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Comments: I am disheartened to read the article,"Growing Thirst From Front Range Cities," by John Laconte.

The proposed drilling and exploration can NOT happen! It would cause permanent damage to a very special ecological area. This area was preserved for many reasons and nothing should change that! This is one of the most beautiful areas in the Rocky MTs.,full of incredible wildlife,special geological formations, fragile wetlands, as well as historic value.

I have photographs and paintings of this valley from my father when he was in the famed 10th Mt. Divison, where they spent a great deal of time hiking, camping, climbing, fishing, and training in this area. It has already been changed from those days with the building of the Homestake Dam in the 60's. We know better now! We know how valuable an area like this is for us now and for future generations.

Colorado must start limiting its numbers and developments and educate everyone on the value of water conservation!

This destruction MUST NOT be allowed to start for any reason!