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Comments: I fully support the USFS proposal/application to BLM to withdraw approximately 20,574 acres of watershed indicated in the Pactola Reservoir- Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal project - withdrawal from all mining & related activities for 20 years. I request that the proposal be expanded to make the withdrawal permanent. I also request that the proposal be expanded to include all of the Pactola Reservoir & Rapid Creek watershed both above & below Pactola Reservoir - not just 20,574 acres. This watershed deserves the protection because of many reasons, among them it's importance in providing water for Rapid City, it's environmental importance in providing wildlife habitat & & fisheries habitat & it's importance in providing outdoor recreation.