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Comments: I support the withdrawal because this historic proposal would prevent mining and water contamination for the next 20 years, greatly enhancing the pactola reservoir. I stand with the Oglala Sioux Tribe in that I am against mining in the Black Hills.

I have been to the area many times. While it is beautiful and full of wonder, I also feel sadness every time I'm there. I can't help thinking, "imagine losing this". The history in the area as it relates to indigenous peoples is heartbreaking. So, to me, the withdrawal makes perfect sense. While the ultimate goal should be returning the land to the Sioux, protecting it until that is possible is good management

Many come for to Pactola for its first-rate hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation opportunities, as noted by Visit Rapid City, a local group that highlights Rapid City and the surrounding Black Hills area. I agree with their statement that says, "As an organization responsible for protecting and growing the local visitor economy, Visit Rapid City supports the proposed mineral withdrawal around Pactola Reservoir".