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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I could not be any more strongly opposed to this proposition. As a user of the homestake drainage for fishing and hiking, I am well acquainted with the area. It is beautiful. I am also aware of the negative impact that the Homestake 1 reservoir has had on the quality of fishing below the dam on Homestake creek. The flows are gone because the water is going to the other side of the divide. Taking more water away from the drainage will further impact the fishing on Homestake Creek and the Eagle River. Not only that, this new Whitney Resevoir (Homestake 3) will destroy a wetland in what is now one of the most beautiful parts of Eagle County. Finally, as a resident of Gypsum, in close proximity to the Eagle River, I am extremely concerned about the risks of seismic activity being caused by this resevoir, and in the event of an earthquake, the risk of catastrophic dam failure. Although I was already aware that the Dotsero volcano is the youngest and most active in the state, I was not aware that Homestake 1 was built with this concern disregarded, nor was I aware that this same risk was critical in the assessment and ultimate rejection of Homestake 2. The pressures of front range development on water supplies do not change the seriousness of this risk. The only thing that is changed is the pressure of front range municipalities on west slope water. Enough is enough! I suggest that these municipalies excercise water consumption regulations first, and I suggest they try implementing measures like the ones in Las Vegas to solve their water supply shortages. Our wetland and river system health should not be a trade off for someone's golf course or green lawn in a drainage on the other side of the continental divide. I will be contacting the Mr. Hern and the Holy Cross Wilderness Defense fund to see how I can help oppose the tremendously dangerous and greed ridden proposal.