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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I support a full and unconditional mineral withdrawal from the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek area. Having been born and raised in the Black Hills, I consider myself fortunate to have enjoyed the Black Hills as I have come to know it. Further mining action anywhere in the area will prevent future generations from that same opportunity. It's imperative that South Dakotans see our precious Black Hills as a treasure worth preserving and protecting and not a mineral bonanza to be exploited for temporary profit. There are very few areas in the United States unsullied by industry. Let the Black Hills continue to be a source of pride for ALL South Dakotans and not a source of revenue for a greedy few. The noise, pollution, public access issues and general destruction concomitant with mineral operations are permanent, unsightly, dangerous and harmful to the quality of life of the animals and people in the immediate vicinity. And the ripple effects of such activities to other areas of the Black Hills cannot be quantified, nor should they be ignored. It's time to draw a line in the dirt: the Black Hills is for the people, not for profit. Therefore I call for rejecting all current and future applications for mineral extraction.

Regards,

Kory Lanphear