

## **Stream: Cebolla Creek (Lower Segment)**

### **Executive Summary**

Water Division: 4

Water District: 62

CDOW#: 38895

CWCB ID: 10/4/A-007

**Segment:** Confluence of Spring Creek to the Powderhorn USGS Gage

**Upper Terminus:** CONFLUENCE WITH SPRING CREEK

(Latitude 38° 05' 46.88"N) (Longitude 107° 02' 7.72"W)

UTM North: 4218462.52 UTM East: 321515.50

**Lower Terminus:** POWDERHORN USGS GAGE (STATION ID 9121800)

(Latitude 38° 13' 38.98"N) (Longitude 107° 04' 24.21"W)

**Watershed:** Upper Gunnison (HUC#: 14020002)

**Counties:** Hinsdale, Gunnison

**Length:** 10.8 miles

**USGS Quad(s):** Mineral Mountain, Rudolph Hill

**Flow Recommendation:** 26.0 cfs (April 1 – September 30)  
22.0 cfs (October 1 – November 15)  
13.5 cfs (November 16 – March 31)



## **Staff Analysis and Recommendation**

### **Summary**

The information contained in this report and the associated instream flow file folder forms the basis for staff's instream flow recommendation to be considered by the Board. It is staff's opinion that the information contained in this report is sufficient to support the findings required in Rule 5.40.

Colorado's Instream Flow Program was created in 1973 when the Colorado State Legislature recognized "the need to correlate the activities of mankind with some reasonable preservation of the natural environment" (see 37-92-102 (3) C.R.S.). The statute vests the CWCB with the exclusive authority to appropriate and acquire instream flow and natural lake level water rights. In order to encourage other entities to participate in Colorado's Instream Flow Program, the statute directs the CWCB to request instream flow recommendations from other state and federal agencies. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recommended this segment of Cebolla Creek to the CWCB for inclusion into the Instream Flow Program. Cebolla Creek is being considered for inclusion into the Instream Flow Program because it has a natural environment that can be preserved to a reasonable degree with an instream flow water right.

Cebolla Creek is approximately 44.0 miles long and begins at an elevation of approximately 10,400 feet and terminates at the confluence with Willow Creek at an elevation of approximately 7,520 feet. Of the 10.8 mile segment addressed by this report, approximately 30% of the segment is located on federal lands. Cebolla Creek is located within Hinsdale & Gunnison Counties and generally flows in a northerly direction.

The subject of this report is a segment of the Cebolla Creek beginning at the confluence of Spring Creek and extending downstream to the Powderhorn USGS Gage. The proposed segment is located approximately 15.5 miles east of Lake City. Staff has received only one recommendation for this segment, from the BLM. The recommendation for this segment is discussed below.

### **Instream Flow Recommendation**

The BLM is recommending 26.0 cfs (April 1 – September 30), 22.0 cfs (October 1 – November 15) and 13.5 cfs (November 16 – March 31) based on their data collection efforts and staff's water availability analyses.

### **Land Status Review**

Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Total Length (miles)	Land Ownership	
			% Private	% Public
Confluence w/ Spring Creek	Powderhorn USGS Gage	10.8	60%	40%

25% of the public lands are within a state wildlife area and are managed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the remaining 75% are managed by the BLM.

## Biological Data

This segment of Cebolla Creek is a moderate to high gradient stream, with large substrate size. Boulders ranging from one to three feet in diameter in the stream channel are common. Throughout much of the reach, the creek is confined to a narrow canyon. The riparian community is in good condition, but is occasionally impacted by the close proximity of the county road in the canyon. The riparian community is similar to the upper reach, but the willow component of the community is less prominent. The combination of large woody debris and frequent large boulders in the creek channel provide good pool habitat for velocity cover and overwintering. In this reach, riffle habitat appears to be more limited, but it does not appear to be affecting the success of the fish population. Fishery surveys indicate that the creek supports a self-sustaining population of brown trout. The survey revealed a variety of age classes and individual specimens up to 14 inches in length. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has implemented trout habitat improvement projects within this reach.

## Field Survey Data

BLM staff used the R2Cross methodology to quantify the amount of water required to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. The R2Cross method requires that stream discharge and channel profile data be collected in a riffle stream habitat type. Riffles are most easily visualized, as the stream habitat types that would dry up first should streamflow cease. This type of hydraulic data collection consists of setting up a transect, surveying the stream channel geometry, and measuring the stream discharge.

## Biological Flow Recommendation

The CWCB staff relied upon the biological expertise of the cooperating agencies to interpret output from the R2Cross data collected to develop the initial, biologic instream flow recommendation. This initial recommendation is designed to address the unique biologic requirements of each stream without regard to water availability. Three instream flow hydraulic parameters, average depth, percent wetted perimeter, and average velocity are used to develop biologic instream flow recommendations. The CDOW has determined that maintaining these three hydraulic parameters at adequate levels across riffle habitat types, aquatic habitat in pools and runs will also be maintained for most life stages of fish and aquatic invertebrates (Nehring 1979; Espegren 1996).

