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AGENDA ITEM: 12. Notice of Instream Flow Recommendations for 2021

Staff Recommendation: This is an informational item with no Board action required.

Background: 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 53 stream segments have been recommended for instream flow (ISF) appropriations in 2021. At the January 2021 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 21 new recommendations (identified with an *) and 32 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 2021, Staff will recommend that the Board move forward on the recommendations for which sufficient data collection and outreach are completed.

Detailed information regarding these stream segments is also available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2021-isf-recommendations>

Div.	Stream Name	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Dry Gulch*	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	2.83	headwaters	confluence Clear Creek
1	Garber Creek*	Upper South Platte	Douglas	4.75	confluence North & South Garber Creeks	confluence West Plum Creek
1	Herman Gulch* (Increase)	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	3.64	headwaters	confluence Clear Creek
1	North Fork Little Thompson River	Big Thompson	Larimer	5.96	confluence unnamed tributary	confluence Little Thompson River
1	Platte Gulch	South Platte Headwaters	Park	1.54	headwaters	confluence MF South Platte River



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1	Redstone Creek*	Big Thompson	Larimer	16.3	headwaters	confluence Buckhorn Creek
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	1.08	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake
1	West Plum Creek*	Upper South Platte	Douglas	22.6	headwaters	confluence East Plum Creek
2	Cottonwood Creek*	Arkansas Headwaters	Custer	6.00	headwaters	F. Keuhn Ditch No. 2 headgate
2	Cottonwood Creek*	Arkansas Headwaters	Fremont	9.42	confluence Salt Creek	Giem Ditch headgate
2	East Fork Arkansas River	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	6.46	headwaters	confluence Chalk Creek
2	East Gulch*	Arkansas Headwaters	Fremont	8.81	confluence Antelope Gulch	confluence Arkansas River
4	Beaver Dams Creek*	Uncompahgre	Ouray	3.29	headwaters	confluence East Fork Dry Creek
4	Big A Creek*	San Miguel	Montrose	1.42	headwaters	confluence Red Canyon Creek
4	Cottonwood Creek (Increase)	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	Curecanti Creek* (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	21.4	headwaters	confluence Morrow Point Reservoir
4	East Fork Dry Creek*	Uncompahgre	Montrose, Ouray	3.11	headwaters	confluence Beaver Dams Creek
4	East Muddy Creek*	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	6.32	confluence Lee Creek	confluence West Muddy Creek
4	Elk Creek*	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.66	headwaters	confluence Coak Creek
4	Gold Creek	Tomichi	Gunnison	0.45	Tarkington Ditch headgate	confluence Quartz Creek
4	Kelly Creek*	San Miguel	Montrose	1.59	headwaters	confluence Red Canyon Creek

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4	Little Cimarron River (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	2.49	confluence Van Boxel Creek	Butte Ditch headgate
4	Little Cimarron River	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison, Montrose	6.56	Butte Ditch headgate	confluence Cimarron River
4	Main Hubbard Creek*	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	2.50	headwaters	Overland Ditch
4	Middle Hubbard Creek*	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	2.37	headwaters	Overland Ditch
4	Monitor Creek	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	9.44	USFS Property Boundary	confluence Potter Creek
4	Naturita Creek (Increase)	San Miguel	San Miguel	11.0	headwaters	Norwood Road Crossing
4	Naturita Creek	San Miguel	Montrose, San Miguel	20.2	Norwood Road Crossing	confluence San Miguel River
4	Pine Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	16.7	headwaters	confluence Morrow Point Reservoir
4	Potter Creek (Increase)	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	9.82	USFS Property Boundary	confluence Roubideau Creek
4	Red Canyon*	San Miguel	Montrose	3.25	headwaters	confluence Big A Creek
4	Spring Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	7.47	headwaters	Crabtree Ditch headgate
4	West Hubbard Creek*	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	2.32	headwaters	Overland Ditch
4	West Muddy Creek*	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	5.52	confluence Ault Creek	confluence East Muddy Creek
4	Wildcat Creek*	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.48	Outlet of Green Lake	confluence Coal 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

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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	Paradise Creek	Upper White	Garfield, Rio Blanco	2.98	headwaters	Paradise Ponds Diversion Headgate
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Garfield, Rio Blanco	6.93	headwaters	confluence unnamed tributary
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	3.83	confluence unnamed tributary	confluence Cow Creek
6	Picket Pin Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.66	headwaters	confluence NF White River
6	South Fork White River	Upper White	Rio Blanco	8.07	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	confluence Swede Creek
6	Watson Creek	Upper Yampa	Routt	5.86	confluence Moody Creek	Hardscrabble Ditch headgate
7	Rincon La Vaca Creek	Upper San Juan	Hinsdale	4.47	headwaters	confluence Los Pinos River

*Recommendation received at January 2020 ISF Workshop