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Jim Ruby, Executive Secretary
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DEAR EQC MEMBERS,

I UNDERSTAND THAT ON JULY 8TH ^{THE COMMITTEE} WILL BE CONVENING TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF THE PETITION FOR DESIGNATING THE SAND CREEK DRAINAGE AS VERY RARE OR UNCOMMON. I AGREE WITH ERIC MOLVAR REGARDING THE MERITS OF THIS PETITION AND HOPE THE EQC WILL ALSO AGREE. I HAVE BEEN VISITING SAND CREEK MY WHOLE LIFE. SAND CREEK HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN MY FAMILY'S HISTORY WITH GRANDPARENTS + GREAT GRANDPARENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FAMILY ENJOYING THE SHADE OF THE MASSIVE OAKS, THE COOL AIR FOUNTAINS ALONG THE STREAM AND OF COURSE ENJOYING THE INCREDIBLE FISHING THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THOSE CANYON WALLS. SAND CREEK IS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE AND DESERVES TO BE PROTECTED FROM THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS CREATED BY THE PROPOSED MINING PLAN UPSTREAM. I HOPE THE EQC WILL PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE SAND CREEK AREA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS TO ENJOY.

SINCERELY,

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