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Tim and Whom this concerns :

I'm writing in response to the proposed drilling and gold mine on Grape Creek Wilderness area southwest of Canon City near the town of Westcliff Colorado. My wife and I moved to Howard Co. 5 years ago from the western slope in Colorado where we had land with irrigation rights . As you may well know in the west whisky is for drinking water is for fighting . Moving to the western slope from the front range Denver area where my wife and I were both born , we're some of the rare native Coloradoans , had no idea about what we were getting ourselves into with water rights . Little did we know we moved right into the middle of the Hatfield's and the McCoy's. The person we bought the house from subdivided his property and thought the waste water from his orchard was plentiful enough to satisfy our needs for our 60 apple trees ,it was not , the fight was on ,in order for us water our trees we literally had to scratch in small waterways with a hoe just to keep the trees from dying . After 15 years of this nonsense the home owner finally sold us 1 share for the highest amount ever paid for in Delta county a price tag of \$30,000.00. So in this long story I can't imagine how a new Mining Company can move in and demand water rights from a Creek that runs down through irrigated pasture lands with I'm sure has every drop accounted for with families senior water rights going back clear to 1800's . This is only one gigantic issue we see with a gold mine up in a wilderness area , we also see roads and traffic and 18 wheelers and dump trucks and spillage and concrete and noise and dust pollution . Needless to say My wife and I are in strong opposition with a proposed Gold Mine anywhere near Grape Creek . So No Gold Mine !

Thank You Greg and Margauex Hakes

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