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Comments: I am asking the United States Forest Service to say YES to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal, do an Environmental Assessment, and deliver a Finding of No Significant Impact upon completion of the EA. These lands must be protected because of their sacred value to the Lakota people. For this reason, I also encourage that the Forest Service expand the area covered by the withdrawal to include all federal lands in the Black Hills. These, too, are sacred lands which nourish many communities, Native and non-Native alike. Preserving the clean water downstream by protecting the land upstream is of the upmost importance to me. Thank you.