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Comments: Ladies and Gentlemen: I fully support this proposal but feel that the area withdrawn is far too small and should include the entirety of the Rapid Creek Watershed. I would also recommend that a much larger area be withdrawn below Pactola Dam that would include the Deer Creek, Brush Creek, Prairie Creek and even Bogus Jim Creek. We aren't going to protect Rapid City's water quantity and quality with only part of the watershed protected from mining.

Secondly, several creeks and their watershed areas are already contaminated from mining and mining waste. Old mines are not reclaimed such as the Minnesota Ridge Mine and the mined area near Castle Creek above Castleton and those historic sites must be prioritized and cleaned up.