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Comments: I SUPPORT THE PACTOLA RESERVOIR-RAPID CREEK WATERSHED WITHDRAWAL. It's important to protect our natural resources! As an outdoor activity enthusiast, I have watched the beauty of the Black Hills being destroyed by recent activities.

ATVs have been especially detrimental to our forest service and the income generated doesn't cover the damage caused. Now, electric bikes are taking over the Mickelson trail, speeding up the trail without moving their legs at all. These are motorized vehicles, at least the throttle ones. In addition, there is an increase in ATV and motorcycle traffic on the trail. I live on the trail and I use it daily. Helicopter tours have destroyed the serenity of hiking. Hiking in supposedly peaceful Black Elk wilderness, is a noisy nightmare.

Why I bring up these topics is that it's easier to control the situation beforehand- be proactive, than it is to try and correct it later - reactive. It seems to be very difficult to take away "peoples' rights" once granted. When does the people's rights to enjoy our public land exceed the entrepreneur's right to make a profit??

Thank you for supporting the withdrawal.

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