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Comments: 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 strongly oppose large diversions of more water out of the headwaters of the Colorado River. It is time to come to terms with climate disruption and the end of business as usual. Our very survival as a species is now at stake and we must not further degrade our life support system. The complex fen ecosystem in question has a right to exist and in its existence (and the existence of other life-giving ecosystems) we and other species are gifted with the miracle of water and a hydrological cycle that stands at the very center of life. It's time to end the era of human arrogance and the illusion of our separation from the natural world.