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Comments: I am someone who loves visiting Pactola Lake and the greater Black Hills in every season. Anytime I can spare a few hours in the day I drive into the hills to enjoy the calm and peaceful beauty of the forests, rivers, and lakes. To take away this peace and beauty from the many people who enjoy coming to the lake and benefitting from its waters would be an upsetting and near-sighted decision, one that would not seem to properly weigh the long-term effects that mining would bring to the community who lives near and visits this area. Thank you for taking the time to consider the opinions of each and every South Dakotan who makes their stance known on this matter.