For this segment of stream, three data sets were collected with the results shown in Table 1 below. Table 1 shows who collected the data (Party), the date the data was collected (Date), the measured discharge at the time of the survey (Q), the accuracy range of the predicted flows based on Manning's Equation (240% and 40% of Q), the summer flow recommendation based on meeting 3 of 3 hydraulic criteria and the winter flow recommendation based upon 2 of 3 hydraulic criteria. It is believed that recommendations that fall outside of the accuracy range of the model, over 250% of the measured discharge or under 40% of the measured discharge may not give an accurate estimate of the necessary instream flow required.

Table 1: Data

Party	Date	Q	250%-40%	Summer (3/3)	Winter (2/3)
BLM	10/8/2008	39.80	99.5 – 15.9	31.73	Out of range
BLM	10/8/2008	41.85	104.6 – 16.7	28.72	Out of range

BLM	10/8/2008	35.10	87.8 – 14.0	17.10	14.13
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The summer flow recommendation, which met 3 of 3 criteria and is within the accuracy range of the R2CROSS model is 26.0 cfs. The summer flow recommendation was derived by averaging the results of the data sets. The shoulder period from October 1 – November 15 was lowered from 26.0 cfs to 22.0 cfs because of water availability constraints. The winter flow amount, which meets 2 of 3 criteria, is 14.1 cfs but the recommend amount has been lowered to 13.5 cfs due to water availability constraints.

## Hydrologic Data and Analysis

After receiving the cooperating agency’s biologic recommendation, the CWCB staff conducted an evaluation of the stream hydrology to determine if water was physically available for an instream flow appropriation. This evaluation was done through a computation that is, in essence, a “water balance”. In concept a “water balance” computation can be viewed as an accounting exercise. When done in its most rigorous form, the water balance parses precipitation into all the avenues water pursues after it is deposited as rain, snow, or ice. In other words, given a specified amount of water deposition (input), the balance tries to account for all water depletions (losses) until a selected end point is reached. Water losses include depletions due to evaporation and transpiration, deliveries into ground water storage, temporary surface storage, incorporations into plant and animal tissue and so forth. These losses are individually or collectively subtracted from the input to reveal the net amount of stream runoff as represented by the discharge measured by stream gages. Of course, the measured stream flow need not be the end point of interest; indeed, when looking at issues of water use to extinction stream flow measurements may only describe intermediate steps in the complex accounting process that is a water balance carried out to a net value of zero.

In its analysis, CWCB staff has attempted to use this idea of balancing inputs and losses to determine if water is available for the recommended Instream Flow Appropriation. Of course, this analysis must be a practical exercise rather than a lengthy, and costly, scientific investigation. As a result, staff has simplified the process by lumping together some variables and employing certain rational and scientifically supportable assumptions. The process may be described through the following description of the steps used to complete the evaluation for this particular stream.

The first step required in determining water availability is a determination of the hydrologic regime at the Lower Terminus (LT) of the recommended ISF reach. In the best case this means looking at the data from a gage at the LT. Further, this data, in the best case, has been collected for a long period of time (the longer the better) including wet and dry periods. In the case of **Cebolla Cr – Lower** no such gage is available at the LT; although flows have been gaged on Cebolla Creek. A gage was located in the upstream reaches (Cebolla Cr. nr Lake City) and two were in very downstream positions (Cebolla Cr. near Powderhorn and Cebolla Cr. at Powderhorn). However, the data from these gages is of limited value being both old and a short Period of Record (POR). While the use of some of this data might be possible, it made sense to examine nearby drainages for gages with better data records that could serve as “representative” gage stations.

COCHETOPA CR. BELOW ROCK CR. NEAR PARLIN, CO (USGS 09118450) was selected as the “representative” gage for the flow regime of Cebolla Creek – Lower at LT. This gage has a longer and more current data record than the Cebolla Cr. gages and Cochetopa Creek is near and morphologically similar to Cebolla Cr. Specifically, the Cochetopa gage has a 28 year POR collected between 1981 and 2009. The gage is at an elevation of 8,470 ft above mean sea level (amsl) and has a drainage area of 334 mi<sup>2</sup>. While the hydrograph (plot of discharge over time) produced from this gage includes the consumptive use of several upstream diversions, the diversions are not a major limitation upon the use of the data from the gage. To make the measured data transferable to Cebolla Creek above the LT, the consumptive portions of diversions were added back to the measured hydrograph. The “adjusted” hydrograph that resulted could be used on Cebolla Creek - Lower above the LT by multiplying the “adjusted” gage discharge values by an area ratio; specifically, the area of Cebolla Creek – Lower above the LT (224.7 mi<sup>2</sup>) to Cochetopa Cr. below Rock Cr. nr Parlin, CO (334 mi<sup>2</sup>). The resulting proportioned hydrograph was itself “adjusted” to reflect the consumptive irrigation depletions (decreased) and transbasin diversions into (increased) Cebolla Creek upstream of the LT. The final hydrograph thus represents a distribution of flow over time that has been reduced (and increased) to reflect existing human uses.

