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Comments: My name is Christina Mollner and I am writing you to support the Pactola Mineral Withdrawl and say YES to protecting the Black Hills and the water ways for the people of Pactola. We have a duty to protect our communities sources for life such as water and prevent others who seek to extract resources for their individual pursuits that disrupt natural cycles. I am thankful for the USDA Forest Service's proposal as this is a step in the right direction for future generations to enjoy the natural wonders of Rapid Creek that would be altered from its natural landscape and that so many currently depend upon at all points along the Watershed. When our world is at risk due to accelerated climate change, we must look to our Indigenous Communities for guidance on environmental protection and that includes protecting their way of life that continues to face erasure. The U.S. has an absolute obligation to honor Tribal treaty rights and even further to respect and defend the livelihood of those communities left out of treaties and official recognition. I thank you for the time it takes to read and receive the public comment on this and all matters pertaining to protection of the natural beauty we have the privilege to experience. All lives, down to the smallest creatures that call this land home, depend on us for protection from those seeking profit at the cost of the public good.