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Comments: I am strongly opposed to this "investigation" which clearly can not be separated from the next step - to seek approval for creating a substantial reservoir.

The drilling itself will harm a pristine environment ... it's a wilderness area for God's sake!

The reservoir that might follow would destroy it.

Rather than pursue this course of action the Forest Service should deny the application ... protect the forest please ... and require the towns of Aurora and Colorado Springs to pursue other avenues. For a start, officials should travel to Las Vegas and other places that have shown towns and cities can grow while cutting water consumption.

Starting down a track that would lead to this destructive reservoir would simply be enabling profligate water usage ... water that should be headed to the parched West not over the Front Range to the cities of Plains.

Best Regards

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