{The Following discussion is based upon the US Geological Survey’s *Techniques of Water-Resources Investigations Series, Book 4: Hydrologic Analysis and Interpretation, Chapter A3: Statistical Methods in Water Resources* (Chapter 3: Describing Uncertainty) by D.R. Helsel and R. M. Hirsch. This technical reference provides the scientific background and guidance important to the systematic interpretation of hydrologic data. The document is available online and is a valuable aid to understanding and interpreting the analyses described here.}

The next step in producing a representation of the discharge at Cebolla Creek – Lower above the LT was to compute the Geometric Mean of the area-prorated data values from the Cochetopa Creek near Parlin, CO Hydrograph. This step is of value because of the inherent statistical weaknesses found in any collection of data intended to measure natural stream discharge. Without getting into the details of statistical theory, it is worth noting that a set of discharge measurements is inherently inaccurate, no matter how well collected, due to the difficulties attendant to data collection, especially hydrologic data. In this particular case, the short period of record lends even greater merit to the use of this statistical tool. To give deference to this fact and to increase the value of the hydrograph product of this analysis, the Geometric Means of the data were computed and plotted along with the 95% Confidence Intervals about the data. The resultant hydrograph, including recommended Instream Flow values, is displayed in Figure 1 with the data displayed in Table 2.

