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COLORADO****Cazier - DNR, Tim** <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

Permit #P2013002

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Ahcraig <ahcraig@aol.com>
To: tim.cazier@state.co.us

Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 9:16 AM

Dear Mr. Cazier:

I am writing to oppose granting of a permit to Zephyr Minerals to expand gold mining exploration in the Grape Creek proposed Wilderness, an area of Critical Environmental Concern proposed for wilderness in the Protecting America's Wilderness Act.

The Grape Creek watershed and contiguous lands are some of the most intact wild and scenic public lands in the region, and provide habitat and range to numerous wildlife species, as well as providing a number of backcountry recreational opportunities for residents and tourists. Such development is antithetical to the concept of wilderness and will cause irreparable damage. In this desert climate, it is vital to protect our watersheds from poisons involved in gold mining.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Ann Craig
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