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Comments: I strongly support this Withdrawal. It is the correct decision in every regard, preserving essential ecological bulwarks against the onset of climate catastrophe, and honoring sacred lands. The clean water in the headlands encompassed under the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed cannot be jeopardized by toxic pollution events inevitable in mining and other extractive projects. These pristine wildlands should be protected for future recreational use, and for their intrinsic value in carbon sequestration and biodiversity. This withdrawal proposal should be expedited to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.