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## Memorandum

To: ISF Subscription Mailing List

Date: March 3, 2016

Subject: Proposed 2017 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 (ISF) and natural lake level (NLL) appropriations in 2017. At the January 2017 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF and NLL water rights for the streams and lakes listed on the attached ISF and NLL Appropriation List. The attached list describes 12 new recommendations (identified with an \*) that were received in January 2016 and 26 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.

The ISF and NLL 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 CWCB office, located at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718, Denver, Colorado, 80203. Copies are also available online at:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2017ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

In addition to the above ISF and NLL 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 ISF and NLL 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, 2017, 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, 2017 or the first business day thereafter.



(e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2017 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 2017 Board meeting.

Comments on the proposed ISF and NLL recommendations can be submitted in writing to Jeff Baessler at the address given above or by emailing [jeffrey.baessler@state.co.us](mailto:jeffrey.baessler@state.co.us), or [rob.viehl@state.co.us](mailto:rob.viehl@state.co.us). Your appearance at any meeting is welcome, but 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 ISF Subscription Mailing List and you would like to be, please contact the CWCB at the address given above.

#### ISF Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Quad Sheet(s)
1	Cache la Poudre River	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	11.15	Outfall Watson Fish Hatchery	Box Elder Ditch Hdgt.	Fort Collins, Horsetooth Reservoir, Laporte
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	6.00	Boulder County Open Space Boundary	Louisville Wastewater Treatment Outfall	Louisville, Lafayette
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	1.72	Louisville Wastewater Treatment Outfall	Pumping Station #2	Lafayette
1	Duck Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	Outlet of Lower Square Lake	Inlet of Duck Lake	Mount Evans
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	Rock Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	5.92	Headwaters	confl. Natural Falls	Mount Logan, Observatory Park
1	Unnamed Tributary to Rough and Tumbling Creek	South Platte headwaters	Park	2.78	Headwaters	confl. Rough & Tumbling Creek	Jones Hill, South Peak
2	Apishapa River	Apishapa	Las Animas	4.52	Headwaters	confl. Herlick Canyon Creek	Cucharas Pass, Herlick Canyon
2	Arkansas River	Upper Arkansas	Pueblo	9.13	Outlet of Fish Hatchery	confl. Fountain Creek	North West Pueblo
2	Baker Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	2.13	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary	Trinchera, Trinchera Peak
2	Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Freemont	8.91	confl. East Beaver Creek	confl. unnamed tributary	Phantom Canyon, Mount Pittsburg
2	Bonnett Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	3.30	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary	Cuchara, McCarty Peak
2	West Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Freemont, Teller	7.49	confl. Douglas Gulch	confl. East Beaver Creek	Big Bull Mtn, Phantom Canyon
4	*Brush Creek (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.32	confl. Middle and East Brush Creeks	confl. West Brush Creek	Gothic, Pearl Pass
4	* Coal Creek (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	7.67	Lake Irwin Outlet	Spann Nettick Ditch Hdgt.	Crested Butte, Mount Axtell

4	Cow Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	11.81	USFS Property Boundary	confl. Uncompahgre River	Colona, Dallas, Ridgway
4	Kelso Creek	Lower Gunnison	Mesa	9.89	Headwaters	confl. Bear Gulch	Kelso Point, Snipe Mountain
4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	2.49	confl. Van Boxel Creek	Butte Ditch Hdgt.	Lost Lake
4	Little Cimarron River	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	6.56	Butte Ditch Hdgt.	confl. Cimarron River	Cimarron, Curecanti Needle, Lost Lake
4	*West Fork Terror Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	5.85	Headwaters	confl. East Fork Terror Creek	Bowie, Gray Reservoir
5	Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	Eagle	3.95	Headwaters	Mrs. Paye Ditch Hdgt.	The Seven Hermits
5	Dry Fork Roan Creek	Parachute-Roan	Garfield	7.66	confl. South Dry Fork and North Fork Dry Fork Creeks	confl. Roan Creek	Long Point, Wagon Track Ridge
5	*Piney River (Increase)	Colorado Headwaters	Eagle	7.83	confl. Grape Creek	confl. Colorado River	Lava Creek, State Bridge
6	Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	10.94	confl. First Creek	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	Quaker Mountain, Slide Mountain.
6	Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	15.83	confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	inlet Elkhead Reservoir	Rock Springs Gulch, Slide Mtn.
6	*Fourmile Creek	Little Snake	Moffat	3.13	Headwaters	Norma Ryan Ditch Hdgt.	Freeman Reservoir
6	North Fork Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	9.39	Headwaters	confl. Elkhead Creek	Bears Ears Peaks, Buck Point, Slide Mountain
6	*Piceance Creek	Piceance Creek - Yellow Creek	Garfield, Rio Blanco	6.93	Headwaters	confl. unnamed tributary	Rio Blanco, Thirteenmile Creek
6	*Piceance Creek	Piceance Creek - Yellow Creek	Rio Blanco	3.83	confl. unnamed tributary	confl. Cow Creek	McCarthy Gulch, Rio Blanco
6	*Slater Creek	Little Snake	Moffat	9.26	confl. Beaver Creek	Slater Fork Ditch Hdgt.	Bakers Peak, Fly Creek
7	*Himes Creek	Upper San Juan	Mineral	2.01	Headwaters	Himes Ditch Hdgt.	Saddle Mountain
7	*Little Sand Creek	Piedra	Hinsdale	8.07	Headwaters	confl. Weminuche Creek	Bear Mountain, Granite Lake, Oakbrush Ridge
7	*Rio Lado	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	3.30	Headwaters	confl. Dolores River	Orphan Butte, Wallace Ranch
7	*Vallecito Creek	Upper San Juan	La Plata, San Juan	17.75	Outlet of Vallecito Lake	USFS Property Boundary	Columbine Pass, Storm King Peak, Vallecito Reservoir

## NLL 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