

## Colorado Water Conservation Board Department of Natural Resources

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Pursuant to ISF Rule 5c of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, this notice identifies the streams to be considered for instream flow appropriations in 2015. At the January 2015 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate instream flow water rights for the streams listed on the attached Instream Flow Appropriation List. The attached list contains a description of the Instream Flow (ISF) Recommendations including stream name, watershed, county, upper terminus, lower terminus, length, and USGS quad sheet name(s).

Please note that the attached list includes 23 new recommendations (indentified with an\*) that were received in January 2014 and 20 recommendations that were received in previous years. The older recommendations did not move forward in previous years due to the need for additional scientific data and/or ongoing attempts to address stakeholder issues.

Copies of the Instream Flow Recommendations and Appendices of data submitted into the Official CWCB Record are available for review by the public during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) at the Colorado Water Conservation Board's Office, located at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 723, Denver, Colorado, 80203. In addition to the CWCB office, copies of the Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Recommendations are available online at:

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

In addition to the above Instream Flow Recommendations and Appendices, staff may rely on any additional data, exhibits, testimony, or other information submitted by any party as part of the Official CWCB Record to support its Instream Flow Recommendations.

It should also be noted that, pursuant to the **ISF Rules**:

5d. (3)

(a) The Board may change flow amounts of contested ISF appropriations based on information received during the public notice and comment period.

- (b) Staff will maintain, pursuant to Rule 5e.(3), an ISF Subscription Mailing List for each water division composed of the names of all persons who have sent notice to the Board Office that they wish to be included on such list for a particular water division. Any person desiring to be on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s) must send notice to the Board Office.
- (c) Any meetings held between Staff and members of the public will be open to the public. Staff may provide Proper Notice prior to any such meetings and may provide notice to persons on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s).
- (d) Any Notice to Contest must be received at the Board office no later than March 31, 2015, or the first business day thereafter. All Notices of Party status and Contested Hearing Participant status must be received at the Board office no later than April 30, 2015 or the first business day thereafter.
- (e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2015 Board meeting and will send notice of the Final Staff Recommendation to all persons on the Contested Hearing Mailing List.
- (f) The Board may take final action on any uncontested ISF appropriations at the May 2015 Board meeting.

Should you wish to comment on the proposed Instream Flow Recommendations, you may do so by writing Jeff Baessler of the Board's staff at the address given above or by sending your comments by email to <a href="mailto:jeffrey.baessler@state.co.us">jeffrey.baessler@state.co.us</a>, or <a href="mailto:rob.viehl@state.co.us">rob.viehl@state.co.us</a>. It should be noted that while your appearance at any meeting is welcome, such an appearance is not necessary for your concerns to be recognized. Staff will take your comments into account and, if you so request, will present them to the Board in your absence. If you are not currently on the Board's Instream Flow Subscription Mailing List and you would like to be, please contact the Board's Office at the address given above.

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Quad Sheet(s)
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	6.10	Boulder County Open Space Boundary	Louisville Wastewater Treatment Outfall	Louisville, Lafayette
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	1.70	Louisville Wastewater Treatment Outfall	Pumping station #2	Louisville, Lafayette
1	North Clear Creek	Clear	Gilpin	5.95	confl. Chase Gulch	Wastewater Treatment Plant	Black Hawk
1	North Clear Creek	Clear	Gilpin	1.73	Wastewater Treatment Plant	confl. Clear Creek	Black Hawk, Squaw Pass
1	*Boxelder Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	11.0	confl. South & North Boxelder Creeks	confl. Slab Canyon Wash	Livermore, Table Mountain
1	Graves Creek	Lone Tree - Owl	Larimer	2.68	Colorado-Wyoming border	South Line S27 T12N R68W	Carr West, Round Butte
1	*Sand Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	10.25	Colorado-Wyoming border	confl. Boxelder Creek	Table Mountain
1	*Sand Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	9.43	Headwaters	Inlet Mountain Supply	Round Butte

