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Comments: I'm in support of the Pactola Mineral withdrawal. The exploration of the watershed for mining purposes is not in the best interest of the region given it compromises the overall quality of life and water of the residents, as well as the business community which relies heavily on tourism. The reason people visit the Black Hills is to experience the pristine, undeveloped hills and the overall quality of the water as well as the poor track record over protecting the environment by mining companies compromise those things. Specific incidents of irresponsible mining include a company's not taking full responsibility for the tailing spill in Grizzly Gulch and the Broom Mines Guilt Edge pools leaking cyanide, lead, etc.