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Comments: I strongly support the U.S. Forest Service's mineral withdrawal application for the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek watershed area. I count Lakota medicine people among my closest friends. They, their family and their friends hold this land as sacred, use its plants ceremonially and conduct ceremonies there. The strengthening of Native American spiritual traditions in turn supports the health and vitality of Native communities, particularly youth. Approval and implementation of the withdrawal application will benefit these communities for generations to come and help to ensure that their spiritual traditions continue and flourish.