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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I strongly urge you to deny a special use permit for testing (drilling test holes) in preparation for a proposed new Whitney Reservoir. The headwaters of the Colorado River are already severely depleted compared to their historical flows. The answer for Front Range communities looking for more water is conservation first, and that has not yet sufficiently happened. In addition, the Holy Cross Wilderness and Homestead Creek (and other tributaries) are a priceless, beautiful area in Colorado. The idea of removing land for this project from a designated Wilderness Area is outrageous and dangerous.

Thank you for considering my comments,

Eric Hintsa