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Comments: I'm writing in support of the mineral WITHDRAWL and FONSI for the withdrawal area. Our family frequently spends time at Pactola hiking and kayaking. It is important to us that the area remains a viable recreational location and as Rapids City residents we care about the quality of our water that mining could jeopardize.

The withdrawal of the 20k acres is a good start and to further protect our water quality I would like to see the withdrawal expanded to include the 198k acres of the entire watershed. This will be critical to not only water quality but to recreation and future economic development.