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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Thank you for all that you do to protect and preserve land and water.

Today, I ask you to say yes to the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal and to do an Environmental Assessment. I am also asking for a FONSI when the assessment has been completed.

I live in Oregon, not in South Dakota, but it actually doesn't matter where I live, because in essence we all share one watershed and water protection in South Dakota is water protection for our whole planet. We all need minerals in the ground and the earth beneath our feet to stay solid and healthy. We need kids in that area to play and grow in air that is unpolluted by mining byproducts. People of all ages and traditions need places to recreate and to connect with the natural world. We need to respect the sacred lands of the Lakota people.

Please use your opportunity to be voices for the earth--for stewardship and protection in this moment.

Sincerely,

Susanna Farahat