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Comments: Dear U.S Forest Service,

I am writing with urgency to support all mining withdrawal from the Pactola Reservoir Rapid Creek Watershed. Yes, I support the withdrawal.

This area provides the main drinking water resource to over 80 thousand local residents including military personnel at Ellsworth Air Force Base.

Safeguarding these 20,574 acres from mining pollutants is not just an environmental issue; but clean water is a fundamental human right that must be protected for the families that drink this water.

I highly recommend you advance the "withdrawal proposal of mining" to Secretary of the Department of Interior Deb Haaland's desk for signatures to ensure the preservation of this critical watershed. And prioritize humanity & environmental safety and health over short-term economic gains. Please remember the military families who suffered great harm from the pollutants from Camp Lejeune North Carolina at the Marine base from water contamination. I do not want any water, kids, adults, land to be contaminated by mining pollutants, or any pollutants. Thank you for considering my comments.