Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/26/2020 3:26:08 AM
First name: Kristine
Last name: Chalk
Organization:
Title:
Comments: Hiking in the Holy Cross wilderness was one of my first experiences in the amazing Colorado mountains, a passion that has grown and that I hope to be able to pass on to my children. But now the chance for our kids to experience the wilderness in the same way is being threatened. 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 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.
The communities of Aurora and Colorado Springs should take action to reduce their water needs, and preserve the wilderness areas for generations to come.