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Comments: To the USDA Forest Service,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal project. As Rapid City's primary source of water, the protection of the Pactola Reservoir and its surrounding watershed is crucial for the long-term sustainability and well-being of our community.

I strongly urge the USDA Forest Service to prioritize the preservation of this vital water source. Any actions that could jeopardize the availability and quality of water for Rapid City and surrounding areas should be carefully reconsidered. Water security is essential for our region's future, and it is critical that this project does not undermine our access to clean and safe drinking water.

I encourage the Forest Service to take all necessary steps to ensure the continued protection of the Pactola Reservoir and Rapid Creek Watershed.

Please ensure that environmental sustainability and community well-being are at the forefront of this process.