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Comments: I am writing in support of the proposed Pactola watershed mineral withdrawal. I also support the expedited processing of this proposal so that the Interior Secretary, for whom this has been a priority, can sign the withdrawal.
In the future, I hope that the withdrawal will be extended to the entire watershed.
Protecting the Pactola area matters to me because I have chosen to retire to the Black Hills because of the recreation opportunities in the reservoir -- I am a lifelong kayaker. Clean water and wellness is critical for the economy of this area; as someone planning on opening a small business in the region, tourism is critical. The mineral withdrawal will enhance tourism in the area, and bolster the area's economy which is so tied to tourism.