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Comments: Comment re the Whitney Creek Geotechnical Investigation # 58221.

After taking time to read about the project and it's parameters to investigate the possible dam project to provide water under MOA for Aurora and Colorado Springs signed in the 1950s; it makes no sense. To do damage to a pristine wilderness area on the chance the area would be found suitable for such a project does not take into effect the changes that have occurred since this agreement was signed. The additional wilderness-boundary hoops requiring an act of Congress and presidential signature to move forward make the project even more unlikely.

Why damage this very valuable recreational area on the chance this project could even go forward. Due to the amount of growth since that time and the focus on recreation as a lively hood in the adjoining areas, the impact would go far beyond environmental. The effects on the recreational industry of the high country would detrimentally impact the surrounding populations ability to make a living.

The wetlands and surrounding area provide valuable recreation for Colorado! A major industry in the state! The environment of this pristine area has been a major driver of the growth of the population in this area and with it, the recreation industry!!

Colorado is know for it's wild places and people come to spend money to experience this beautiful place. Wildlife is increasingly being stressed as more people are moving into the high country. Efforts to keep pristine wilderness for wildlife populations and recreation are central to who we are as a state.

Growth in the front range needs to be managed and planned for without taking valuable high country resources that are needed to support this major Colorado industry. Without these pristine areas, we lose all for which we have become known. The front range needs to evaluate what makes sense in terms of growth based on the the whole state. A fragmented approach to growth in our state will only destroy the best of what we have strived to create!

Sincerely,

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(Proud Colorado resident since 1986!!)

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