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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I have lived in Eagle County for 28 years and recreate frequently in the Homestake Valley. From the first time I hiked to Whitney Lake, I realized that this valley is special. There aren't many places like it in Colorado. The amount of wetlands and the fact that this area is so remote has seemingly protected it from the usual wear and tear seen by other similar areas in our state.
I have followed the various Homestake projects through the years and strongly believe that our Western slope water should stay on the west side of the divide. We are all faced with the issues of growth but if we don't start finding ways to conserve now, that growth will just need more and more water in the future. I urge the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs to dig a little deeper on conservation.
Even feasibility studies will ruin this valley. Some of the damage will be irreversible. This reservoir should not happen. Especially now with a worldwide pandemic, we are all realizing how much we need these special places. Now is the time to preserve as much as we can as more and more people recognize the need to get outside. Do not ruin the Homestake valley forever. Leave it alone.