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Comments: Hi, My name is William Hymes and I have lived in the Vail valley for my entire life. Throughout that time, I have been fortunate enough to spend lots of time in the Holy Cross Wilderness. This project would ruin one of the last undeveloped wildlife areas in the valley and would alter the landscape forever. With local elk and deer herds already feeling the impact of encroaching development in multiple areas, now is not the time to be turning national forest habitat into water storage for the front range. Now is the time to be planting more trees to sequester carbon, not treating them down. Please reconsider this project. I'm sure there is someplace better suited that will effect less wildlife habitat. Thank you.