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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge the Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service to approve the withdrawal in the interest of protecting the primary drinking water source as well as the sacred landscape that the Black Hills represent. Thousands of people and millions of dollars in sustainable revenue depend on a healthy ecosystem in the Black Hills. The Pactola Mineral withdrawal is an important step in the process of ensuring this landscape can be protected and sustained for future generations.