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Comments: As a 30 year user of Holy Cross Wilderness & USFS volunteer (10yrs FENW, native plant monitor, invasive weed spotter) I am appalled that we must again oppose Homestake Partners attempts to further de-water Holy Cross in order to capture more water for Aurora & CO Sprgs. I strongly oppose their request for a Special Use Permit & Categorical Extension to drill, build required roads, drive X-country in HC to pursue siting activities for proposed Whitney Reservoir.

Such activities will cause largely irreparable ecological harm to rare & sensitive organisms as the fen system in HC. It will also further harm & disturb wildlife in CPW's GMU 45 as deer & elk herds already in decline to near non-recoverable numbers.

The Partners proposal to remove 500 acres from wilderness protection sets a dangerous precedent for all areas now protected under the Wilderness Act & it encourages efforts by other entities intent on land, water, & mineral grabs in other Wilderness areas.

Please recognize this effort for what it is, a selfish grab for another trans-mountain diversion at the expense of West Slope users & habitats as well as all down river users and do not permit this request for an SUP & CE.