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this is a bad proposal that would have detrimental effects on the incredible public lands at Grape Creek.

If approved, this would allow for gold mining exploration, with drill holes, helicopter landing pads, helicopter transport, building pipes, and piping water out of Grape Creek within the proposed Wilderness and Wilderness Study Area!

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.

This proposal is also within BLM's Grape Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), which is currently managed and protected as a corridor of significant naturalness character with unique high desert riparian resources, scenic and visual qualities, flora, and fauna values, including Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep and peregrine falcon nesting areas.

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