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Comments: The natural beauty of the black hills is what draws people to visit and stay. By mining around Pactola that natural beauty will be disrupted leading to a decline in the tourist economy (the main economic driver of our region). Additionally, this area is a cornerstone for those who live in the area around the year. It's a place to escape for the day on a boat, kayak, paddle board, or even just to swim. It's a place to come together and connect and enjoy the natural beauty of the black hills. Mining will cause a depletion in the environment and can lead to large changes in the aesthetic of the area that bring people there. To protect the area for us and future generations it is important to maintain the beauty of the area and say no to proceeding with mining operations in this area.