



TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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AGENDA ITEM: 26. Notice of Instream Flow Recommendations for 2020

Background and Staff Recommendation

Pursuant to Rule 5c. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow (ISF) and Natural Lake Level Program (“ISF Rules”), Staff is providing notice that the following 48 stream segments have been recommended for instream flow (ISF) appropriations in 2020. At the January 2020 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on these streams.

Please note that the list below includes 14 new recommendations (identified with an *) and 34 recommendations that Staff received in previous years. Staff has not yet moved the previous recommendations forward due to the need for additional scientific data and/or ongoing attempts to address stakeholder issues. In 2020, Staff will recommend that the Board move forward on the recommendations for which Staff is able to reasonably address all outstanding issues.

Detailed information regarding these stream segments is also available on the CWCB website located at: <http://cwc.state.co.us/environment/instream-flow-program/Pages/2020ProposedISFRecommendations.aspx>

This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Indian Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	2.74	headwaters	confluence Willow Gulch
1	McCurdy Creek	Upper South Platte	Park	3.37	headwaters	confluence Lost Creek
1	North Fork Little Thompson River	Big Thompson	Larimer	11.9	headwaters	confluence Little Thompson River

1	Platte Gulch	South Platte Headwaters	Park	1.54	headwaters	confluence MF South Platte River
1	Spring Canyon	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	2.40	headwaters	confluence Horsetooth Reservoir
1	Sulzer Gulch	Big Thompson	Larimer	3.73	headwaters	confluence Big Thompson River
1	Unnamed Tributary to Duck Creek*	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	0.22	outlet of Upper Square Top Lake	inlet of Upper Square Top Lake
1	Unnamed Tributary to Duck Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake
2	Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Fremont	8.91	confluence East Beaver Creek	confluence unnamed tributary
2	East Fork Arkansas River*	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	6.46	headwaters	confluence Chalk Creek
2	Iowa Gulch*	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	3.61	headwaters	Iowa Gulch intake
2	West Beaver Creek	Upper Arkansas	Fremont Teller	7.49	confluence Douglas Gulch	confluence East Beaver Creek
4	Cement Creek* (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	17.4	headwaters	confluence East River
4	Cottonwood Creek	Lower Gunnison	Delta Montrose	23.3	Hawkins Ditch headgate	confluence Roubideau Creek
4	Cow Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	11.8	USFS Property boundary	confluence Uncompahgre River
4	Gold Creek	Tomichi	Gunnison	0.45	Tarkington Ditch headgate	confluence Quartz Creek
4	Kelso Creek	Lower Gunnison	Mesa	9.89	headwaters	confluence Bear Gulch
4	Monitor Creek	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	9.44	USFS Property Boundary	confluence Potter Creek
4	Naturita Creek	San Miguel	San Miguel	11.0	headwaters	Norwood Road Crossing
4	Naturita Creek	San Miguel	Montrose San Miguel	16.5	Norwood Road Crossing	confluence San Miguel River

4	Pine Creek*	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	16.7	headwaters	confluence Morrow Point Reservoir
4	Potter Creek	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	9.82	USFS Property Boundary	confluence Roubideau Creek
4	Spring Creek* (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	3.18	confluence Rocky Brook Creek	confluence Bear Creek
4	Spring Creek* (Increase)	East-Taylor	Gunnison	8.17	confluence Bear Creek	confluence Taylor River
4	Spring Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	12.4	headwaters	confluence Tabeguache Creek
6	Bear Creek*	Upper White	Garfield	3.09	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Big Fish Creek*	Upper White	Garfield	4.30	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	East Marvine Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	7.31	headwaters	confluence Marvine Creek
6	Hauskins Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.11	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Hill Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	3.84	headwaters	Hill Creek Ditch #2 & #3 headgate
6	Lynx Creek	Upper White	Garfield	1.58	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Milk Creek	Lower Yampa	Moffat	4.11	confluence Wilson Creek	confluence Yampa River
6	Mirror Creek*	Upper White	Rio Blanco	2.16	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Morapos Creek	Upper Yampa	Moffat Rio Blanco	26.2	headwaters	confluence Williams Fork
6	Pagoda Creek	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	10.3	headwaters	confluence SF Williams Fork
6	Paradise Creek*	Upper White	Garfield Rio Blanco	3.16	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Garfield Rio Blanco	6.93	headwaters	confluence unnamed tributary
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-	Rio Blanco	3.83	confluence	confluence Cow

		Yellow			unnamed tributary	Creek
6	Picket Pin Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.66	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	Rough Creek	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	4.93	headwaters	confluence Poose Creek
6	South Fork White River	Upper White	Rio Blanco	8.07	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	confluence Swede Creek
6	South Fork Williams Fork	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	8.06	headwaters	confluence Pagoda Creek
6	South Fork Williams Fork	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.67	confluence Beaver Creek	confluence Williams Fork
6	Sunbutter Creek*	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	2.56	headwaters	Bunker Ditch headgate
6	Waddle Creek	Upper Yampa	Moffat	10.8	headwaters in vicinity	confluence Williams Fork
6	Watson Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	5.86	confluence Moody Creek	Hardscrabble Ditch headgate
6	Williams Fork	Upper Yampa	Moffat	8.25	confluence Morapos Creek	confluence Yampa River
7	Rincon La Vaca Creek	Upper San Juan	Hinsdale	4.47	headwaters	confluence Los Pinos River

*Recommendation received at January 2019 ISF Workshop