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Hello Matthew,

I apologize that this email is being sent a day after the close of the comment period for the Whitney Reservoir project. I am hopeful that my comments will be considered. Thank you for your time.

- I strongly 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.
- I am particularly concerned that the work to be done under the proposed SUP/CE would cause significant damage to an ecologically unique and sensitive area, popular with outdoor recreationalists. I am deeply concerned about the Whitney Reservoir project's impact on the environment and the complex fen wetlands. These wetlands are some of the finest of their type in the entire White River National Forest. Reclamation and restoration of complex fen wetlands has not been proven to be possible.

Sincerely,

Terese M. Hayward

