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## Memorandum

To: ISF Subscription Mailing List

Date: March 20, 2017

Subject: Proposed 2018 Instream Flow 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) appropriations in 2018. At the January 2018 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights for the streams listed on the attached ISF Recommendations List. The attached list describes 43 new recommendations (identified with an \*) that were received in January 2017 and 22 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 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/2018ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

In addition to the above ISF 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 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, 2018, 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, 2018 or the first business day thereafter.



(e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2018 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 2018 Board meeting.

Comments on the proposed ISF 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	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Cache la Poudre River	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	Outfall of Watson Fish Hatchery	Box Elder Ditch Hdgt.
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	Boundary of Boulder County Open Space	Confl. Wastewater Treatment Outfall
1	Coal Creek	St. Vrain	Boulder	Confl. Wastewater Treatment Outfall	Confl. Lafayette Pumping Station no. 2
1	Indian Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	Headwaters	Confl. Willow Gulch
1	McCurdy Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	Headwaters	Confl. Lost Creek
1	Mill Creek*	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	Headwaters	Confl. Horsetooth Reservoir
1	North Fork Little Thompson River*	Big Thompson	Larimer	Headwaters	Confl. Little Thompson River
1	Platte Gulch	South Platte Headwaters	Park	Headwaters	Confl. MF South Platte River
1	Spring Canyon*	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	Headwaters	Confl. Horsetooth Reservoir
1	Sulzer Gulch*	Big Thompson	Larimer	Headwaters	Confl. Big Thompson River
1	Unnamed Tributary to Duck Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	Outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	Inlet of Duck Lake

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
2	Arkansas River	Upper Arkansas	Pueblo	Outfall of Fish Hatchery	Confl. Fountain Creek
2	Baker Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary
2	Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Fremont	Confl. East Beaver Creek	Confl. unnamed tributary
2	Bonnett Creek	Huerfano	Huerfano	Headwaters	USFS Property Boundary
2	Cucharas River*	Huerfano	Huerfano	Highway 12 Bridge	Confl. Middle Creek
2	Cucharas River*	Huerfano	Huerfano	Confl. Middle Creek	Confl. Wahatoya Creek
2	Indian Creek*	Huerfano	Huerfano	Headwaters	Confl. Middle Creek
2	Wahatoya Creek*	Huerfano	Huerfano	Headwaters	Confl. Cucharas River
2	West Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Fremont Teller	Confl. Douglas Gulch	Confl. East Beaver Creek
3	Grayback Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Placer Creek
3	Little Ute Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Ute Creek
3	Middle Fork Placer Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Placer Creek
3	Miners Creek*	Saguache	Saguache	Headwaters	Confl. Prong Creek
3	North Fork West Indian Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. SF West Indian Creek
3	Placer Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Sangre de Cristo Creek
3	Prong Creek*	Saguache	Saguache	Headwaters	Confl. South Carnero Creek
3	South Fork Jim Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Conejos	Headwaters	Confl. Jim Creek
3	South Fork Placer Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Middle Fork Placer Creek
3	South Fork West Indian Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. NF West Indian Creek

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3	Ute Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Little Ute Creek
3	Ute Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Confl. Little Ute Creek	Confl. Sangre de Cristo Creek
3	Wagon Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Headwaters	Confl. Sangre de Cristo Creek
3	West Indian Creek*	Alamosa-Trinchera	Costilla	Confl. NF & SF West Indian Creek	Confl. Sangre de Cristo Creek
4	Cow Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	USFS Property Boundary	Confl. Uncompahgre River
4	Coyote Wash*	Upper Dolores	Montrose	Colorado/Utah Stateline	Confl. Dolores River
4	Dutchman Creek*	Tomichi	Saguache	Headwaters	Confl. Owens Creek
4	Kelso Creek	Lower Gunnison	Mesa	Headwaters	Confl. Bear Gulch
4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	Confl. Van Boxel Creek	Butte Ditch Hdgt.
4	Little Cimarron River	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison Montrose	Butte Ditch Hdgt.	Confl. Cimarron River
4	Monitor Creek*	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	USFS Property Boundary	Confl. Potter Creek
4	Potter Creek* (Increase)	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	USFS Property Boundary	Confl. Roubideau Creek
4	Spring Creek*	San Miguel	Montrose	Headwaters	Confl. Tabeguache Creek
5	Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	Eagle	Headwaters	Mrs. Paye Ditch Hdgt.
6	Douglas Creek*	Lower White	Rio Blanco	Confl. E. & W. Douglas Creeks	Confl. White River
6	Hahn Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Headwaters	Confl. Lost Creek
6	Long Park Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Headwaters	Confl. Lost Creek
6	Lost Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Headwaters	Confl. Hahn Creek

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6	Lost Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Confl. Hahn Creek	Confl. Long Park Creek
6	Marvine Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	Confl. West Marvine Creek
6	Milk Creek*	Lower Yampa	Moffat	Confl. Wilson Creek	Confl. Yampa River
6	North Fork White River*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	Confl. Ripple Creek
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Garfield Rio Blanco	Headwaters	Confl. Unnamed Tributary
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	Confl. Unnamed Tributary	Confl. Cow Creek
6	South Fork White River*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	Confl. Swede Creek
6	West Marvine Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	Headwaters	Confl. Marvine Creek
7	Disappointment Creek*	Upper Dolores	Dolores San Miguel	Confl. Morrison Creek	Confl. Dolores River
7	Himes Creek	Upper San Juan	Mineral	Headwaters	Himes Ditch Hdgt.
7	Little Taylor Creek*	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	Headwaters	Confl. Taylor Creek
7	Rincon La Vaca Creek*	Upper San Juan	Hinsdale	Headwaters	Confl. Los Pinos River
7	Rio Lado	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	Headwaters	Confl. Dolores River
7	Ryman Creek*	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	Headwaters	Confl. Dolores River
7	Tenderfoot Creek*	Upper Dolores	Montezuma	Headwaters	Confl. Dolores River
7	Vallecito Creek	Upper San Juan	La Plata San Juan	Outlet of Vallecito Lake	Weminuche Wilderness Area Boundary
7	Wildcat Creek* (Increase)	Upper Dolores	Dolores Montezuma	Headwaters	Confl. Dolores River

\* Recommendation received in 2017.