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Comments: I am commenting to support the withdrawal from proposed toxic mining of 20,000 acres at the headlands of the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed in the Black Hills. There are fewer and fewer places left in our country and the rest of the world which are pristine lands with clean water. In addition, this area is part of the Black Hills that are sacred to the Lakota. Places like this absolutely must be preserved because once they are destroyed and degraded, they will never be the same. Most people would never support destroying a famous painting, so why would we destroy wild, pristine lands and sacred lands that are more valuable than a painting could ever be.