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Comments: Greetings,

I absolutely support the Pactola Reservoir Rapid Creek mineral withdrawal AND I would like to see it expanded to protect the ENTIRE Rapid Creek Watershed. I am a life-long resident of the Black Hills and my family has owned property on Rapid Creek for more than 60 years. In fact, my great grandparents homesteaded in western SD in the late 1880's. Suffice to say I have a vested interest in keeping our environment healthy and clean water is paramount.

I, along with many concerned residents, engage in monthly creek cleanups throughout Rapid City. We also use our creek for recreation as well as clean drinking water.

Virtually EVERY mine that has been permitted in the Black Hills has had some type of toxic spill, including two superfund sites. The Black Hills does not need more mining.

I ask that you to expedite this process to ensure it is delivered to the Secretary of the Department of Interior, Secretary Deb Haaland's desk for signature as soon as possible!

Expand the withdrawal to protect the entirety of the Rapid Creek Watershed!

Sincerely,

Dr. Y.