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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I am in full agreement with the Mineral Withdrawal of the Pactola water shed and am requesting an expansion and an EA study to be done on this withdrawal.

I am also requesting, whole heartedly, a Mineral Withdrawal for the entire Black Hills of South Dakota and Wyoming. The Black Hills is a relatively small area, just over 1 million acers. The Black Hills has been exploited for the rich deposits of gold ever since Custer's troops illegally. invaded in the 1800's. Uranium mining came next and the exploration and mining waste has never been cleaned up. The toxic and radioactive mining waste is still very much present in the water and air of the Black Hills. The contamination has migrated down the streams and rivers of the Hills to all the communities they run through on the plains.

Now lithium mining has been added to the list.
I am asking that the entire Black Hill in South Dakota and Wyoming to be included in the Mineral Withdrawal to save our water and air. Clean unpolluted water is scarce in the Black Hills and all living things cannot live without clean water and air.

I am requesting an EA study to be done for the entire Mineral Withdrawal of the Black Hills.

Thank you,
Dorothy Richards