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Comments: A: Mining on National Forest-controlled lands throughout the West is primarily governed by the 1872 Mining Law. This outdated law allows people - including foreign-owned corporations - to mine federal public lands without paying rents or royalties, and to shut the public out of these lands. Through this law, private corporations profit while often polluting water and permanently scarring the land.

One way to ensure that this doesn't happen in the Pactola Reservoir area is to withdraw these lands from operation of the 1872 Mining Law - called a mineral withdrawal.

This is an infringement on our land, it's an environmental disaster waiting to happen and it needs to be stopped.

No one in South Dakota is okay with private corporations polluting our land. I support the withdrawal!