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Comments: I write in support of the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal Project. The water, and subsequent life, biodiversity and splendor which make our Black Hills so special, must be proudly preserved for the many generations to come. I have worked in this industry, and am well aware of its short sightedness, and urgency, often at great cost down the road. But I regularly contemplate these hills, and can't overstate their significance to me. They ought to be more deeply explored by our self respecting community, in cultivating our "pride of place" in the world, and make me proud, as an American, as well as fortunate, that I've been able to have access to them so fully. Others should know this joy, as well, -the large mammals, the richness of relationships that can be found nowhere else. All of this is dependent on our actions, on the purity of the water, and our ability to recognize the Black Hills' deep self perpetuating and living value as a legacy to the young people of our great nation. Thank you.