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AGENDA ITEM: 18. Notice of 2023 Instream Flow Appropriations

Staff Recommendation

This is an informational item that provides notice of recommended stream segments and natural lakes that staff may bring to the Board in January or March 2023 with a recommendation that the Board form its intent to appropriate instream flow (ISF) and natural lake level (NLL) water rights. No Board action is required.

Background

Pursuant to Instream Flow (“ISF”) Rule 5c., the Colorado Water Conservation Board is providing notice that the following sixteen stream segments and one natural lake are being considered for appropriations in 2023. At the January or March 2023 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on some or all of the streams listed in Table 1 and the lake listed in Table 2. All of these streams and the lake were previously noticed at the Board’s March 2022 meeting and a March notice sent via the ISF subscription mailing list.

Additional information regarding these stream segments is also available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2023-isf-recommendations>

Table 1. Instream Flow Recommendations

Water Div	Stream Name	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Herman Gulch	Clear	Clear Creek	3.64	headwaters	confl Clear Creek
1	Square Top Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake
4	Cameron Creek	East-Taylor	Gunnison	3.69	headwaters	confl Lottis Creek
4	Cottonwood Creek (<i>Increase</i>)	Lower Gunnison	Delta Montrose	23.3	Hawkins Ditch hdgt	confl Roubideau Creek



Water Div	Stream Name	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
4	Cross Creek	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.48	headwaters	confl Lottis Creek
4	Curecanti Creek (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	9.90	headwaters	confl Commissary Gulch
4	Curecanti Creek (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	10.1	confl Commissary Gulch	confl Morrow Point Reservoir
4	Kelly Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	1.59	headwaters	confl Red Canyon Creek
4	Monitor Creek	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	9.44	USFS Property Boundary	confl Potter Creek
4	Red Canyon Creek	San Miguel	Montrose	8.57	headwaters	confl Big A Creek
4	Potter Creek (Increase)	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	8.10	USFS Property Boundary	confl Monitor Creek
4	Potter Creek (Increase)	Lower Gunnison	Montrose	1.72	confl Monitor Creek	confl Roubideau Creek
4	Van Boxel Creek (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	7.75	headwaters	confl Little Cimarron River
4	West Steuben Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	5.39	headwaters	confl Stueben Creek
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Garfield Rio Blanco	3.67	headwaters	confl unnamed tributary
6	Piceance Creek	Piceance-Yellow	Rio Blanco	3.83	confl unnamed tributary	confl Cow Creek

Table 2. Natural Lake Level Recommendation

Water Div	Waterbody Name	Watershed	County	Location (Center-point) (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North)
5	Hack Lake	Colorado Headwaters	Garfield	UTM-East: 316816.32 UTM-North: 4409994.98