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Comments: I support the "Mineral Withdrawal" around Pactola Reservoir and along Upper Rapid Creek. Along with providing drinking water to Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base, the basin and surrounding hills provide wildlife habitat, scenic beauty and numerous recreation activities for millions of visitors each year. Mining activity here would threaten water quality as well as the beauty of this region.