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Comments:

Do not approve the requested special use permit and Categorical Exclusion for geotechnical investigations in connection with Homestake Partners' proposed transmountain diversion of water from Homestake Creek.

This is not necessary or needed and is instead destructive of a outstanding special wilderness area.

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.

Aurora and Colorado Springs should reduce their water needs and not destroy our Wilderness and rivers. As climate changes resulting in more catastrophic fires, we cannot afford to misuse/misdirect our water supply.