hello,

Please do go forward with the Pactola mineral withdrawal! I also encourage you to expand the area covered to include the entire Rapid Creek watershed. It's all connected and important to our way of life. Mineral extraction is always disruptive and generates toxic waste. It's also an environmental justice issue. This area is sacred to many Native Peoples and further extraction violates treaty agreements and reinforces a colonial, problematic past. Time to look forward and not do further extraction here.

Sincerely,

Tom