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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed mineral withdrawal. The watersheds that filter into Pactola and Rapid Creek are critical to the drinking water of my community. Without secure and safe drinking water, our community will no longer have a secure future. Pollutant contamination of these waters through mining activity would cause severe impact to our economy, and to the citizens and wildlife of our community. Water is life.

Further, per the 1868 Fort Laramie Treaty, all lands of the Black Hills are subject to a standing treaty with the Oceti Sakowin of which member Nations also oppose mining in these areas and lands. A mineral withdrawal is a positive step to honor these rights.