

Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 718 Denver, CO 80203

- TO: Erin Light, Division Engineer Division of Water Resources, Water Division 6
- FROM: Pete Conovitz, Stream and Lake Protection Section Colorado Water Conservation Board
- RE: Request for Administration of the CWCB's Instream Flow Water Rights on the Elk River
- DATE: August 26, 2022

Dear Erin:

On behalf of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, I am requesting administration of the Board's instream flow water rights on the following segments of the Elk River, in Water District 58, to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. Additional information on the specific ISF reaches is shown below.

Case No.	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus		Appropriation Date	WDID
77W1279	Confl NF Elk River	Confl Rock Creek	65 (1/1 - 12/31)	9/23/1977	5802219
77W1331	Confl Rock Creek	Confl Yampa River	65 (1/1 - 12/31)	9/23/1977	5801355

The ELK RIVER NEAR MILNER, CO gage is located in the ISF reach and demonstrates that flow conditions are below the decreed rates for the ISF water rights. The Board is requesting administration to ensure that water up to the full decreed amount of this water right is made available based on the priority system. The effective date of this call is August 26, 2022 and if required the call is to be in effect until the end of the current irrigation year.

Signed:

Pete Conovitz

Pete Conovitz Water Resource Specialist Stream and Lake Protection Section 303-866-3441 x3204

CC: Luke Fitzgerald, District 58 Water Commissioner