Figure 1

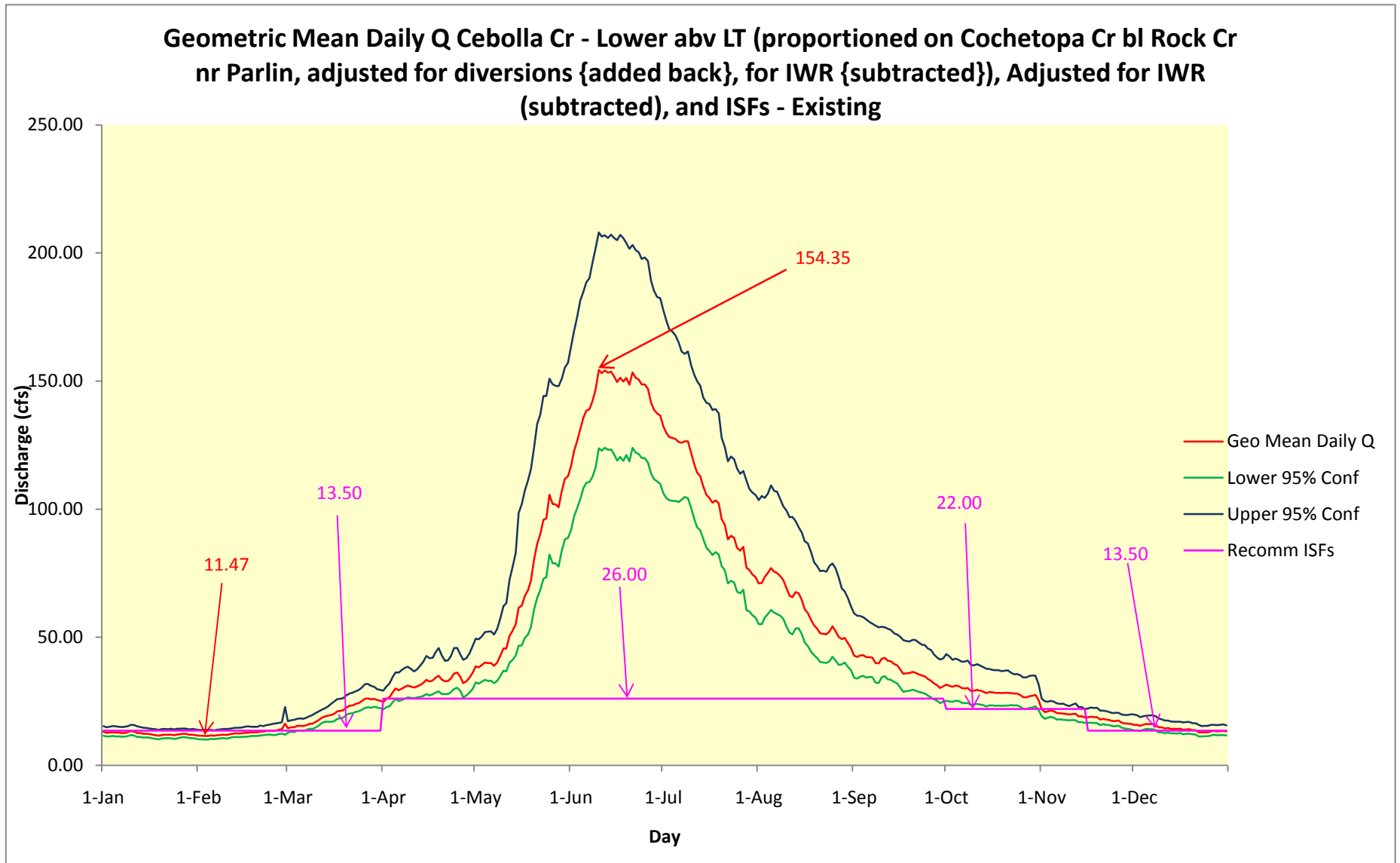


Table 2. Geometric Mean Discharge and Recommended Instream Flows			
Date	Existing ISF	Recommended ISF	Proportioned Adjusted GM (abv gage) Adj (-) for Irr & (+) IntoB in Cebolla Cr – Lower abv LT
1-Jan		13.50	13.05
2-Jan		13.50	12.68
3-Jan		13.50	12.73
4-Jan		13.50	12.92
5-Jan		13.50	12.82
6-Jan		13.50	12.75
7-Jan		13.50	12.62
8-Jan		13.50	12.63
9-Jan		13.50	12.94
10-Jan		13.50	13.36
11-Jan		13.50	13.15
12-Jan		13.50	12.63
13-Jan		13.50	12.58
14-Jan		13.50	12.28
15-Jan		13.50	12.28
16-Jan		13.50	12.19
17-Jan		13.50	11.91
18-Jan		13.50	11.75
19-Jan		13.50	11.55
20-Jan		13.50	11.88
21-Jan		13.50	11.95
22-Jan		13.50	11.96
23-Jan		13.50	11.94
24-Jan		13.50	11.73
25-Jan		13.50	11.98
26-Jan		13.50	12.14
27-Jan		13.50	12.34
28-Jan		13.50	12.19
29-Jan		13.50	11.92
30-Jan		13.50	11.97
31-Jan		13.50	11.76
1-Feb		13.50	11.54
2-Feb		13.50	11.56
3-Feb		13.50	11.49
4-Feb		13.50	11.47
5-Feb		13.50	11.66
6-Feb		13.50	11.54
7-Feb		13.50	11.73
8-Feb		13.50	11.84
9-Feb		13.50	11.97
10-Feb		13.50	11.87
11-Feb		13.50	12.12
12-Feb		13.50	12.35
13-Feb		13.50	12.45

14-Feb	13.50	12.38
15-Feb	13.50	12.53
16-Feb	13.50	12.68
17-Feb	13.50	12.70
18-Feb	13.50	12.85
19-Feb	13.50	12.88
20-Feb	13.50	12.88
21-Feb	13.50	13.20
22-Feb	13.50	13.15
23-Feb	13.50	13.41
24-Feb	13.50	13.52
25-Feb	13.50	13.46
26-Feb	13.50	13.57
27-Feb	13.50	13.89
28-Feb	13.50	14.09
29-Feb	13.50	16.23
1-Mar	13.50	14.47
2-Mar	13.50	14.87
3-Mar	13.50	14.85
4-Mar	13.50	15.37
5-Mar	13.50	15.44
6-Mar	13.50	15.29
7-Mar	13.50	15.71
8-Mar	13.50	16.16
9-Mar	13.50	16.30
10-Mar	13.50	16.91
11-Mar	13.50	17.65
12-Mar	13.50	18.63
13-Mar	13.50	19.11
14-Mar	13.50	19.32
15-Mar	13.50	19.66
16-Mar	13.50	20.08
17-Mar	13.50	21.07
18-Mar	13.50	21.21
19-Mar	13.50	21.54
20-Mar	13.50	22.68
21-Mar	13.50	23.22
22-Mar	13.50	23.42
23-Mar	13.50	23.93
24-Mar	13.50	24.25
25-Mar	13.50	25.06
26-Mar	13.50	25.96
27-Mar	13.50	26.14
28-Mar	13.50	25.77
29-Mar	13.50	25.98
30-Mar	13.50	25.46
31-Mar	13.50	25.18
1-Apr	26.00	24.73
2-Apr	26.00	25.92



