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Sincerely,
Alicia Zeringue
338 Cleveland Pl.

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Aspen, CO 81612
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0163 County Rd. 132

Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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Thornton, CO 80260
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P.O. Box 2904

Avon, CO 81620
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1071 County Road 111

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Kinney Creek

Evergreen, CO 80439
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I know the mission of the FS is multifold. With the burgeoning population in Colorado, it is long past time to put your energies towards preservation of habitats and watersheds. Enough is enough.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Gershten MD
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Paonia, CO 81428
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U.S. Forest Service
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Minturn, CO 81645

RE: Please conduct an EA ahead of test drilling in Homestake Valley

Dear Ms. Gilles

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I also worry that the dam project (which this drilling supports) will involve removing part of the Holy Cross Wilderness Area, that the dam walls will intrude into a designated Colorado Roadless Area, and that the dam will cause **IRREVERSIBLE** damage to wetlands, fens and Eagle River watershed, as well as the humans and animals that rely on it.

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This proposed action is **DAMAGING ON A NUMBER OF LEVELS:** it will have significant impacts on resources, from fens to wilderness, that are protected under Forest Service regulations and federal law.

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investigation on wetlands, wilderness, and Roadless Areas in Homestake Valley.

Sincerely,
Adele Riffe
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Hesperus, CO 81326
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I'm an ecologist, and do research in an area similar to, and not too far away from, the wetlands on Homestake Creek. Protection of wetlands has been an important goal of the community in Gunnison County, where I work, and it has been largely successful. High-altitude wetlands and fens are particularly fragile, given the short growing season, susceptibility to drought, and long recovery times following major disturbance.

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Michael Miller
8431 Waterleaf Lane

West Chester, OH 45069
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Sincerely,
Linda Millet
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Columbia Falls, MT 59912
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Sincerely,
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carbondale, CO 81623
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Judie Blanchard
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Sincerely,
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Aurora, CO 80014
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Michael Benge
P.O. Box 1972

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Ann Black
66 Emmy Lane

Snowmass Village, CO 81615
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Crested Butte, CO 81224
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Aspen, CO 81612
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Englewood, CO 80111
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writer/editor/photographer

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Evergreen , CO 80439
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Colorado Springs, CO 80918
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255 Little Pinon

Basalt , CO 81621
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Shelly Catterson
PO Box 405

Pinecliffe, CO 80471
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332 Main St

Minturn, CO 81645
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silverthorne, CO 80498
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Chris Moore
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Denver, CO 80210
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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280 Glen Eagles Rd
Aspen, CO 81611
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Aren't you supposed to be protecting these places? At the very least, you should push for an environmental assessment.

I have been working on environmental issues for 50 years. Sometimes it seems like we're taking two steps backward for everyone forward.

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Sincerely,
Katherine (Kay) Delanoy
P.O. Box 144
Eagle, CO 81631
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Doug Gaddis
502 Marion

Denver, CO 80218
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Sandy Johnson
51 overlook drive

aspen, CO 81611
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Sincerely,
Kathryn and Bruce Baker
536 Oak Ridge Road

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Snowmass Village, CO 81615
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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Gypsum, CO 81637
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330 Lake Ave

Aspen, CO 81611
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178 Arrowhead Bluff

Silverthorne, CO 80498
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Woody Creek, CO 81656
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Karen Schreiber
73 Rocky Rd

Carbondale, CO 81623
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Breckenridge, CO 80424
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New Castle, CO 81601
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Basalt , CO 81621
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Otto, NC 28763
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Carbondale, CO 81623
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West Plains, MO 65775
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PO Box 873

Nederland, CO 80466
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West Kingston, RI 02892
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Sincerely,
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Edwards, CO 81632
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Golden, CO 80401
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PS - Have the Partners put any proposals on the table for water conservation policy & practice at their end, or is their easiest option just to drain our water resources?

Thanks - Cliff Colia

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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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George Wear
PO Box 1743

Glenwood Springs, CO 81602
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Dorsey Moore
artist

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Sincerely,
edward sullivan
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aspen, CO 81612
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Eugene, OR 97405
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2108 S. Joliet Ct.

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Aurora, CO 80014
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LORI WILLIAMS
20 Pioneer Pt

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Carbondale, CO 81623
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Fruita, CO 81521
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Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
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Littleton, CO 80123
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Sincerely,
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I have grown up in Gilman and Minturn spending much of my summers as a youth camping, exploring, and learning about the wilderness and environment in the Homestake Valley. This is such a special place which contributes to the diversity of this fragile

ecosystem. We do not need more dams, we need better conservation methods.

Sincerely,

Jessica Guthrie

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Sincerely,
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Lakewood, CO 80228
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Delta, CO 81416
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Tennessee Pass, CO 81649
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