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Comments: Water Climate Trust fully supports the proposed Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. Mining can have devastating impacts on both surface waters and groundwater. In our rapidly escalating climate emergency, the Forest Service is even more obligated than ever to protect our public trust waters to ensure the human right to water for essential domestic needs, aquatic ecosystem health, and a liveable future. This proposal is an important step in the right direction for ensuring Tribal nations rights are upheld.