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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Though I understand the need for water grows daily, directing our attention to the "exploration" and ultimate devastation of the Homestake Valley is short sighted, negligent, and contrary to us acting as stewards of this land. To think breaking this project into two phases - drill to see and then to build - would make it more palatable to the public and ecologically sensitive is nonsense. Drive your rigs across the fens and wetlands with the possibility of saying "not enough potential here, let's move", leaving behind your indelible mark on the landscape, snuffing out these crucial ecosystem building blocks, irreparably impacting the downstream watershed. I understand wherever you choose to divert water from will be impacted but have you done your due diligence on prioritizing lower impact project? Or does the "go big or go home" mentality rule all governing agencies with no compassion?

Have a blessed day,

Zachary Stevens