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Comments: I very much oppose the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #NP-3479 proposal. The proposal affectively demands that the burden to provide vital resources to mankind be shifted to those less fortunate than us. It is shameful and arrogant to participate in the fruits of modern life while refusing to even explore what abundance mother earth may have gifted this area. It is disgraceful to put one's appreciation of the aesthetics of an untouched and pristine environment above the needs of humanity. There is an immorality associated with indoctrinating minds on only the altruistic side of this issue while ignoring or demonizing how fundamental human needs are met.

We are all connected, and we share one earth. It is not acceptable to approach critical decisions with a "not in my backyard" mentality, when we all know that the demand for minerals will not be affected by the decision made on this withdrawal proposal, only where they are allowed to be sourced.

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