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Comments: The draft Environmental Assessment for the Pactola/Rapid Creek mineral withdrawal provides the detailed information needed to support this important project. With this mineral withdrawal, the water supply for Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and other area communities will get better protection from the water contamination that comes with mining. Cultural resources and other natural resources in this special area will be protected, as well. I support this withdrawal and ask the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to move quickly to final approval.