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Comments: The fresh water reservoir of Pactola and aquifer watershed of the Black Hills must be protected. I would like to state that I am for the Pactola mineral withdrawal and it should be longer than twenty years. I think the mineral

withdrawal should be expanded beyond the current proposal to cover the entire Rapid Creek watershed. I want this area protected from predatory mining corporations and others. In the Mount Polley mine disaster the corporation Imperial Metals knew they were using the pristine waters of the fjord lake as their toxic waste sink and they all know the tailings pond is created to eventually fail. This is what the industry does: business as usual. And then they just start in to do it all over again because the regulatory bodies have been compromised BY THEM. The watershed must be protected from the extractive industries. If the watershed is compromised by the pollution that mining will create, the people and wildlife will pay the price. Water from the Black Hills watershed is already stressed and overused by all the extractive corporations that are already here. The Box Elder creek is almost dead as it is being taken for the sole profits of a sole dynasty. Protect Pactola reservoir and protect Rapid Creek.