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To: Klein, Matthew - FS <matthew.klein@usda.gov>

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Dear Mr. Klein,

As someone who has hiked in the Holy Cross Wilderness Area, especially to Whitney Lake and Holy Cross City, since 1967, I do not want to support this special use permit. The damage to the area will be extensive. I want my grandchildren's children to have open space left to enjoy and losing more acreage so that growth can happen in the Front Range is unacceptable to me. My husband, Don Welch, was an Eagle County Commissioner at the time of the Homestake II hearings and understands the importance of keeping the wilderness as is. Due to the 1041 process, the project was not approved.

I oppose the requested special use permit (SUP) and related Categorical Exclusion (CE) for geotechnical investigations in connection with Homestake Partners' proposed transmountain diversion of water from Homestake Creek in the Holy Cross Wilderness for the Whitney Reservoir project.

Sincerely,
Shirley Welch
Don Welch
Eagle County residents since 1967.