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Comments: To whom it may concern at the USDA Forest Service,

I am a resident of Spearfish, SD in the northern Black Hills. I am in favor of enacting the proposed mineral withdrawal for the area around Pactola Reservoir. I would like to see the area considered for mineral withdrawal expanded to not only the entirety of the watershed above Pactola but broadly to include the whole of the Black Hills National Forest. The Northern Hills are also under substantial exploratory mining pressure currently and are, like the area currently under consideration for withdrawal, the water source and center for recreation opportunities of the northern Hills communities.

Thank you for receiving public comment on this issue, I appreciate all the work the Forest Service puts in to managing our shared federal lands for the continued benefit of all.