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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.

The communities of Red Cliff and Minturn are susceptible to the direct risks of contamination to their water supply, that would harm the lives of the residents and guests. The potential of a dam break would devastate the direct downstream towns and the lives of all residents.

I oppose reduction of any federal Wilderness Areas, and especially the unique Holy Cross Wilderness which is already being dewatered by the Homestake Partners. By decreasing the Holy Cross Wilderness by 500 acres, or more, is devastating for the wildlife and for all of us that appreciate and respect what this area provides for us recreationally. Whereas this project will only abuse and destroy the land and disrupt the ecosystems.

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