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Comments: I strongly support the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. This is a beautiful part of the sacred He Sapa (Black Hills), and it should not be used for toxic mining. We must protect it as a source of clean water and not risk its contamination by oil drilling and mining. These activities can find other sources.

These lands also deserve our respect and care as sacred lands that should never be commercialized in the industrial pattern that rules our society. It is time to call a halt to attempts to claim the so-called "rights" of modern industry. In addition, as wild places and remnants of what was once true throughout this country, this area allows people to experience the wild, the wildlife, the unindustrialized world. We cannot afford to lose this reality. The Forest Service should see its responsibility and move forward on a Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior. The time is now.