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Comments: I am 73 years old and myself and my family have owned property in the Rochford area for all those years until I sold my home on Reynolds Prairie (Pe Sla) 5 years ago. I have fished nearly all the watershed that feeds into Pactola over the years. Rapid and Castle creeks are the largest, most accessible walk-in fly fishing areas east of the Rockies. It is a destination that can't be beat for its beauty and chance to catch native brook and brown trout.

Of course, gold mining is a part of the history of the Black Hills. But, science informs us of the inherent risks of mineral mining and the irreversible destruction that can happen accidentally. The Black Hills are not the place for commercial mineral mining. Please do not allow mineral mining in this pristine watershed.