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Comments: I am submitting this comment to urge the Forest Service to say "Yes" to the Pactola Reservoir -Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawal and to please do and Environmental Assessment resulting in a finding of No Significant Impact. Protecting these waters will ensure the preservation of the environment and sensitive biology of this region and avoid harmful impacts that could have consequences for many, many years to come. As we learn about the very real environmental challenges we all face in our current era, we are finding that protecting and preserving adequate supplies of clean, viable, water to support life for all the beings of the Earth, Human and beyond, will be one of the most pressing needs in our near future. Now is the time to ensure the water quality for future generations of all the inter-related species of this beautiful planet we call home. We also need to recognize the significance of preserving the cultural heritage of the indigenous people of this region, and for all Americans to respect, honor and learn from the long held traditions of regarding the human relationship to our regional waters and our natural environment as a sacred trust. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments, and again, please act in the best interest of the Water itself, and All the beings of our Nation and of this Earth.