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Comments: The Rochford Mineral Exploratory Drilling Project #67838 is of grave concern. It will threaten the availability of unpolluted water in the Pactola Reservoir-Rapid Creek Watershed withdrawal area, now protected from all mining activity.

Because information from an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is unavailable, fully informed comment cannot be made right now. An appropriately detailed map of the project showing its location in relationship to waterways, should have been provided in the application. This omission should be remedied now, in this scoping comment period, and the comment period should be extended by 60 days.