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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 and lakes to be considered for instream flow (ISF) and natural lake level appropriations in 2017. At the January or March 2017 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 and Natural Lake Level Appropriation List. The attached list contains a description of the Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Recommendations including stream name, watershed, county, length, upper terminus, and lower terminus.

Copies of the Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level 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 718, 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/2017ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

In addition to the above Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level 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 and Natural Lake Level 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.

The schedule set forth in (d), (e), and (f) above will apply to streams and lakes on which the CWCB declares its intent to appropriate water rights in January 2017. A different schedule will apply to streams and lakes on which the CWCB declares its intent to appropriate water rights in March 2017. Should you wish to comment on any proposed Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level 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.

Instream Flow Recommendations January 2017

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Rock Creek	South Platte Headwaters	Park	4.67	Headwaters	Confl. Natural Falls
1	Unnamed Tributary to Rough & Tumbling Creek	South Platte Headwaters	Park	2.78	Headwaters	Confl. Rough & Tumbling Creek
2	Apishapa River	Apishapa	Las Animas	4.52	Headwaters	Confl. Herlick Canyon
4	Brush Creek (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.32	Confl. Middle & East Brush Creeks	Confl. West Brush Creek
4	Coal Creek (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	7.67	Lake Irwin Outlet	Spann Nettick Ditch Hdgt.
4	West Fork Terror Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	5.85	Headwaters	Confl. East Fork Terror Creek
5	Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	Eagle	3.95	Headwaters	Mrs. Paye Ditch Hdgt.
5	Dry Fork Roan Creek	Parachute-Roan	Garfield	2.59	Confl. South Dry Fork & North Dry Fork	Dry Fork Ditch Hdgt.
5	Piney River (Increase)	Colorado Headwaters	Eagle	7.83	Confl. Grape Creek	Confl. Colorado River
6	Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	10.94	Confl. First Creek	Confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek

6	Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	15.83	Confl. North Fork Elkhead Creek	USGS Gage # 09246200
6	Fourmile Creek	Little Snake	Moffat	3.13	Headwaters	Norma Ryan Ditch Hdgt.
6	North Fork Elkhead Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	9.39	Headwaters	Confl. Elkhead Creek
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Garfield, Rio Blanco	6.93	Headwaters	Confl. Unnamed Tributary
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	3.83	Confl. Unnamed Tributary	Confl. Cow Creek
6	Slater Creek	Little Snake	Moffat	12.58	Confl. Beaver Creek	USGS Gage # 09255000

Natural Lake Level Recommendations January 2017

Div	Lake	Watershed	County	Location (Center-point) (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North)
1	Lower Square Top Lake	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	UTM North:4382628.84 UTM East: 436446.05
1	Upper Square Top Lake	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	UTM North:4382778.58 UTM East: 436049.39

Instream Flow Recommendations March 2017

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
7	Himes Creek	Upper San Juan	Mineral	2.01	Headwaters	Himes Ditch Hdgt.
7	Little Sand Creek	Piedra	Hinsdale	8.07	Headwaters	Confl. Weminuche Creek
7	Rio Lado	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	3.30	Headwaters	Confl. Dolores River
7	Vallecito Creek	Upper San Juan	La Plata, San Juan	17.75	Outlet of Vallecito Lake	USFS Property Boundary