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Comments: I am writing to state that I strongly oppose the requested special use permit (SUP) and related Categorical Exclusion (CE) for geotechnical investigations in connection with Homestake Partners' proposed trans-mountain 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 is not guaranteed and could be cost prohibitive to implement.

I strongly believe that we need conservation strategies for water usage and that the communities of Aurora and Colorado Springs should first take action to reduce their water needs, and not destroy our Wilderness.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hoover (frequent Holy Cross Recreator and visitor to the Red Cliff community)