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Comments: I support Pactola Reservoir - Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal #63876.

The Black Hills have suffered severe negative impact from mining activities that have not been adequately mitigated over the past 150 years. This withdrawal constitutes a relatively small acreage of the 1,200,000 acres within Black Hills National Forest.

The Black Hills is the only mountain range in the western United States that does not sustain a perennial snowpack. Thus, the Black Hills area is dependent on aquifers to provide water. Protecting this small area from potential pollution and damage is vital to the future of the residents (human and natural) of the Black Hills.

I wish that this area would be permanently withdrawn from mineral extraction.