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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the proposed mineral withdrawal of 20,574 acres around the Pactola Reservoir and along Upper Rapid Creek. Protecting this watershed is essential to safeguarding the water supply for Rapid City and Ellsworth Air Force Base, as well as maintaining the health of our forests and wildlife. The Forest Service's draft Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) provide a clear understanding of the positive impacts this withdrawal would have on preserving the area's natural resources and preventing the degradation of these critical ecosystems.

I urge the Forest Service to proceed with the mineral withdrawal to ensure that Pactola Reservoir and Upper Rapid Creek remain protected from harmful mineral development.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your dedication to protecting our public lands.