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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 21, March 18-19, 2014, Board Meeting**
Stream and Lake Protection Section – Instream Flow Appropriation
Recommendations for January 2015

Introduction and Staff Recommendation

Pursuant to Rule 5c. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program ("ISF Rules"), Staff is providing notice that the following 43 stream segments have been recommended for instream flow ("ISF") appropriations in 2015. At the January 2015 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on these streams.

Please note that the list below includes 23 new recommendations (identified with an *) and 20 recommendations that were received in previous years. Staff has not yet moved the older recommendations forward due to the need for additional scientific data and/or ongoing attempts to address stakeholder issues. In 2015, Staff will recommend that the Board move forward on the recommendations for which Staff is able to reasonably address all outstanding issues. Staff is currently working with the recommending entities to prioritize this list of recommendations.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Division	Stream Name	County(ies)	Recommender(s)
1	Coal Creek (Boulder County Open Space Boundary to Louisville Wastewater Treatment outfall)	Boulder	City of Louisville & CPW
1	Coal Creek (Louisville Wastewater Treatment outfall to Lafayette pumping station #2)	Boulder	City of Louisville & CPW
1	North Clear Creek (Confl. Chase Gulch to Confl. Wastewater Treatment Plant)	Gilpin	CPW & CDPHE
1	North Clear Creek (Confl. Wastewater Treatment Plant to Confl. Clear Creek)	Gilpin	CPW & CDPHE
1	* Boxelder Creek	Larimer	CPW & Larimer

	<i>(Confl. South & North Boxelder Creeks to Confl. Slab Canyon Wash)</i>		County Open Lands
1	Graves Creek <i>(Colorado – Wyoming Border to South Line S27 T12N R68W)</i>	Larimer	City of Fort Collins & CPW
1	* Sand Creek <i>(Colorado – Wyoming Border to Confl. Boxelder Creek)</i>	Larimer	CPW & Larimer County Open Lands
1	* Sand Creek <i>(Headwaters to Inlet Mountain Supply Reservoir # 1)</i>	Larimer	CPW & Larimer County Open Lands
1	Spottlewood Creek #1 <i>(NW S29 T12N R68W to Road at NW S33 T12N R68W)</i>	Larimer	City of Fort Collins & CPW
1	Spottlewood Creek #2 <i>(NW S34 T11N R68W to SW S34 T11N R68W)</i>	Larimer	City of Fort Collins & CPW
1	Lone Tree Creek <i>(NW S29 T12N R67W to SE S31 T12N R67W)</i>	Weld	City of Fort Collins & CPW
2	Beaver Creek <i>(Confl. East & West Beaver Creeks to Confl. Patton Canyon)</i>	Fremont	CPW
2	West Beaver Creek <i>(Confl. Douglas Gulch to Confl. East Beaver Creek)</i>	Fremont, Teller	CPW
2	Baker Creek <i>(headwaters to USFS Boundary)</i>	Huerfano	CPW
2	Bonnett Creek <i>(headwaters to USFS Boundary)</i>	Huerfano	CPW
2	Apishapa River <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Herlick Canyon Creek)</i>	Las Animas	CPW
2	Arkansas River <i>(Outlet of Fish Hatchery to Confl. Fountain Creek)</i>	Pueblo	CPW & City of Pueblo
4	* Alkali Creek <i>(Headwaters to Lone Starr Ditch Headgate)</i>	Delta	BLM
4	* Hubbard Creek <i>(USFS Boundary to Deer Trail Ditch Headgate)</i>	Delta	BLM
4	* Terror Creek <i>(Confl. East & West Terror Creeks to Fawcett Ditch Headgate)</i>	Delta	BLM
4	* Little Cimarron River (ISF Increase) <i>(Headwaters to Butte Ditch Headgate)</i>	Gunnison, Hinsdale	CPW
4	* Little Cimarron River <i>(Butte Ditch Headgate to Confl. Cimarron River)</i>	Gunnison, Montrose	CPW
4	* Schaefer Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Grouse Spring Creek)</i>	Gunnison	USFS
4	* Kelso Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Escalante Creek)</i>	Mesa	USFS
5	* Timber Springs Gulch <i>(Springs Complex to Groff Ditch Headgate)</i>	Eagle	BLM
5	Dry Fork Roan Creek <i>(Confl. North Dry Fork Creek & South Dry Fork Creek to Confl. Roan Creek)</i>	Garfield	BLM
6	* Brush Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. East Douglas Creek)</i>	Garfield, Rio Blanco	BLM
6	* East Douglas Creek (ISF Increase) <i>(Confl. Bear Park Creek to Confl. Brush Creek)</i>	Garfield, Rio Blanco	BLM
6	* East Douglas Creek (ISF Increase) <i>(Confl. Brush Creek to Confl. Cathedral Creek)</i>	Rio Blanco	BLM
6	Picance Creek	Rio Blanco	BLM & CPW

	<i>(Confl. Dry Fork to Confl. White River)</i>		
6	* Soldier Creek (ISF Increase) <i>(Confl. Right Fork & Middle Fork Soldier Creeks to Confl. Cathedral Creek)</i>	Rio Blanco	BLM
6	Yellow Creek <i>(Confl. Barcus Creek to Lambert Springs)</i>	Rio Blanco	BLM
6	Yellow Creek <i>(Confl. Lambert Springs to Confl. White River)</i>	Rio Blanco	BLM
6	* Armstrong Creek <i>(Lower Terminus of ISF Case # 06CW035 to Confl. Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* Big Canyon Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* Elkhead Creek <i>(Lower terminus of ISF Case # 06CW034 to the Confl. First Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* Hole-in-the-Wall Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* North Fork Elkhead Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Sawmill Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* North Fork Elkhead Creek <i>(Confl. Sawmill Creek to Confl. Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* Sawmill Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	* Stukey Creek <i>(Headwaters to Confl. Elkhead Creek)</i>	Routt	CPW
6	Willow Creek (ISF Increase) <i>(Outlet of Steamboat Lake to Confl. Beaver Creek)</i>	Routt	BLM
6	Willow Creek (ISF Increase) <i>(Confl. Beaver Creek to Confl. Lester Creek)</i>	Routt	BLM

CPW (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), BLM (Bureau of Land Management), CDPHE (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment), USFS (United States Forest Service)

The detailed recommendations and appendices for these streams will be posted on the CWCB website at:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2015ProposedISFAappropriations.aspx>