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Comments: To Everyone Concerned,

Wilderness Area Designation carries with it the most protection possible for public lands!! Wilderness Area is a treasure for all the creatures who live in that protected area and for the people who enjoy it. Wilderness benefits even those who never go to the area, because these lands provide essential environmental functions such as filtering and naturally storing water, and cleaning the air. It provides habitat for animals who are threatened due to loss of habitat, pollution, and encroachment of humans. Wetlands are especially vital for all of us. Wilderness areas are created after exhausting work and collaboration among many groups and individuals over a long period of time. Wilderness Areas MUST be kept intact and unspoiled. Otherwise what does the designation of Wilderness Area mean? This proposal is outrageous! It does not even deserve to be considered. Water is a huge problem in the entire world and the answer is not to divert water from one arid area to another arid area. The solution is to change human behavior and consumption. We can not sacrifice precious and irreplaceable habitat. Once it's gone it is gone for ever and once habitat is enclosed in a Wilderness Area, it is PROTECTED FOREVER. Do not allow this illegal project to go forward. For the good of all creation, continue to protect this precious land and let's all work to find other solutions for the water issues we all face.