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Comments: The Holy Cross Wilderness and Homestake Valley are pristine environments used by many to recreate and enjoy the natural beauty. Not only would the proposed drilling itself be disruptive to this, but it is the first step towards significantly more harm being done; because of this it is critical that this project be stopped in its infancy. I have spent significant time in the valley multiple times per year for the past few years and can attest to the impact its beauty has on myself and fellow visitors, whether camping, hiking, fishing, jeeping, or skiing. These environments provide invaluable time in nature that leaves visitors refreshed and able to be better members of society. It is crucial that we preserve environments like this so that we, and our children and grandchildren, can continue to reap the benefits of spending time in minimally impacted areas. The Homestake Valley is the access point to many roads and trails used for recreation, so the proposed project would impact not only the immediate area being drilled, but also all of the territory accessed via the valley. There are numerous alternative options for such a project that would have significantly lower impact on the environment and its use. As a frequent visitor to the Holy Cross Wilderness, I implore you to deny the proposed drilling and stop this project in its tracks. Thank you.