Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/22/2024 12:51:07 AM First name: Hillary Last name: Milla Organization: Title: Comments: Please protect this land. Mineral exploration and mining upstream from Pactola Reservoir threaten to contaminate water flowing into (and out of) the Reservoir.

Protect the area designated in the mineral withdrawal and, furthermore, take action to protect all of the Rapid Creek Watershed and ultimately protect every part of the Black Hills.

The health, religious freedoms, and culture of the Indigenous Tribes who hold the Black Hills and the Pactola Watershed sacred surpass any economic need or policy. The land rightfully belongs to the Sioux Nation Tribes and ongoing mining in the area detrimentally impacts constitutionally protected rights and treaty laws.

Thank you.