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Comments: I am writing in support the proposed Pactola Reservoir / Rapid Creek Mineral claims withdrawal. Historically, mining operations have often polluted water and restricted recreational opportunities in areas where mining occurs. Rapid Creek flows into Pactola Reservoir. Rapid Creek is the source of drinking water for the community of Rapid City, SD. In addition, Rapid Creek and Pactola Reservoir are used extensively by local Black Hills residents and tourist for outdoor recreational activities such as fishing, boating, hiking, swimming, camping, hunting, bicycling, etc. To give away this over 20,000 acre precious resource area to mining interests who are sometimes not even U.S. companies would be a travesty.