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Comments: I strongly support the protection of the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed, a vital source of drinking water for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base. The proposed withdrawal is crucial to safeguarding the area's cultural and natural resources, as well as its municipal water supply, from the potential harm caused by mineral exploration and development.

As someone who cares deeply about the well-being of our community and the environment, I believe it's essential that we take proactive steps to preserve this watershed. The Rapid Creek watershed is not only a vital source of water, but it's also a treasured recreational area, providing opportunities for hiking, fishing, and other outdoor activities that bring joy and economic benefits to our region.

I urge the Forest Service to consider the long-term benefits of protecting this watershed and to take a comprehensive approach to safeguarding its natural and cultural resources.

Thank you for considering my comment. I hope that together, we can ensure the preservation of the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed for future generations.