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Comments: I am a long time resident of Rapid City, SD and the love the Black Hills and all that it has to offer. My husband and I do many types of recreation in the Hills as do our family and friends who come to visit us. Besides protecting the area around Pactola from destructive mining, it's imperative we protect our water supply that the reservoir and Rapid Creek provides. It would be foolish to jeopardize this precious commodity especially when water will be more scarce and valuable as the years pass.

I very much support the Forest Service's proposal to protect the Pactola area with a mineral withdrawal.