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Comments: I write to support the Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed mineral withdrawl.

Pactola Reservoir and the Rapid Creek Watershed represent some of our most precious natural resources in the Black Hills region. Extractive industries, such as those that might be interested in mining this region, typically enrich corporations and individuals far away from the actual mining site. They harm our local resources with little or no regard for the wellbeing of the local environment or community, and seldom bring more than a shortlived economic benefit. In this particular case, it would almost certainly bring harm to our community's primary source of drinking water.

We should never trade shortlived economic benefit for clean drinking water, natural beauty, recreational opportunity, and the intangible benefits of quality natural space that is open to all citizens.