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**AGENDA ITEM:** 

3. Notice of Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Appropriation

Recommendations for 2016

## **Background 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 47 stream segments and lake levels have been recommended for instream flow (ISF) and natural lake level (NLL) appropriations in 2016. At the January 2016 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on these streams and lakes.

Please note that the list below includes 22 new recommendations and 25 recommendations (identified with an \*) 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 2016, 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 further prioritize this list of recommendations.

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

DIVISION	STREAM OR LAKE	COUNTY(IES)	RECOMMENDER(S)**
1	Coal Creek* Boundary of Open Space to Wastewater Outfall	Boulder	City of Louisville & CPW
1	Coal Creek* Wastewater Outfall to confl. Lafayette PS No. 2	Boulder	City of Louisville & CPW
1	Duck Creek Outlet of Lower Square Lake to inlet of Duck Lake	Clear Creek	CPW and Park County
1	Lower Square Top Lake	Clear Creek	CPW and Park County
1	Upper Square Top Lake	Clear Creek	CPW and Park County
1	North Clear Creek* Confl. Chase Creek to Outlet Water Treatment Plant	Gilpin	CPW & CDPHE
1	North Clear Creek* Outlet Water Treatment Plant to confl. Clear Creek	Gilpin	CPW & CDPHE
1	Boxelder Creek*  Confl. of North and South Box Elder Creek to confl. Slab Canyon Wash	Larimer	Ft. Collins and CPW



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1	Sand Creek* Colorado-Wyoming Boundary to confl. Boxelder Creek	Larimer	Ft. Collins and CPW
1	Balm of Gilead Creek	Dest	DIM
	Headwaters to BLM Property Boundary	Park	BLM
1	Indian Creek	Douls	CDW and Dark County
	Headwaters to confl. of Willow Gulch	Park	CPW and Park County
1	McCurdy Creek	Park	CDW and Bark County
	Headwaters to confl. Lost Creek	Faik	CPW and Park County
1	Platte Gulch	Park	CPW and Park County
	Headwaters to confl. Middle Fork South Platte River	Tark	Of Wand Lark County
1	Pruden Creek	Park	BLM
	Headwaters to Pruden Ditch Hdgt.	Tark	DEIVI
1	Rock Creek	Park	CPW and Park County
	Headwaters to confl. Natural Falls	- Cit	or it and rain obains
1	Unnamed Tributary of Crooked Creek	Park	CPW and Park County
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1	Unnamed Tributary of Rough and Tumbling Creek	Park	CPW and Park County
-	Headwaters to confl. Rough and Tumbling Creek		
	Lone Tree Creek*		
1	Section 29 Township 12N Range 67W to Section 31	Weld	Ft. Collins and CPW
	Township 12N Range 67W		
2	East Fork Turkey Creek	El Paso, Teller	BLM
	Headwaters to confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks  Turkey Creek		
2	Confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks to State	El Paso	BLM
	Highway 115	LIT aso	BLIVI
	West Fork Turkey Creek	El Paso,	
2	Headwaters to confl. East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks	Fremont,	BLM
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0	Beaver Creek*	Francost	CDW
2	Confl. East Beaver Creek to confl. unnamed tributary	Fremont	CPW
2	West Beaver Creek*	Fremont,	CPW
	Confl. Douglas Gulch to confl. East Beaver Creek	Teller	OI W
2	Baker Creek*	Huerfano	CPW
	Headwaters to Forest Service Property Boundary	. 100110110	<b>.</b>
2	Bonnett Creek*	Huerfano	CPW
	Headwaters to Forest Service Property Boundary		
2	Apishapa River*	Las Animas	CPW
	Headwaters to confl. Herlick Canyon  Arkansas River*		
2	Outlet of Fish Hatchery to confl. Fountain Creek	Pueblo	CPW & City of Pueblo
4	Fourth of July Creek	Gunnison,	
	Headwaters to Carris Thompson Ditch Hdgt.	Hinsdale	BLM
4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)*		
	Confl. Firebox Creek to Butte Ditch Hdgt.	Gunnison	BLM & CPW
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4	Kelso Creek*	Mesa	USFS
	Headwaters to confl. Bear Gulch	IVICSA	0010
4	Cow Creek	Ouray	CPW
	Forest Service Property Boundary to confl. Uncompangre		
	River		
5	Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	BLM
	Headwaters to Mrs. Paye Ditch Hdgt.	_ag.o	52
5	Dry Fork Roan Creek*	Garfield	BLM
	Confl. South & North Dry Forks to confl. Roan Creek	Garriora	52
5	Morgan Gulch	Grand	BLM
	Headwaters to confl. Williams Fork River		
5	East Hawxhurst Creek	Mesa	BLM
	Outlet of Hawxhurst Reservoir to confl. to West Hawxhurst		
	Creek		
5	West Hawxhurst Creek	Mesa	BLM
	Headwaters to confl. to East Hawxhurst Creek	IVICSA	DLIVI
6	Sawmill Creek*	Moffat, Routt	CPW
	Headwaters to Confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	Wionat, Rout	O1 VV
6	Piceance Creek*	Rio Blanco	BLM
	Confl. Dry Fork Piceance Creek to confl. White River		
6	Big Canyon Creek*	Routt	CPW
	Headwaters to confl. Elkhead Creek	Nouti	O1 VV
6	Elkhead Creek	Routt	CPW
	Confl. First Creek to confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	110011	
6	Elkhead Creek	Routt	CPW
	North Fork Elkhead Creek to inlet of Elkhead Reservoir		J. 11
6	Hole-in-the-Wall Creek*	Routt	CPW
0	Headwaters to confl. Elkhead Creek		
6	North Fork Elkhead Creek*	Routt	CPW
0	Headwaters to confl. Sawmill Creek	110011	J
6	North Fork Elkhead Creek*	Routt	CPW
	Confl. Sawmill Creek to confl. Elkhead Creek	rtoutt	J. **
6	Stukey Creek*	Routt	CPW
	Headwaters to confl. Elkhead Creek		
6	Willow Creek*	Routt	CPW
	Outlet of Steamboat Lake to confl. Beaver Creek		
6	Willow Creek*	Routt	CPW
	Confl. Beaver Creek to confl. Lester Creek	1 toutt	J

<sup>\*</sup> Recommendation received prior to 2015

<sup>\*\*</sup> BLM: Bureau of Land Management; CDPHE: Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; CPW: Colorado Parks and Wildlife; USFS: United States Forest Service