Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/16/2024 1:07:46 AM First name: Tom Last name: Horan Organization: Title: Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

I am in favor of removing the Pactola reservoir area from the possibility of mineral exploration or extraction.

As an avid outdoor enthusiast and lifelong resident of Rapid City, I've spent countless hours on the trails surrounding Pactola trail running, on the shores of Pactola fishing, in the waters of Pactola recreating, and at my dinner table consuming the water that it provides for me and my family. In particular, the recreational advantages that Pactola provides to our community are immeasurable and cannot be jeopardized by mineral exploration or extraction. Rather than allowing gold (or other precious mineral) for a few, let's keep this area a diamond for all.