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Comments: USFS, we need you to require mining companies to withdraw from Rapid Creek Watershed. I support this Withdrawal. So so many others. Pactola Reservoir is a beautiful area that should be treated with respect. Many people enjoy the activities there. Most importantly, it is also sacred to the Indigenous people in the area. Please, expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior. Taylor Gunhammer, NDN Collective organizer, explains, "We stand firmly rooted in the more than 150-year struggle of our respective Nations for the honoring of Oceti Sakowin treaty rights and of resistance against extractive industries poisoning our sacred lands and waters." This withdrawal is critical to make sure these sacred waters are protected.