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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment on this project. I don't believe there should be an investigation into potential reservoir sites, without first establishing an understanding of the work Aurora and Colorado Springs have done to limit water use in their region. Regardless of the memorandum, we should not be irresponsible with our water resources in Colorado, and the front range communities, have in large part not demonstrated their willingness to regulate water use in their communities - especially in regards to water efficiency of existing buildings. I believe these communities should first conduct a study of the potential for water use reduction through regulation and efficiency work and then look to the Western Slope if they prove they cannot meet their own water demands. In addition, I believe these communities should be obliged to conduct a study of assumed growth over the next 50 years and make a plan to meet the water needs of their communities through water reuse and recycling. It is absolutely short-sighted to allow these communities to develop large, expensive projects that destroy our communities public lands and wildlife zones, to solve a problem they have the wherewithal to solve themselves. We need to abandon business as usual approaches and hold the front range communities accountable for the unregulated water consumption they allow for in new and existing properties, and especially through irrigation. There is little to no demonstration of water reuse and recycling technology even though these technologies have been in existence and preached by the green building community for decades. I don't agree with this project continuing unless Aurora and Colorado Springs demonstrate in full that they are willing to meet our community in the middle and begin to regulate water usage and mandate the use of water recycling and reuse. We are moving into a decade that will be defined by the global climate crisis. It's expected that the Western Slope will be facing more frequent and intense forest fires and we will need to ensure our community's resiliency in the face of a changing climate. I encourage the decision-makers in this project to consider all elements prior to moving forward with a reservoir in our precious public lands.