Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/23/2024 6:58:48 PM First name: Gerald Last name: Hallead Organization: Title: Comments: I want the Forest Service to protect the pristine nature of the Black Hills from toxic mining interests.

I support the withdrawal proposal regarding the Pactola Reservoir and the Rapid Creek Watershed and ask that it be sent to the Department of the Secretary of the Interior expeditiously.

Clean water is a necessity for all life, human and animal alike, and the mining industry is only interested in profit. They have no conscience when it comes to the environment or the ecology of these areas they want to exploit.

Please make sure these areas are safeguarded now and for all future generations to come.

Thank you.