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Dear Mr. Klein,

I strongly oppose the Special Use Permit (SUP) and Categorical Exclusion (CE) requested by Homestake Partners on behalf of the cities of Aurora and Colorado Springs. The road construction required for access to conduct the preliminary drilling alone will cause irreparable damage to these special wetland areas which will only be compounded by the actual drilling activities.

In addition, the above mentioned actions and the new Whitney Reservoir, if built, would necessitate the removal of five hundred or more acres from the Holy Cross Wilderness. That is totally unacceptable. The boundaries for the Wilderness were established after extensive study and consideration. To alter its boundaries by removing acreage would, in my mind, be criminal. That land, all of it, is spectacular in its beauty and diversity. To spend time there nourishes the mind and soul. I implore you not to approve the SUP and CE, or do anything that would deplete the Holy Cross Wilderness Area.

Aurora and Colorado Springs, and all communities in the arid West, should explore any and all options to reduce water consumption. In all honesty, I do not know what they have done to date to curtail water usage. My trips to the Front Range cities lead me to believe that growth is not controlled. It appears totally out of control, which explains their demand for more water. Perhaps, they should reach out to cities such as Tucson, Arizona and others that have made great progress in water conservation.

Respectfully,
Diane Sanders