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Comments: I support the Pactola area mineral withdrawall, as well as the federal lands surrounding it in the Black Hills. The Black Hills are sacred to the native peoples, and should never have been open to exploitation. (The indifference shown by corporate profiteers is disturbing and appears in non-native communities as well.)

Clean water is vital to Native and non-Native communities downstream. It is severely threatened when mining occurs anywhere in the area.

In further support of the communities affected, I am asking that you do an EA, and after that is done, to do a FONSI.