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Comments: I enthusiastically support the proposed mineral withdrawal and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the withdrawal area.

I am a stakeholder, a resident of the Black Hills, as well as a conservationist and I recreate in the Black Hills, including the withdrawal area. I enjoy paddleboarding, kayaking, birdwatching and wildlife viewing in the withdrawal area. Clean water is essential for supporting our lives and livelihoods here in the Black Hills, and especially in the Pactola Reservoir and Jenny Gulch areas!

I support the findings of the Environmental Assessment (EA), especially the benefits for our drinking water and water for wildlife. Outdoor recreation is an economic engine for the Black Hills, and results in more sales taxes for Lawrence and Pennington Counties.

I would like to eventually see the withdrawal area be expanded to the entire 198,000 acres of the watershed however I am very supportive of the 20-year 20,574 acre withdrawal.

Clean water resources are more valuable than any gold extraction!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment for support for the withdrawal area.