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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

The proposed Whitney Creek Geotechnical Investigation can not be commented on separately from what it's existence is predicated upon in the first place, the construction of a new reservoir in the Homestake Valley of the Holy Cross Wilderness, the intended purpose of which is to provide water to front range communities, whose greedy, unchecked, cancerous growth has exceeded their local resources.

I believe that the risk posed to the landscape and ecosystem of the Homestake Valley, and the broad destruction that will result from these operations even if the proposed reservoir does not come to fruition, is an unacceptable premise. At best, the land and ecosystem will be scarred, disturbed, and disfigured until left alone to recover at least some of it's previous untouched beauty, and at worst, will be transformed into yet another hideous, industrial blight on the countenance of our wild places, being gobbled up so quickly and ravenously by the spectre of commoditization, with no concern for consequence.

This being said, in the spirit of compromise, of bending rather than breaking, and remembering that the people of Aurora and Colorado Springs are our neighbors, if it was possible to move equipment and personnel by air, and to involve local, independent, third-party agencies in monitoring and mitigating the environmental impact in real time in order to satisfy this proposed investigation, I would be willing to consider a more permissive perspective on these matters.

Thank you.