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Pursuant to ISF Rule 5c. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program, this notice identifies the streams to be considered for instream flow (ISF) appropriations in 2021. At the January 2021 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights for the streams listed on the attached ISF recommendation List. The attached list contains a description of the ISF recommendations including water division, stream name, watershed, county, length, upper terminus, and lower terminus.

Copies of the available ISF recommendations and data submitted into the Official CWCB Record can be reviewed by the public during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) at the CWCB's office, located at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718, Denver, Colorado, 80203. The ISF Recommendations are also available online at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2021-isf-recommendations>

In addition to the ISF recommendations, staff may rely on any additional data, exhibits, testimony, or other information submitted by any party as part of the Official CWCB Record to support its ISF recommendations.

It should also be noted that, pursuant to the [ISF Rules](#):

5d. (3)

(a) The Board may change flow amounts of contested ISF appropriations based on information received during the public notice and comment period.

(b) Staff will maintain, pursuant to Rule 5e.(3), an ISF Subscription Mailing List for each water division composed of the names of all persons who have sent notice to the Board Office that they wish to be included on such list for a particular water division. Any person desiring to be on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s) must send notice to the Board Office.

(c) Any meetings held between Staff and members of the public will be open to the public. Staff may provide Proper Notice prior to any such meetings and may provide notice to persons on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s).

(d) Any Notice to Contest must be received at the Board office no later than March 31, 2021, or the first business day thereafter. All Notices of Party status and Contested Hearing Participant status must be received at the Board office no later than April 30, 2021 or the first business day thereafter.

(e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2021 Board meeting and will send notice of the Final Staff Recommendation to all persons on the Contested Hearing Mailing List.

(f) The Board may take final action on any uncontested ISF appropriations at the May 2021 Board meeting.

Note that section 37-92-102 (3) (b), C.R.S. (2019) provides: “Any such appropriation shall be subject to the present uses or exchanges of water being made by other water users pursuant to appropriation or practices in existence on the date of such appropriation, whether or not previously confirmed by court order or decree.” For more information on whether this provision applies to specific undecreed uses of water in or above the proposed instream flow segments, and potential recognition of such uses in the CWCB’s water court decree, contact Rob Viehl at the address set forth above or via email to rob.viehl@state.co.us.

The schedule set forth in (d), (e), and (f) above will apply to streams on which the CWCB declares its intent to appropriate water rights in January 2021. Should you wish to comment on the proposed ISF Recommendations or request more information on the applicability of section 37-92-102(3)(b) to present uses of water in or above the proposed ISF segments, you may do so by writing Rob Viehl, of the Board's staff at the address given above or by sending your comments by email to rob.viehl@state.co.us. It should be noted that while your appearance at any meeting is welcome, such an appearance is not necessary for your concerns to be recognized. Staff will take your comments into account and, if you so request, will present them to the Board in your absence. If you are not currently on the Board's ISF Subscription Mailing List and you would like to be, please contact Rob Viehl, or sign up online at: <https://dwr.state.co.us/Portal/Login/>

ISF Recommendations 2021

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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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