3-Apr	26.00	26.57
4-Apr	26.00	28.46
5-Apr	26.00	29.99
6-Apr	26.00	29.33
7-Apr	26.00	29.92
8-Apr	26.00	30.62
9-Apr	26.00	31.11
10-Apr	26.00	30.70
11-Apr	26.00	30.33
12-Apr	26.00	30.85
13-Apr	26.00	31.44
14-Apr	26.00	32.14
15-Apr	26.00	33.38
16-Apr	26.00	32.73
17-Apr	26.00	33.05
18-Apr	26.00	34.19
19-Apr	26.00	35.00
20-Apr	26.00	33.45
21-Apr	26.00	32.83
22-Apr	26.00	32.89
23-Apr	26.00	33.95
24-Apr	26.00	35.79
25-Apr	26.00	36.15
26-Apr	26.00	34.54
27-Apr	26.00	32.03
28-Apr	26.00	32.81
29-Apr	26.00	34.21
30-Apr	26.00	36.10
1-May	26.00	38.65
2-May	26.00	38.24
3-May	26.00	39.13
4-May	26.00	40.18
5-May	26.00	39.86
6-May	26.00	39.99
7-May	26.00	38.83
8-May	26.00	40.15
9-May	26.00	42.77
10-May	26.00	45.64
11-May	26.00	45.65
12-May	26.00	50.50
13-May	26.00	52.59
14-May	26.00	55.14
15-May	26.00	61.54
16-May	26.00	62.39
17-May	26.00	66.19
18-May	26.00	68.38
19-May	26.00	72.02
20-May	26.00	80.31
21-May	26.00	86.41

22-May	26.00	90.27
23-May	26.00	95.79
24-May	26.00	96.37
25-May	26.00	105.66
26-May	26.00	102.05
27-May	26.00	101.84
28-May	26.00	100.71
29-May	26.00	106.95
30-May	26.00	111.81
31-May	26.00	112.88
1-Jun	26.00	116.89
2-Jun	26.00	122.66
3-Jun	26.00	126.61
4-Jun	26.00	131.19
5-Jun	26.00	135.69
6-Jun	26.00	138.41
7-Jun	26.00	138.98
8-Jun	26.00	142.29
9-Jun	26.00	146.87
10-Jun	26.00	154.35
11-Jun	26.00	153.15
12-Jun	26.00	154.16
13-Jun	26.00	153.28
14-Jun	26.00	153.69
15-Jun	26.00	151.91
16-Jun	26.00	149.64
17-Jun	26.00	151.34
18-Jun	26.00	149.80
19-Jun	26.00	151.27
20-Jun	26.00	148.59
21-Jun	26.00	153.35
22-Jun	26.00	151.29
23-Jun	26.00	150.54
24-Jun	26.00	148.66
25-Jun	26.00	148.73
26-Jun	26.00	147.03
27-Jun	26.00	141.51
28-Jun	26.00	138.79
29-Jun	26.00	137.41
30-Jun	26.00	136.51
1-Jul	26.00	132.35
2-Jul	26.00	129.71
3-Jul	26.00	128.10
4-Jul	26.00	127.84
5-Jul	26.00	127.30
6-Jul	26.00	126.18
7-Jul	26.00	125.97
8-Jul	26.00	126.52
9-Jul	26.00	126.49

10-Jul	26.00	122.04
11-Jul	26.00	117.67
12-Jul	26.00	114.27
13-Jul	26.00	112.87
14-Jul	26.00	108.83
15-Jul	26.00	105.55
16-Jul	26.00	104.39
17-Jul	26.00	102.50
18-Jul	26.00	103.48
19-Jul	26.00	102.27
20-Jul	26.00	96.10
21-Jul	26.00	93.90
22-Jul	26.00	88.25
23-Jul	26.00	89.61
24-Jul	26.00	88.74
25-Jul	26.00	84.91
26-Jul	26.00	83.81
27-Jul	26.00	85.27
28-Jul	26.00	77.11
29-Jul	26.00	76.23
30-Jul	26.00	74.51
31-Jul	26.00	73.45
1-Aug	26.00	70.98
2-Aug	26.00	71.22
3-Aug	26.00	73.56
4-Aug	26.00	75.13
5-Aug	26.00	77.02
6-Aug	26.00	75.61
7-Aug	26.00	75.01
8-Aug	26.00	73.91
9-Aug	26.00	72.32
10-Aug	26.00	69.24
11-Aug	26.00	66.25
12-Aug	26.00	65.65
13-Aug	26.00	67.64
14-Aug	26.00	67.12
15-Aug	26.00	64.54
16-Aug	26.00	60.94
17-Aug	26.00	59.43
18-Aug	26.00	56.83
19-Aug	26.00	54.68
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21-Aug	26.00	51.52
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23-Aug	26.00	51.19
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26-Aug	26.00	52.39
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31-Aug	26.00	45.76
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2-Sep	26.00	42.30
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4-Sep	26.00	42.97
5-Sep	26.00	42.20
6-Sep	26.00	42.21
7-Sep	26.00	42.02
8-Sep	26.00	39.96
9-Sep	26.00	39.74
10-Sep	26.00	41.65
11-Sep	26.00	41.94
12-Sep	26.00	40.84
13-Sep	26.00	40.60
14-Sep	26.00	39.59
15-Sep	26.00	39.04
16-Sep	26.00	37.54
17-Sep	26.00	35.70
18-Sep	26.00	35.87
19-Sep	26.00	35.98
20-Sep	26.00	36.48
21-Sep	26.00	36.13
22-Sep	26.00	35.52
23-Sep	26.00	35.06
24-Sep	26.00	34.70
25-Sep	26.00	33.76
26-Sep	26.00	33.04
27-Sep	26.00	31.97
28-Sep	26.00	31.19
29-Sep	26.00	30.21
30-Sep	26.00	30.82
1-Oct	22.00	31.49
2-Oct	22.00	31.04
3-Oct	22.00	30.65
4-Oct	22.00	31.13
5-Oct	22.00	30.94
6-Oct	22.00	30.17
7-Oct	22.00	30.01
8-Oct	22.00	30.16
9-Oct	22.00	29.05
10-Oct	22.00	29.18
11-Oct	22.00	29.47
12-Oct	22.00	29.10
13-Oct	22.00	28.81
14-Oct	22.00	28.21
15-Oct	22.00	28.56

