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AGENDA ITEM: 7. Public Comment on 2016 Instream Flow Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6

Background

At its January 26, 2016 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate 19 instream flow (ISF) water rights. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public for these 19 proposed appropriations (see table below) and to provide an opportunity for public comment pursuant to Rule 5e. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program ("ISF Rules"). Detailed information regarding these stream segments is also available on the CWCB website located at: <http://cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2016ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

Anyone wishing to contest one or more of these ISF appropriations must file a Notice to Contest with the Board, pursuant to ISF Rule 5k., by March 31, 2016. Staff will ask the Board to take final action on all uncontested ISF appropriations at its May 2016 meeting.

Staff recommendation

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow (CFS)
1	Balm of Gilead Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	4.49	headwaters	BLM property boundary	0.24 (11/1 - 3/31) 0.35 (4/1 - 4/30) 0.6 (5/1 - 8/31) 0.35 (9/1 - 10/31)
1	Boxelder Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	4.72	confluence South & North Boxelder Creeks	confluence unnamed tributary	5 (5/16 - 6/30) 1.3 (7/1 - 5/15)
1	Lone Tree Creek	Lonetree - Owl	Weld	2.17	confluence Spotwood Creek	Meadow Springs Ranch boundary	0.3 (1/1 - 12/31)



1	Pruden Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	0.49	USFS property boundary	BLM Property boundary	0.24 (11/1 - 3/31) 0.4 (4/1 - 4/31) 1 (5/1 - 8/31) 0.4 (9/1 - 10/31)
1	Sand Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	6.59	Colorado-Wyoming Border	confluence unnamed tributary	5.5 (5/16 - 6/30) 1.5 (7/1 - 5/15)
1	Unnamed Tributary to Crooked Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	3.86	headwaters	confluence Silverheels Ditch	0.23 (10/1 - 4/31) 0.62 (5/1 - 9/30)
2	East Fork Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso, Teller	3.43	headwaters	confluence West Fork Turkey Creek	0.3 (12/1 - 3/31) 0.6 (4/1 - 4/30) 1.35 (5/1 - 8/31) 0.5 (9/1 - 11/30)
2	Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso	2.38	confluence East Fork & West Fork Turkey Creeks	confluence unnamed tributary	1 (12/1 - 3/31) 2.7 (4/1 - 4/30) 3.7 (5/1 - 8/31) 1.8 (9/1 - 11/30)
2	West Fork Turkey Creek	Upper Arkansas	El Paso, Fremont, Teller	3.98	headwaters	confluence East Fork Turkey Creek	0.5 (12/1 - 3/31) 0.75 (4/1 - 4/30) 2.1 (5/1 - 8/31) 0.75 (9/1 - 11/30)
4	Fourth of July Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison, Hinsdale	6.0	headwaters	Carris Thompson Ditch headgate	1.1 (4/1 - 7/31) 0.6 (8/1 - 3/31)
4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	7.64	confluence Firebox Creek	confluence Van Boxel Creek	7 (10/1 - 10/31) 4.6 (11/1 - 4/14) 11 (4/15 - 9/30)
5	East Hawxhurst Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	5.75	outlet of McCurry Reservoir	confluence West Hawxhurst Creek	1.7 (4/15 - 6/30) 0.46 (7/1 - 4/14)
5	Morgan Gulch	Colorado headwaters	Grand	4.10	headwaters	confluence Williams Fork River	0.3 (10/1 - 4/30) 2.1 (5/1 - 7/31) 0.8 (8/1 - 9/30)
5	West Hawxhurst Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	5.57	headwaters	confluence East Hawxhurst Creek	1.6 (4/15 - 6/30) 0.56 (7/1 - 4/14)
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance Creek-Yellow Creek	Rio Blanco	9.96	confluence Dry Fork Piceance Creek	confluence White River	4 (1/1 - 12/31)
6	Yellow Creek	Piceance Creek-Yellow Creek	Rio Blanco	3.66	confluence Barcus Creek	confluence Lambert Springs	0.82 (3/1 - 6/15) 0.4 (6/16 - 2/29)
6	Yellow Creek	Piceance Creek-Yellow Creek	Rio Blanco	3.45	confluence Lambert Springs	confluence White River	1.8 (3/1 - 6/15) 1.2 (6/16 - 2/29)
6	Willow Creek (Increase)	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.94	outlet of Steamboat Lake	confluence Beaver Creek	7 (4/16 - 6/30)
6	Willow Creek (Increase)	Upper Yampa	Routt	1.47	confluence Beaver Creek	confluence Lester Creek	13 (4/16 - 6/30) 3 (7/1 - 7/31)