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Comments: To the Forest Service, I support the removal of Pactola Lake and Jenny Gulch creek from a Mining withdrawal that is being considered by your agency. I urge you to take immediate action to protect all of the fresh water sources surface and below surface waters in the Black Hills! All Life that lives within the Black Hills and All Life within our State of SD bioregion and also far beyond is intimately interconnected and no one can survive without Clean Clear Water Life!!! Water is essential for our survival, for our Health and for the continued Health and Life within All of Nature. All plants, trees, forests, insects, water dwelling life forms, and birds and animals of all types.. and of course, human beings... we are wholly and completely friends t upon the quality of water our Mother Earth provides freely to all of us. We must protect it, preserve it and also conserve it. Since you are charged with a federal and state and tribal duty to ensure the protection of Water in this bioregion, the Black Hills of South Dakota.. your immediate attention ruin is needed to ensure that it is protected and remains protected. Withdraw all mining permitting forever in the Black Hills, and in this case, in the area surrounding and including Pactola lake. Our fresh water drinking source for thousands of people who live here. Thank you. Sincerely, Uma Joanne Wilkinson