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Comments: We are owners of 35 acres in the Homestake Valley and vehemently oppose the drilling and testing of the geophysical attributes in the Valley in anticipation of potentially building the Whitney Reservoir. We cannot see any advantage for this effort for us or anyone owning property or visiting the Valley. We believe that rigs and tractors will cause pointless destruction in this area. This drilling and seismic survey that is proposed has no value to the owners, campers, hikers, individuals who fish and access the jeep trails in the Homestake Valley, White River National Forest, and Holy Cross Wilderness Area. There is already a dearth of elk, deer and especially moose in the area. This testing has the potential to diminish their presence further with the testing in this area. The impact on the fishing is also unknown but an important consideration. We have read Warren Hern's letter addressed to Leanne Veldhuis, Eagle-Holy Cross District Ranger dated 28 June 2020 and wholeheartedly agree with the thesis that he presents of why this is a bad project. Please do not issue the special issue permit for this geotechnical investigation.