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Dear Sirs:

I want to post a strong objection to this proposed project. As a Colorado native and former Board member of the Colorado Outward Bound School, I cannot sit by and watch as hungry politicians and their developer constituents continue to try to divert water from the Western slope of Colorado to the urban sprawl of the front range. As you know, this proposed project would reside in a designated wilderness area, destroy habitat and ancient fens, as well as continue to eat away at the few wilderness areas we have left in Colorado. The drilling prior to the possible construction of the dam, would cause irreparable harm to the area by putting roads through wetlands. This area is widely used by the ever growing communities of Eagle county, in addition to those people on the front range to want to experience a wilderness area within a reasonable distance.

It has always been my understanding that the forest service exists to protect our forests and wilderness areas. Living in Eagle county for over 23 years, I have been alarmed at the suggestion of this project and the apparent disregard for the biological studies that have stated that this project would irreparably harm this wilderness area.

It is my hope that clear minds prevail and scuttle this bad idea. We would all be best served to remember that these few wilderness areas remaining are treasures, that once lost, cannot ever be recovered.

Very Truly Yours,

Thomas J. Gargan, M.D.