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1	Spottlewood Creek	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	2.03	NW S29 T12N R68W	NW S33 T12N R68W	Round Butte
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1	Spottlewood Creek #2	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	1.61	NW S34 T11N R68W	SW S34 T11N R68W	Carr SW, Carr West
1	Lone Tree Creek	Lone Tree - Owl	Weld	2.88	NW S29 T12N R67W	SE S31 T12N R67W	Carr West
2	Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Freemont	8.90	confl. East Beaver Creek	confl. unnamed tributary	Phantom Canyon, Mount Pittsburg
2	West Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Freemont, Teller	7.50	confl. Douglas Gulch	confl. East Beaver Creek	Big Bull Mtn, Phantom Canyon
2	Baker Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	2.14	Headwaters	USFS Boundary	Trinchera, Trinchera Peak
2	Bonnett Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	3.30	Headwaters	USFS Boundary	Big Bull Mountain, Phantom Canyon
2	Arkansas River	Upper Arkansas	Pueblo	9.13	outlet of Fish Hatchery	confl. Fountain Creek	North West Pueblo
2	Apishapa River	Apishapa	Las Animas	4.50	Headwaters	confl. Herick Canyon Creek	Cucharas Pass, Herlick Canyon
4	*Alkali Creek	Lower Gunnison	Delta	7.83	Headwaters	Lone Star Ditch Headgate	Indian Point, Point Creek
4	*Hubbard Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	1.88	USFS Boundary	Deer Trail Ditch Headgate	Bowie
4	*Terror Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	3.26	confl. East & West Terror Creeks	Fawcett Ditch Headgate	Bowie
4	*Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison, Hinsdale	17.9	Headwaters	Butte Ditch Headgate	Lost Lake, Sheep Mountain, Uncompahgre Peak
4	*Little Cimarron River	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison, Montrose	6.56	Butte Ditch Headgate	confl. Cimarron River	Cimarron, Curecanti Needle, Lost Lake
4	*Schaefer Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	5.92	Headwaters	confl. Grouse Spring Creek	Anthracite Range, Marcellina Mtn., Paonia Reservoir, West Beckwith Mtn.
4	*Kelso Creek	Lower Gunnison	Mesa	15.43	Headwaters	confl. Escalante Creek	Kelso Point, Snipe Mountain
5	*Timber Springs Gulch	Eagle	Eagle	1.90	Springs Complex	Groff Ditch Headgate	Edwards, Wolcott
5	Dry Fork Roan Creek	Parachute-Roan	Garfield	7.61	confl. South Dry Fork and North Fork Dry Fork Creeks	confl. Roan Creek	Long Point, Wagon Track Ridge
6	*Brush Creek	Lower White	Garfield, Rio Blanco	5.31	Headwaters	confl. East Douglas Creek	Calf Canyon, Douglas Pass
6	*East Douglas Creek (Increase)	Lower White	Garfield, Rio Blanco	1.56	confl. Bear Park Creek	confl. Brush Creek	Brushy Point
6	*East Douglas Creek (Increase)	Lower White	Rio Blanco	14.22	confl. Brush Creek	confl. Cathedral Creek	Brushy Point, White Coyote Draw
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	7.70	confl. Dry Fork Creek	confl. White River	Barcus Creek SE, White River City
6	*Soldier Creek	Lower White	Rio Blanco	3.67	confl. Right Fork & Middle Fork Soldier Creeks	confl. Cathedral Creek	Black Cabin Gulch, Razorback Ridge
6	Yellow Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	4.74	Springs in NWNE S12, T1N R98W, 6PM	confl. Barcus Creek	Barcus Creek SE

6	Yellow Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	7.11	confl. Barcus Creek	confl. White River	Barcus Creek, Barcus Creek SE, Rough Gulch
6	*Armstrong Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	0.10	Lower Terminus of ISF case # 06CW035	confl. Elkhead Creek	Quaker Mountain
6	*Big Canyon Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.36	Headwaters	confl. Elkhead Creek	Quaker Mountain
6	*Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	3.68	Lower Terminus of ISF Case # 06CW034	confl. First Creek	Bears Ears Peak, Quaker Mountain
6	*Hole-in-the-Wall Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.01	Headwaters	confl. Elkhead Creek	Bears Ears Peak, Quaker Mountain
6	*North Fork Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	3.22	Headwaters	confl. Sawmill Creek	Bears Ears Peaks, Buck Point, Slide Mountain
6	*North Fork Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	6.17	confl. Sawmill Creek	confl. Elkhead Creek	Slide Mountain
6	*Sawmill Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	3.44	Headwaters	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	Buck Point, Slide Mountain
6	*Stuckey Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.10	Headwaters	confl. Elkhead Creek	Bears Ears Peaks, Quaker Mountain
6	Willow Creek (Increase)	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.65	outlet of Steamboat Lake	confl. Beaver Creek	Hahns Peak
6	Willow Creek (Increase)	Upper Yampa	Routt	1.32	confl. Beaver Creek	confl. Lester Creek	Hahns Peak