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Comments: Pactola is a beautiful artificial lake that provides countless opportunities for fishermen, skiers, paddleboarders and many others. It also is the locations of many summer homes enjoyed by many. All of these activities ultimately impact the waters of Pactola but most of those impacts are hardly significant. Detectible, yes, but significant, hardly. The proposed drilling of a number of 3 inch diameter drill holes backfilled with cement and clay will be infinitesimally less impactful than the activities just mentioned or innumerable others that could be named. We humans inhabit the earth and some of us, especially here in the U.S. are mindful of and the impacts and try to regulate them, minimize and ameliorate them. However, it is impossible to eliminate them entirely but that would require that we leave the planet and erase the evidence of our presence here.

The Opponents always bring up the open pit mine adn other horrors that will be constructed or that have not been defined, much less proposed. And those should be considered and studied, but not until there is actually a plan to consider or study. Let's worry about real proposed problems that can be addressed and solved; there are plenty of them. Meantime let's leave the Chicken Little stories for fairy tales.

Respectfully,

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