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Comments: I would like to state that I am for the Pactola area mineral withdrawal and I want the mineral withdrawal to expand beyond the current proposal to the cover the entire Rapid Creek watershed. I want this area protected because this watershed is not only important for daily livelihoods of people in the Black Hills area but also important for the local eco-system too. If the watershed is compromised by the pollution that mining will create, it will take more money to keep the water clean in the long term. Water companies will either have to do so much more filtering or pump the water from elsewhere. It is both cheaper and more sustainable to keep the watershed clear of pollution from mining.