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Comments: I am writing to express my strongest support for the mineral withdrawal along Rapid Creek
In the Black Hills of South Dakota.

I'm a landowner who lives along the creek in dark Canyon

I have hiked along the Rapid Creek since the early 70s

Personally, witness the changes in the environment

In the reduction of water and biodiversity.

I think the current proposal mineral withdrawal in part of the Pactola watershed is an essential next step to
protecting the water

In the black hills

But I also support a much larger withdrawal, including

The entire Pactola, watershed

I also think that the community has come together

In unity to protect the water. Not only are people concerned about the water.

But I think the Black Hills community is done with the boom to Boston economy

Of the mining industry that leaves the tax split payers to the cleanup me and communitys devastated.

The unity of the community should put the mining interest and our government officials unnoticed

This mining is not going to happen and it is not acceptable

And this withdrawal is the first step in building a new sustainable economy that protects our community and
respects all the cultures of the black hills

Particularly the Lakota people who hold legitimate claims to this land need to be included in every single decision
that affects the future of the black hills

Thank you

Mark Tilsen