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Comments: I'm a resident of the BlackHills who loves hiking and recreation with my friends and family. The Pactola Reservoir and its surrounding environment are close to my heart. I care about this area because the creek and the reservoir provide water to the city, to the small communities around it, and to our beautiful flora and fauna. Without this water, our community dies.

I support the USFS proposal to protect the Pactola area with a mineral withdrawal. We do not want the byproducts of mining to contaminate our area. Please protect this area from exploration drilling and mining.

Thank you!