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Colorado Water
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 721
Denver, CO 80203

Memorandum

To: ISF Subscription Mailing List

Date: March 6, 2015

Subject: Proposed 2016 Instream Flow and Natural Lake Appropriations

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 and natural lake level appropriations in 2016. At the January 2016 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate instream flow and natural lake level water rights for the streams and lakes listed on the attached Instream Flow & Natural Lake Level Appropriation List. The attached list contains a description of the recommendations including stream/lake name, watershed, county, upper terminus, lower terminus, length, and USGS quad sheet name(s).

Please note that the attached list includes 22 new recommendations (identified with an*) that were received in January 2015 and 25 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/2016ProposedISFRecommendations.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, 2016, 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, 2016 or the first business day thereafter.

(e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2016 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 2016 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 jeffrey.baessler@state.co.us, or rob.viehl@state.co.us. 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	*Duck Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	Outlet of Lower Square Lake	Inlet of Duck Lake	Mount Evans
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	Sand Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	10.25	Colorado-Wyoming border	confl. Boxelder Creek	Table Mountain
1	* Balm of Gilead Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	4.49	Headwaters	BLM property boundary	Spinney Mtn., Thirty-nine Mile Mtn.
1	* Indian Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	2.74	Headwaters	confl. Willow Gulch	Farnum Peak, Topaz Mtn.
1	* McCurdy Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	3.37	Headwaters	confl. Lost Creek	McCurdy Mtn., Windy Peak
1	* Platte Gulch	South Platte headwaters	Park	1.54	Headwaters	confl. Middle Fork South Platte River	Alma, Climax
1	* Pruden Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	7.99	Headwaters	Pruden Ditch Hdgt.	Spinney Mtn., Thirty-nine Mile Mtn.
1	* Rock Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	5.92	Headwaters	confl. Natural Falls	Mount Logan, Observatory Park
1	* Unnamed Tributary to Crooked Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	4.43	Headwaters	confl. Crooked Creek	Como
1	* Unnamed Tributary to Rough and Tumbling Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	2.74	Headwaters	confl. Rough & Tumbling Creek	Jones Hill, South Peak
1	Lone Tree Creek	Lone Tree - Owl	Weld	2.88	NW S29 T12N R67W	SE S31 T12N R67W	Carr West
1	* East Fork Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso, Teller	3.43	Headwaters	confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks	Mount Big Chief
1	* Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso	4.41	confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks	State Highway 115	Mount Big Chief, Mount Pittsburg
1	* West Fork Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso, Fremont, Teller	3.98	Headwaters	confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks	Mount Big Chief
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	7.48	confl. Douglas Gulch	confl. East Beaver Creek	Big Bull Mtn, Phantom Canyon
2	Baker Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	2.14	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary	Trinchera, Trinchera Peak
2	Bonnett Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	3.30	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary	Cuchara, McCarty Peak
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	* Fourth of July Creek	Upper Gunnison	Hinsdale, Gunnison	6.00	Headwaters	Carris Thompson Ditch Hdgt.	Alpine Plateau, Powderhorn Lakes
4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	10.19	confl. Firebox Creek	Butte Ditch Hdgt.	Lost Lake, Sheep Mtn.
4	Kelso Creek	Lower Gunnison	Mesa	9.90	Headwaters	confl. Bear Gulch	Kelso Point, Snipe Mountain
4	* Cow Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	11.81	USFS Property boundary	confl. Uncompahgre River	Colona, Dallas, Ridgway

5	* Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	Eagle	3.95	Headwaters	Mrs. Paye Ditch Hdgt.	The Seven Hermits
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
5	* Morgan Gulch	Colorado headwaters	Grand	2.82	Headwaters	confl. Williams Fork River	Sylvan Reservoir
5	* East Hawxhurst Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	5.75	Outlet of Hawxhurst Reservoir	confl. West Hawxhurst Creek	Hawxhurst Creek
5	* West Hawxhurst Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	5.57	Headwaters	confl. East Hawxhurst Creek	Hawxhurst Creek
6	Sawmill Creek	Upper Yampa	Moffat, Routt	3.44	Headwaters	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	Buck Point, Slide Mountain
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	7.70	confl. Dry Fork Piceance Creek	confl. White River	Barcus Creek SE, White River City
6	Big Canyon Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.36	Headwaters	confl. Elkhead Creek	Quaker Mountain
6	* Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	10.94	confl. First Creek	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	Quaker Mtn., Slide Mtn.
6	* Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	15.83	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	inlet Elkhead Reservoir	Rock Springs Gulch, Slide Mtn.
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	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

Natural Lake Level Recommendations

Div	Lake	Watershed	County	Location (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North)	Quad Sheet(s)
1	* Lower Square Top Lake	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	UTM North:4382628.84 UTM East: 436446.05	Mount Evans
1	* Upper Square Top Lake	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	UTM North:4382778.58 UTM East: 436049.39	Mount Evans