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Comments: I completely support the Forest Service's decision to withdraw/exclude the 20,000 plus acres of the Rapid Creek Watershed from further mining or mining exploration. This action is long overdue. My only concern is that the withdrawal area should be larger and should not honor existing claims.

This ecologically sensitive area of the Black Hills is the primary if not sole recharge system for Pactola Reservoir and we cannot risk contamination of Rapid City's primary source of potable water.