





# Colorado Headwaters

"protecting our water at the source"

December 3, 2019

Mr. Scott Fitzwilliams  
Forest Supervisor  
White River National Forest  
900 Grand Ave.,  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams;

On behalf of Colorado Headwaters, Save the Colorado and the Holy Cross Wilderness Defense Fund, we respectfully request that you deny any and all applications by the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs for core drilling or any other actions until the matter of defining the location and management decisions of the fen in Homestake creek is resolved.

As you are aware, fens are a rare integral and critical component of wetlands. Fens are irreplaceable and can't be mitigated in any manner. The wetlands in Homestake creek support an extremely high value water resource as a major tributary to the Eagle river.

Prior to any action in the Homestake creek system, it is imperative that the maximum protection to the fen is provided.

  
Jerry Mallett  
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Save the Colorado

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Holy Cross Legal Defense Fund