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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing today in support of the withdrawal of all 20,574 acres of land in the Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek Watershed area.

It is clear from the many responses you've received-on this current forum, and both online and in person last year-that the vast majority of local residents support the mineral withdrawal not only of the area in question, but of the entire Black Hills region as well.

Whatever amount of jobs potentially created by extractive industry will never be worth the potential contamination of drinking water, degradation of the natural areas in which we live and play, and disrespect to sites long held sacred to so many. This withdrawal is the right thing to do-please move ahead on submitting this application to the Secretary of the Interior.

Thank you for listening to the opinion of all who cherish and wish to protect this land.

Sincerely,

Christopher Roth