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## ISL rules update

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Ms. Bassi,

In the conversations on instream flow rules, please consider the economics associated with instream flows and nonconsumptive water uses in general.

Nonconsumptive uses support a water recreation industry in Colorado that is roughly comparable to that of our ag economy in terms of number of jobs (direct and indirect), economic activity, household income, state GDP, and tax revenues, all without significant negative impacts to wildlife, natural habitat, climate change or quality of life for most of our population. Nonconsumptive use does not detract from Colorado's ability to comply with Rio Grande and Colorado Compact commitments.

For these financial reasons alone, instream flow rules should make it easier, not harder, to keep more water in our streams, particularly in dry years, and particularly in parts of the state where rural economies are increasingly focused on recreation and tourism.

Thanks for your work, never easy or non-controversial, in dealing responsibly with this important issue.

Jan Crawford