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Comments: I, as a resident of this beautiful corner of the world, formally object to any Geotechnical Investigation for a future reservoir in the Homestake Wilderness. Those of us who choose to make this area our home abide by strict Leave No Trace principles. Principles that are championed by the Forest Service, as well. This geophysical/geotechnical investigation would surely not abide by such principles. The damage done by large scale exploration, would be irreparable. The West is drying out, the Colorado River hasn't reached the Pacific in decades. The Front Range is going to have to look for other water solutions besides degrading and destroying some of the few wild places we have left. It is not our responsibility to quench the Front Range's thirst. It surely is not the responsibility of the animals and organisms that would be harmed by such exploration, not to mention the animals and organisms that would be harmed by the eventual construction of a reservoir. Please take this issue seriously and do not approve this geotechnical investigation.