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Comments: Really? Destroy the wetlands for the sole purpose of determining whether the chosen site is suitable for a reservoir. I strongly oppose granting the permit and am appalled by the arrogance to suggest that the impact of drilling must be separated from the impact of the dam. The destruction of the wetlands, which will result from the drilling and which by all accounts are unique at this elevation, is irreversible and will be lost forever. I fully support the efforts of the Holy Cross Wilderness Defense Fund to defeat this permit and and subsequent efforts to advance the "Whitney Project."

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