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Comments: I am writing concerning the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal Project.

I support this Withdrawal of mining companies from this pristine area. Toxic mining threatens resources of clean water especially in a watershed, the overall ecology of such a sensitive area, and also tourism and recreation in wild places. This area is sacred to Indigenous people and it is also an issue of restorative justice to protect this area from extractive mining companies.

I ask the Forest Service to please expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Thank you for your attention.

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