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Comments: I once again, we did this in the 80's, 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 believe the work to be done under the proposed SUP/CE would cause significant damage to an ecologically unique and sensitive area, having a negative affect and add increased pressure to the wildlife and environment of this area.

The idea of reducing any federal Wilderness Areas, and especially the unique Holy Cross Wilderness popular with outdoor recreationalists is appalling and unfortunately happening in our country to much at this time in our history.