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Comments: I'm in favor of the withdrawal mining (and exploration) has lasting negative impacts on the environment. We depend on a healthy environment and ecosystem for tourist attraction to the area, so this will also affect our ability to repair or replenish these areas if they are damaged.

As a local, I enjoy the Pactola reservoir for kayaking and swimming and paddle boarding, so I also have a vested interest in the health of our local environment. I believe it's selfish to rob others of enjoyment of natural areas in favor of profit for mining corporations.

In summary, I don't believe this area should have been explored in the first place, and future generations will hold us accountable. We are stewards of this land for our families, children, friends, and future generations, so let's leave them the natural beauty that exists now. Thank you.