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Comments: Hello!! My name is Chloe and I wanted to express my upmost support for the request to withdraw this sacred area and land we call Pactola Reservoir from any sort of mining or sale. This area **MUST** be protected as it is sacred land that we cannot just grow back. Mining practices in general have historically and presently been explorative towards both the land **AND** the workers. Not only is it extracting and robbing the area of its natural resources but it is damaging the surrounding environments and communities and has the potential for dangerous or catastrophic repercussions including posing our precious water sources. To what extent would mining this area be **ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY** aside from the capital gain that already corrupt companies receive through such projects. How can it be justified to extract, exploit, and destroy precious land and resources when the benefits are not even going to the communities that rely upon this Reservoir and the animals and surround ecosystems? As a collective we **MUST** weigh the consequences and look for new ways to do business that does not impede and several forms of lives and livelihoods. Let us protect our Mother Earth and in turn we are protecting our species.