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Comments: I fully support the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. Besides oxygen, CLEAN water is the most important element to our survival. This withdrawal will keep mining and other mineral companies from potentially polluting the drinking water for the greater-Rapid City area. If that happens it will mean millions of taxpayer money to clean up our once pristine water.

Also, large mines and polluted waters will kill the recreational/tourism economy of the Black Hills area. Tourism is one of the largest economic revenue drivers to our state. Who will come to visit if the water in Pactola and surrounding lakes and streams are too polluted to fish/hunt/swim etc?

Please expedite the withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior due to the urgency of this issue.