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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** November 2, 2017

**AGENDA ITEM:** 11. Notice of 2018 Instream Flow Recommended Appropriations  
in Water Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

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**Background:**

Pursuant to Instream Flow (“ISF”) Rule 5c., the Colorado Water Conservation Board is providing notice that the following 14 stream segments are being considered for ISF appropriations in 2018. At the January 2018 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on some or all of the streams listed in Table 1. In addition, at the March 2018 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on the stream listed in Table 2. All of these streams were previously noticed at the Board’s March 2017 meeting.

**Staff recommendation:**

This is an informational item that provides notice of recommended stream segments that staff may bring to the Board in January or March of 2018 with a recommendation that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights. No Board action is required.

**Table 1: Instream Flow Recommendations January 2018**

Div	Stream	Recommending Entity	County	Length (miles)
3	Miners Creek (Headwaters to confl. Prong Creek)	CPW	Saguache	4.35
3	Prong Creek (Headwaters to confl. South Carnero Creek)	CPW	Saguache	3.71
4	Coyote Wash (Colorado/Utah Stateline to confl. Dolores River)	BLM	Montrose	10.5
4	Dutchman Creek (Headwaters to confl. Owens Creek)	HCCA & WRA	Saguache	6.78
4	Spring Creek (Headwaters to confl. Tabeguache Creek)	BLM	Montrose	12.4
5	Abrams Creek (Increase) (Headwaters to Mrs. Paye Ditch hdgt.)	BLM	Eagle	3.95
6	Douglas Creek (Confl. East & West Douglas Creeks to confl. White River)	BLM	Rio Blanco	26.3



6	Hahn Creek (Headwaters to confl. Lost Creek)	CPW	Rio Blanco	4.71
6	Lost Creek (Confl. Hahn Creek to confl. Long Park Creek)	CPW	Rio Blanco	3.64
6	Lost Creek (Increase) (Confl. Long Park Creek to confl. NF White River)	CPW	Rio Blanco	0.83
7	Disappointment Creek (Confl. Morrison Creek to historic USGS gage)	BLM	Dolores	21.7
7	Disappointment Creek (Historic USGS Gage to confl. Dolores River)	BLM	Dolores San Miguel	37.8
7	Rincon La Vaca Creek (Headwaters to confl. Los Pinos River)	CPW	Hinsdale	4.47

**Table 2: Instream Flow Recommendations March 2018**

Div	Stream	Recommending Entity	County	Length (miles)
7	Himes Creek (Headwaters to Himes Ditch hdgt.)	USFS	Mineral	2.01

BLM = Bureau of Land Management; CPW = Colorado Parks and Wildlife; HCCA = High Country Conservation Advocates; USFS = U.S. Forest Service; WRA = Western Resource Advocates

The detailed recommendations and appendices for these streams can be found on the CWCB website at: <http://cwc.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2018ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

