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Comments: I support the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed mineral claims withdrawal.

Withdrawing even a limited area around Pactola Reservoir is a good start to protecting the water resource critical for the lives, livelihoods, and cultural practices of all inhabitants of the region from potentially catastrophic impacts of mineral exploration and mining.

I would also encourage additional withdrawal proposals by Forest Service and BLM to protect the entirety of public lands in this watershed. Mining and other industrial processes harm ecosystems and wildlife and damage tribal lands. More BLM land should be protected from industrial uses.

This is a very good start, and I wholeheartedly support it.