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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of the Rapid Creek Watershed Withdrawal. Gold mining downstream from Pactola Reservoir threatens to contaminate water that flows directly from Rapid Creek into the Madison and Minnelusa aquifers. It's widely known that this type of mining has resulted in numerous water contamination issues.

I strongly urge you to protect the cultural and natural resources and people of Rapid City, Ellsworth Air Force Base, the surrounding communities, and thousands of private landowners.

Deb Shirey