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Comments: I strongly encourage the Pactole area mineral withdrawal, and believe the area covered should be greater than the current proposal. As a resident of the Black Hills for almost 70 years (minus some time as a presidential appointee in Washington, DC) I have been able to enjoy many adventures in water in our region. I raised my children to appreciate this beautiful area and they come back to spend time in the Black Hills and all the area has to offer. It is a beautiful place, and let's keep it clean and useable for many many years to come. As a 92 year old, I want my grandchildren and great-grandchildren to call this God's country and that won't be done unless we take some drastic action where mining is concerned.

YES, I AM FOR THE PACTOLA AREA MINERAL WITHDRAWAL - AND PLEASE INCLUDE ALL OF THE RAPID CREEK WATERSHED!!!