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Mr. Klein,

It saddens me so much to think that the Forest Service would ever consider such a project as the Whitney Project. How can you destroy such a beautiful place that is the Homestake Valley?

The Homestake Valley and the Holy Cross Wilderness areas are some of the most amazing places in this state. Rocky Mountain National Park has nothing on them. I thought the Forest Service's goal was to protect and manage these areas. Destroying beautiful areas for the sake of providing more water to the Front Range doesn't seem to meet those goals in my mind. My friends and I have enjoyed hiking, fishing and camping in these areas every summer for many years now. The scenery is beyond spectacular.

It seemed like there was a trend across the U.S. of taking down dams and restoring rivers. Now you want to reverse that trend and cause more destruction to the Valley by making the reservoir larger? Have you seen this state that we live in? It is utterly gorgeous, and that area is one of the jewels in her crown. The Whitney Project and associated activities would totally annihilate the habitat, and geography in that area as well as any recreation. It sounds like that area holds geological significance as well...and you chose to destroy that?

I certainly hope that the Forest Service will reconsider taking action on any activities associated with this project. If you chose to leave a lasting legacy on this planet, I hope that you chose to protect the pristine beauty that is the Homestake Valley and Holy Cross Wilderness area.

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