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Comments: To the Forest Service:

I would like to voice my approval for the Pactola-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #63876. My family is from Sioux Falls, but we feel like we grew up in the Silver City, Mystic, and Rochford areas of the Black Hills. It's such a wonderful, pristine area of the forest, and hiking, biking, and birding are just some of the activities we enjoy there. This withdrawal would assure 20 more years of maintaining such a unique, beautiful haven for wildlife and clean water, and for tourists and the people of South Dakota. Please, don't choose this particular area for mining. We recently visited Mt Roosevelt Memorial/Friendship Tower, and it was a beautiful area, but it also shows what mining does to the land. I believe this would be disastrous to the Lake Pactola area.

Thank you for all you do to keep South Dakota's beauty on the map.

Sincerely,

Tom Coppock and Family