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Comments: Ladies & amp; Gentlemen: I am an ordinary citizen. I write about the Pactola Reservoir/Rapid Creek watershed withdrawal, WHICH I SUPPORT. I am writing to ask you to please expedite the proposal for withdrawal with the secretary of Interior. Increasingly, mining and subsequent messes are encroaching on not only pristine precious lands---but lands that do not belong outright to the State & amp; National citizens. They are sacred to and were taken from the First Peoples.. It adds injustice to injustice to pillage what is not ours to take. We need to slow down and take much more care in where we seek resources. And they cannot be done at the outright cost of others, meaning Nature and First Peoples and local residents and regional residents. I am myself an indigenous person, 94% Gael. My lands were occupied violently by the Anglo Saxons for 900+ years. I know how much damage it causes in cultural fabric and communities. As well as the environment. The Vikings denuded the Island of Eire from the entire old growth forest to make their long ships. We are without our native forest to this day & amp; the Irish Oak went extinct. So I speak from still bitter unhealed experience. Let us avoid more of that here in this beautiful land.