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AGENDA ITEM: 13. Public Comment on 2018 Instream Flow Appropriations in Water Divisions 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Background

At its January 22, 2018 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate 8 instream flow (ISF) water rights. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public for these 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 available on the CWCB website located at:

<http://cwcb.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2018ProposedISFRecommendations.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 April 2, 2018. Staff will ask the Board to take final action on all uncontested ISF appropriations at its May 2018 meeting.

The Board's appropriation of these water rights will help achieve the goals set forth in Colorado's Water Plan of promoting the restoration, recovery, sustainability, and resiliency of endangered, threatened, and imperiled aquatic- and riparian-dependent species and plant communities, protecting healthy environments, and enhancing environmental and recreational economic values.

Staff recommendation

This is an informational item with no Board action required.



Instream Flow Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow (CFS)/ Date
3	Miners Creek	Saguache	Saguache	4.35	headwaters	confl Prong Creek	0.56 (09/01 - 04/30) 1 (05/01 - 08/31)
3	Prong Creek	Saguache	Saguache	3.71	headwaters	confl South Carnero Creek	0.4 (09/01 - 04/30) 4.2 (05/01 - 08/31)
4	Coyote Wash	Upper Dolores	Montrose	10.5	Colorado/Utah Stateline	confl Dolores River	0.8 (09/01 - 02/29) 2.2 (03/01 - 08/31)
4	Dutchman Creek	Tomichi	Saguache	6.78	headwaters	confl Owens Creek	0.94 (04/01 - 08/31) 0.84 (09/01 - 03/31)
5	Abrams Creek (Increase)	Eagle	Eagle	3.95	headwaters	Mrs. Paye Ditch hdgt	0.75 (05/01 - 09/30)
6	Douglas Creek	Lower White	Rio Blanco	26.3	confl E & W Douglas Creeks	confl White River	2.7 (03/16 - 06/15) 1.7 (06/16 - 06/30)
6	Lost Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	3.64	confl Hahn Creek	confl Long Park Creek	1.3 (10/01 - 03/31) 2.3 (04/01 - 08/15) 1.8 (08/16 - 09/30)
6	Hahn Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	4.71	headwaters	confl Lost Creek	0.75 (11/01 - 04/30) 2.6 (05/01 - 08/31) 1.6 (09/01 - 10/31)