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Comments: I grew up in Rapid City and the Black Hills. After decades of living around the US and abroad; I chose to come home to live here specifically for my outdoor lifestyle. And it created a great financial burden frankly, but it was a trade off. I love our clean environment and easy accessibility to the lakes, reservoirs, and forests. I spend time all year long in the hills and the area around Pactola and the rest of the Black Hills. From mountain biking, hiking, SUP boarding, and kayaking. My family are life long hunters and fisherman. We depend on the waters being clean to support all the animal, plant, and human life in the area. This is our water supply, this is the USAF Ellsworth water supply! Our economy is driven by tourism and the USAF. We simple cannot prosper or even survive without them both. I absolutely support a withdrawal of the proposed Pactola Reservoir & Empty the upper Rapid Creek area mineral claims. Not only for the next 20 years, but for an eternity.