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I am a retired 22 year legislator from Scotland South Dakota who has visited the Pactola Dam area twice in my lifetime. I served 20 years on the Legislative Oversight Committee overseeing the State Water Management Board and Water & Datum Resources Board. Water is our most precious resource and it would be a disaster to allow this area to be mined and in any way jeopardize this great asset.

I support the proposed Pactola/Rapid Creek mineral withdrawal to protect natural resources and cultural resources in the area.

I request that the withdrawal expanded to cover a larger area.

There is a huge need to do an Environmental Assessment on this project in my opinion.

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