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Comments: I heartily support withdrawal of mineral rights in the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek area and urge you to withdraw the whole watershed area from mineral exploration and exploitation. This area provides water for the whole of Rapid City, Ellsworth Airforce Base and other nearby areas. The water, the wildlife, and the environment must be protected from polluting activities like mining exploration. While I live in the southeastern part of South Dakota, I often visit the Black Hills to recreate, recharge, and photograph wildlife. We have so few areas like the Black Hills left. Please protect it by withdrawing mineral rights to the proposed area and ideally, the whole watershed.