Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/30/2020 7:57:13 PM

First name: Melissa Last name: Matthews

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I strongly oppose the requested special use permit (SUP) and related Categorical Exclusion (CE) for geotechnical investigations in connection with Homestake Partners' proposed transmountain diversion of water from Homestake Creek in the Holy Cross Wilderness for the Whitney Reservoir project.

This area is where my kids are being raised, where my family recreates, and the reason that choose to live here.

The requested SUP/CE would allow for up to a year of drilling, road construction, and cross-country travel by vehicles and equipment within the White River National Forest in support of the proposed reservoir and diversion project.

The communities of Aurora and Colorado Springs should take action to reduce their water needs, and not destroy our Wilderness and rivers.

We work hard, pay more, make sacrifices, etc. in order to live in this area. Mountain living is not easy and is not cheap.

We want the future generations of our family and our neighbor's families to be able to enjoy this area as we always have.