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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service Representatives,

I am reaching out to support the 20-year mineral withdrawal of 20,574 acres of public lands within the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed.

Mining can be done responsibly but this area is too critical and there is too much at stake to not remove the risk of contamination and permanent harm to this region of the Black Hills.

Please consider including tributaries above Pactola Reservoir, The Rapid Creek Watershed downstream of Pactola and the entire Rapid Creek Watershed as it impacts this blue-ribbon fishery and water quality for fish, wildlife, hunters, anglers and Black Hills Area residents alike.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.