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Colorado Water  
Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 721  
Denver, CO 80203

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David Graf, Regional Water Specialist  
Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
711 Independent Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81505

RE: Request for Releases of Water Under Interagency Agreement to  
Loan Water for Instream Flow Use on Big Beaver Creek and the White  
River

Dear David:

Based upon our recent correspondence about low flows, rising temperatures, and algae growth in the White River, the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) hereby requests Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) to release water from Lake Avery Reservoir (a/k/a Big Beaver Creek Reservoir) at times and in volumes necessary to increase flows in the White River up to 200 cfs. The instream flow (ISF) reaches on which the CWCB will use the released water to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree are: (1) Big Beaver Creek from the outlet of Lake Avery Reservoir to the confluence with the White River, decreed in Case No. 77W3652E for 2 cfs; and (2) the White River from the confluence of the North Fork and South Fork of the White River down to the confluence of the White River and Piceance Creek, decreed in Case No. 77W3652C for 200 cfs.

Please keep the Division Engineer, Water Commissioner, and CWCB apprised of the anticipated timing and amounts of such releases being made for instream flow use by the CWCB. Condition #1 of the July 17, 2012 letter from Division Engineer Erin Light approving this loan of water requires notice to the Division Engineer and Water Commissioner at least 48 hours prior to making releases for instream flow use. Thank you for working with the CWCB to supplement low flows on Big Beaver Creek and the White River this year.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Bassi  
Chief, Stream and Lake Protection Section

cc: Erin Light, Division Engineer Water Division 6

