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Comments: I'm absolutely dismayed that any mining would even be considered so close to the water source for a metropolitan area like Rapid City. If the chemicals used in the mining process ever entered our water source I'm not sure what the government could even do for the residents to mitigate the problems caused. I believe it's best to just not consider it at all.

Besides the pollution aspect, mining near Pactola reservoir would severely impact tourism and outdoor activity around the lake which is a major income source for residents within a hundred mile radius.

For these reasons I wholeheartedly support the Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawal.