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RE: PUBLIC COMMENT: Pactola Reservoir

Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #63876

I urge you to listen to the pleas of those who treasure the land of the Rapid Creek Watershed and who require the clean water from the headlands for their families and for their future. As you well know, once a source of underground water is contaminated by different toxins (VOCs & Metals), it is very difficult, expensive, and unlikely to be able to return the water source to its previous quality.

And as you know, our country has a very serious problem of a continual loss of both quantity and quality of clean water. We must protect every water source we have and learn to use fact-based management practices to conserve them. In other words, our government agencies must be allowed to put the health of people and the environment ahead of a mining company's profits!! If our government agencies are pressured not to take proper care of our natural resources, we will continue to lose more water sources because of overpumping, toxic contamination, or both.

I urge you, the USDA Forest Service, to REQUIRE THE MINING COMPANY TO WITHDRAW from the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed! I urge you, the USDA Forest Service, to expedite the withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior!! I urge you, the USDA Forest Service, to speak for the People and the Water of our Country!!!

Thank you. Respectfully, Lisa