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Comments: I am in complete support of the proposed mineral withdrawal in the Pactola Reservoir area. Thank you.

I and my family live along Rapid Creek, which flows east from the Reservoir. We regularly use the Creek for domestic purposes and get our water from a well. Thus, the integrity of the Rapid Creek Watershed is of particular importance and personal to us.

Having spent decades learning about and using the Watershed, it is apparent from numerous government studies that the Rapid Creek Watershed is some 140,000 acres, including the water that flows into the Pactola Reservoir and the proposed mineral withdrawal from tributaries from the north, west, and south.

Again, I support the proposed mineral withdrawal. I strongly urge the Forest Service to understand the importance of protecting the entire watershed by proposing an additional withdrawal.

Thank you for your time.

Bruce Ellison
The only way to realistically protect the water in Reservoir augmented by the proposed mineral withdrawal from destructive mining practices, is to further protect the source of that water by an additional mineral withdrawal for the entire 140,000 acre watershed.