Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/23/2024 12:32:09 AM First name: Anne Last name: Weiss Organization: Title: Comments: To whom it may concern:

I SUPPORT this withdrawal of mining companies from the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed. Clean water is a necessity for healthy ecosystems, including humans, here on Earth. There are fewer and fewer pristine water sources in our country so this is a unique opportunity to preserve our natural birthright as Earthlings by protecting the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creeek Watershed for generations to come.

Having visited the Black Hills region, I especially loved being so close to nature unharmed by toxic mining. I am not the only human who appreciates pristine wilderness. Many of us enjoy camping, hunting and fishing on these ancient lands, which have provided sustenance to countless generations.

Not surprisingly, these beautiful lands are sacred to various Native American tribes. Given their cultural and religious significance, I reiterate my support for this proposal and encourage an expedited review process of this proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Thank you for your consideration of my comment.