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Comments: I am absolutely opposed to the proposed exploratory drilling and it's road building, heavy equipment use and subsequent destruction of wilderness if the mew dam is aproved. I moved to Colorado in 1987 and began exploring wilderness areas around the state. I vividly remember Holy Cross defense fund posts at most wilderness boundary signs. The efforts to get Homestake II defeated were impressive to say the least. It was astounding to see the powerful front range cities lose their bid to take more water from the western slope over the divide to the ever thirsty front range. How does it make more sense now than it did then to build a second dam and add even more destruction to this fragile environment? Easy answer. It doesn't! PLease do not allow the drilling and search for a new reservoir site to go forward. even if it is determined that Homestake is not a good site for the new dam, the exploratory mission will be too intrusive and abusive to this incredible valley.

Thank you,

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