16-Oct	22.00	28.45
17-Oct	22.00	28.32
18-Oct	22.00	28.34
19-Oct	22.00	28.17
20-Oct	22.00	28.30
21-Oct	22.00	28.33
22-Oct	22.00	28.24
23-Oct	22.00	27.99
24-Oct	22.00	28.01
25-Oct	22.00	27.49
26-Oct	22.00	26.62
27-Oct	22.00	26.51
28-Oct	22.00	27.00
29-Oct	22.00	27.16
30-Oct	22.00	27.51
31-Oct	22.00	25.47
1-Nov	22.00	21.89
2-Nov	22.00	20.81
3-Nov	22.00	21.07
4-Nov	22.00	21.42
5-Nov	22.00	21.03
6-Nov	22.00	20.36
7-Nov	22.00	20.32
8-Nov	22.00	20.26
9-Nov	22.00	20.02
10-Nov	22.00	19.83
11-Nov	22.00	20.06
12-Nov	22.00	20.13
13-Nov	22.00	19.12
14-Nov	22.00	19.21
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16-Nov	13.50	18.73
17-Nov	13.50	18.94
18-Nov	13.50	18.81
19-Nov	13.50	18.80
20-Nov	13.50	17.88
21-Nov	13.50	18.16
22-Nov	13.50	17.85
23-Nov	13.50	17.70
24-Nov	13.50	17.34
25-Nov	13.50	17.26
26-Nov	13.50	17.47
27-Nov	13.50	16.65
28-Nov	13.50	16.37
29-Nov	13.50	16.23
30-Nov	13.50	16.18
1-Dec	13.50	15.81
2-Dec	13.50	15.79
3-Dec	13.50	15.42

4-Dec	13.50	15.87
5-Dec	13.50	16.16
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7-Dec	13.50	16.19
8-Dec	13.50	15.75
9-Dec	13.50	14.85
10-Dec	13.50	14.81
11-Dec	13.50	14.36
12-Dec	13.50	14.55
13-Dec	13.50	14.23
14-Dec	13.50	14.24
15-Dec	13.50	14.18
16-Dec	13.50	14.31
17-Dec	13.50	13.83
18-Dec	13.50	14.01
19-Dec	13.50	14.07
20-Dec	13.50	13.76
21-Dec	13.50	13.71
22-Dec	13.50	12.91
23-Dec	13.50	12.86
24-Dec	13.50	12.88
25-Dec	13.50	12.91
26-Dec	13.50	13.25
27-Dec	13.50	13.45
28-Dec	13.50	13.25
29-Dec	13.50	13.33
30-Dec	13.50	13.44
31-Dec	13.50	13.21

## Existing Water Right Information

Staff has analyzed the water rights tabulation and contacted the Division Engineer Office (DEO) to identify any potential water availability problems. There are sixteen decreed surface diversions within this reach of stream: Cebolla Creek Ditch (4.0 cfs, 1958 appropriation), Warrant Ditch (9.0 cfs, 1904 appropriation), O R Bowers No. 1 Ditch (5.0 cfs, 1902 appropriation), Fish Creek Ditch (1.57 cfs, 1896 appropriation), Youmans No. 1 Ditch (4.0 cfs, 1923 appropriation), Cebolla Creek Ditch (1.57 cfs, 1896 appropriation), Youmans No. 3 Ditch (8.0 cfs, 1930 appropriation), Youmans No. 4 Ditch (14.0 cfs, 1900/1904/1920/1947 appropriation), Lower Meadow Channel (15.0 cfs, 1996 appropriation), W S Thompson Ditch (3.5 cfs, 1935 appropriation), Ferris Ditch (3.0 cfs, 1936/1964 appropriation), East Ditch (4.0 cfs, 1890 appropriation), Hopfer Ditch (2.5 cfs, 1897 appropriation), West Ditch (6.0 cfs, 1891 appropriation), Johnson West Side Ditch (2.50 cfs, 1897 appropriation), East Dempsey Ditch (1.0 cfs, 1972 appropriation), and Cobb-Cebolla Creek Ditch (10.0 cfs, 1896 appropriation). Staff has determined that water is available for appropriation on Cebolla Creek, between the confluence with Spring Creek and the Powerhorn USGS gage, to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree without limiting or foreclosing the exercise of valid existing water rights.

