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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of the mineral withdrawal for the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed. I have concerns regarding the degradation of cultural resources, and water quality if this proposed area should be open for mining exploration. This area is of great value to all people who live in the Black Hills and surrounding areas, but it is significantly important to the native Lakota. I believe that if this area is open to mining it will negatively impact the quality of life for all people who share this land, and that there is value in honoring and respecting the land that is still sacred to the Native people. I would ask for the US Forest Service do an Environmental Assessment (EA), and for a Finding of No Significant Impact when the Environmental Assessment is complete. I would also ask for the protected area to be expanded. Thank you for your time.