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Comments: I support the USFS's proposal for a mineral withdrawal within the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed. Protection of outdoor recreation, wildlife habitat, and water quality is more important to our area than exploratory drilling and potential mineral claims. The risk is too great. I'd also like to see the Environmental Assessment performed.