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Comments: Dear USFS,

I am a resident of Massachusetts, but recently had the opportunity to hike for several days in the holy cross wilderness area. These serene and environmentally rich forests and lakes are beautiful and require an ongoing discipline to preserve their natural beauty and also to preserve the wild life becoming more wide prevalent in the area. I remain deeply concerned with the impact any man-made forced change to the area will have on this beautiful area.

I 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.

Please keep this area Safe from any further man made manipulation for future generations to enjoy!

Thank You,

Paul R. Gravel