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Ms. Kara Lamb
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Eastern Colorado Area Office
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Dear Ms. Lamb,

My name is Sid Craddock, I am a seventy-year-old native of Pueblo, Colorado. I was educated in Pueblo and was employed by the C.F.I. Steel Corporation for forty-four years. Pueblo is still my home and the home of my children, grandchildren, and many friends and relatives.

I am writing to express my thoughts and concerns on the proposed Southern Delivery System (SDS) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

After studying the seven alternatives, I feel that the only one that makes sense, for several reasons, is routing the pipeline from downstream of the confluence of the Arkansas River and Fountain Creek to the Jimmy Camp Reservoir.

This alternative will give Colorado Springs 68,400 acre-feet of water per year; a net gain of 26,000 acre-feet more than the proposed action of tapping in at the Lake Pueblo Dam.

To follow this route will cost $35,770 per acre-foot over the next forty years; a gain of $5,126 per acre-foot for the same period of time.

More water, less cost!

More importantly, to the people living in Pueblo and the Arkansas Valley, this alternative will ensure that Colorado Springs will pay very close attention to the quality and quantity of the water that is sent down Fountain Creek. Colorado Springs will have to clean and use the return flows.

The alternative will not change the flows of the Arkansas River through the city of Pueblo whereas the "proposed action" will reduce the river flows. Pueblo will not be dependant on Colorado Springs to provide minimum flows.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions in this mater. Working together we can keep Colorado's water plentiful and safe for many generations to come.

Sincerely,

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