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Comments: I am writing in support of the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal.

In addition to the objective value of protecting this area for its pristine beauty and value as an ecosystem, an area for human enjoyment of nature, and land and watetr sacred to the Native American people, I have a special connection to this area. I grew up in Minnesota and have beloved memories of family trips to the Black Hills. Even as a little girl, I was stunned by the breathtaking beauty. It would break my heart to see it damaged by mining.

I urge, actually beg, the Forest Service to expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior and protect this invaluable area.

Sincerely, Judy Fletcher