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Comments: I strongly urge the Forest Service to require mining companies to withdraw from the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed. This area is not only part of our quickly vanishing wilderness but also some of the sacred lands of several Native American tribes.

Part of the purview of the Forest Service is to protect our wild lands. And as a nation founded in part on the principle of freedom of religion, we should respect both standing treaties and the spiritual impetus of our Native neighbors. To protect our precious wilderness is good for the physical and spiritual health of all Americans.