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Comments: I am a 9 year resident of the Black Hills and a SD volunteer Naturalist. As the largest and deepest reservoir in the Black Hills National Forest, with 14 miles of shoreline and 150-foot depths this unique body of water provides excellent opportunities for wildlife viewing as well as numerous recreational activities such as boating, jet skiing, fishing, kayaking, camping, and hiking.

In addition, it's of the utmost importance as a safe & clean source of drinking water for Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, and Pennington County. A crucial resource.

Lets also not forget that the Rapid Creek Watershed contains cultural and natural resources that are important to tribes and local communities. It is our responsibility to protect those resources.

I support the Forest Service's proposal to protect the Pactola - Rapid Creek area with a mineral withdrawal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,

Rajni Lerman