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Whitney Creek Comments

Dear USFS -

As someone who has backpacked throughout the Holy Cross Wilderness, including the length of Homestake Creek, I am opposed to the proposal for Geotech work for a new dam. While the Geotech work is not especially damaging, it will affect Lynx and their prey, and is unnecessary except as a precursor to a new dam, which would have significant environmental damage. The environmental damage from the collection system for the existing Homestake Reservoir is still evident to an untrained eye. No more. Aurora and Colorado Springs have other options to meet future water needs, including rotational fallowing leasing of senior agricultural rights on the East Slope.

The Forest Service should reject the application.

Sincerely,

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