### **CWCB Staff's Instream Flow Recommendation**

Staff recommends the Board form its intent to appropriate on the following stream reach:

#### **Segment:** Confluence of Spring Creek to the Powderhorn USGS Gage

##### **Upper Terminus:** CONFLUENCE WITH SPRING CREEK

(Latitude 38° 05' 46.88"N) (Longitude 107° 02' 7.72"W)

UTM North: 4218462.52 UTM East: 321515.50

NE NE S1 T44N R2W NMPM

350' West of the East Section Line; 1100' South of the North Section Line

##### **Lower Terminus:** POWDERHORN USGS GAGE (STATION ID 9121800)

(Latitude 38° 13' 38.98"N) (Longitude 107° 04' 24.21"W)

UTM North: 4233088.82 UTM East: 318516.08

SW NW S23 T46N R2W NMPM

250' East of the West Section Line; 2050' South of the North Section Line

**Watershed:** Upper Gunnison (HUC#: 14020002)

**Counties:** Hinsdale, Gunnison

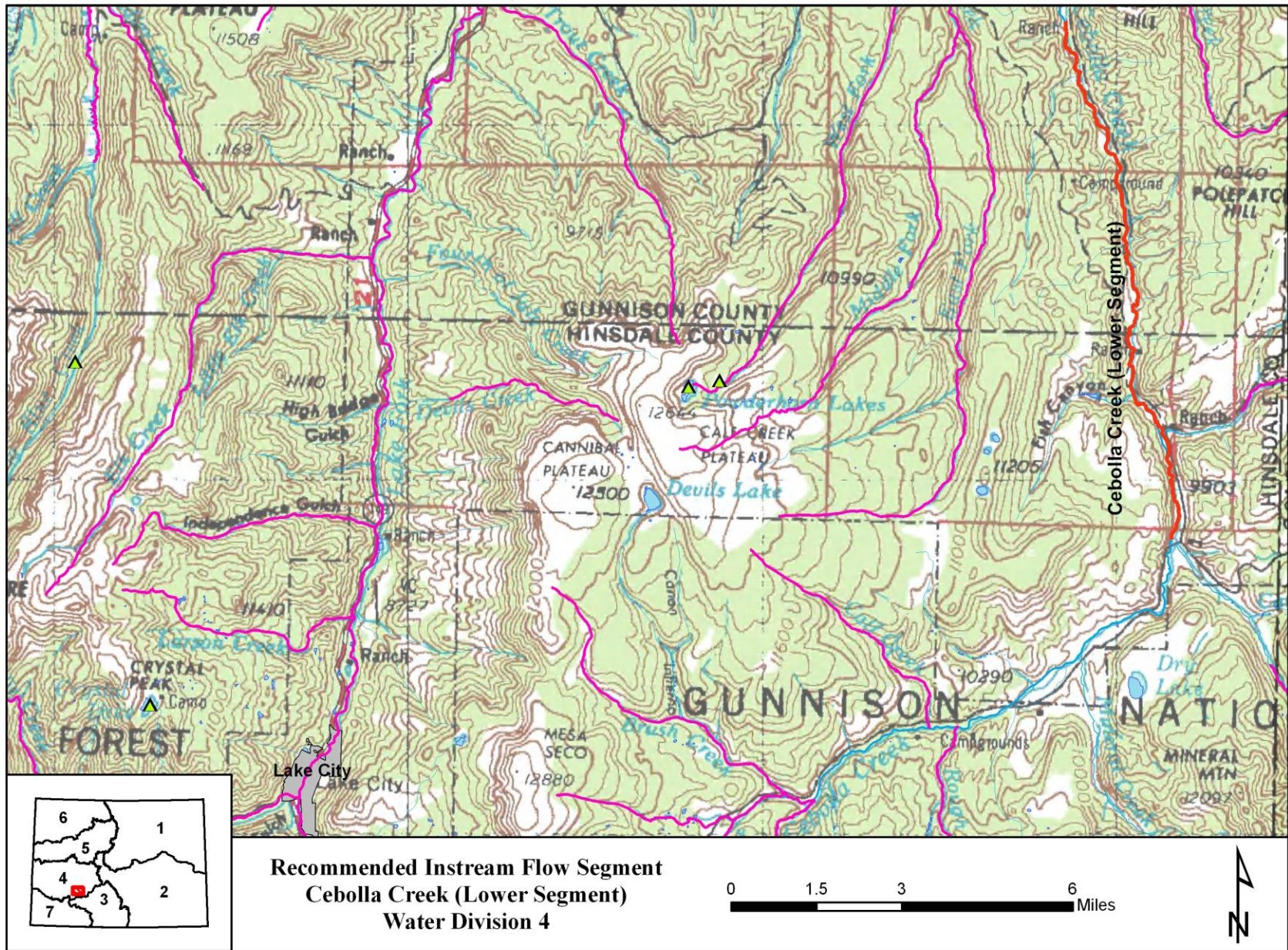
**Length:** 10.8 miles

**USGS Quad(s):** Mineral Mountain, Rudolph Hill

**Flow Recommendation:** 26.0 cfs (April 1 – September 30)  
22.0 cfs (October 1 – November 15)  
13.5 cfs (November 16 – March 31)

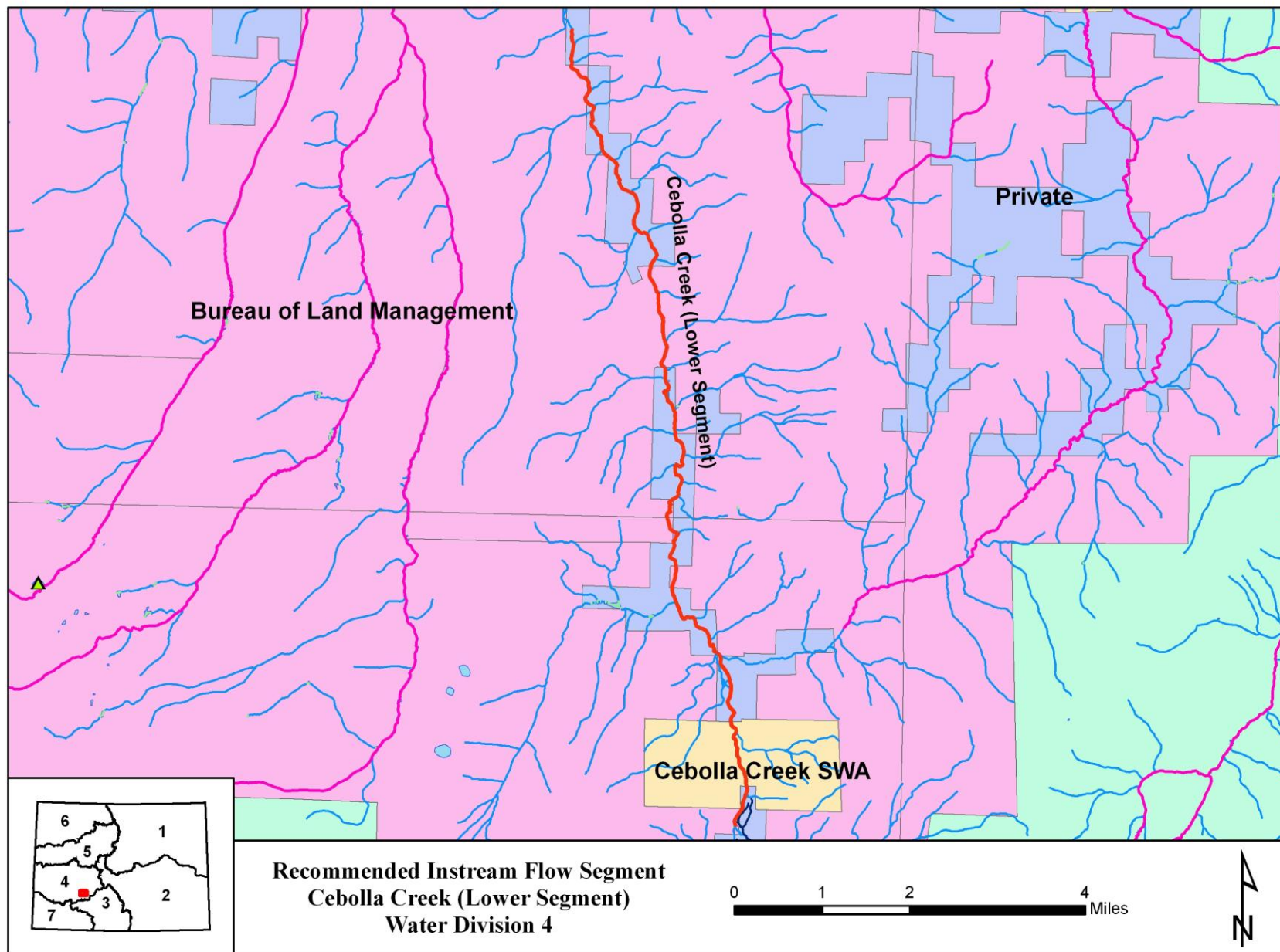


## Vicinity Map





# Land Use Map





# Topographic and Water Rights Map

