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AGENDA ITEM: 16. Public Notice of 2024 Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level
Recommendations

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 (NLL) Program ("ISF Rules"), Staff is providing notice that the following 46 stream segments have been recommended for ISF appropriations along with 1 NLL recommendation. At the January 2024 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF and NLL water rights on recommendations where sufficient information and outreach has been completed.

The list below includes 8 new recommendations (identified with an *) and 38 recommendations received in previous years. The previous recommendations have not moved forward due to the need for additional scientific data and/or ongoing attempts to address stakeholder issues.

Outreach

Staff will complete several outreach efforts to raise awareness about these recommendations. This includes providing public notice of the recommendations in March and November of 2023 to the ISF subscription mailing list. Staff will offer to give presentations to County Commissioners in counties with ISF recommendations. Staff will mail letters to landowners adjacent to the proposed ISF reaches and inform them about the ISF Program and the recommendation. In addition, staff will publish notices in newspapers located near the recommended ISF reaches. Lastly, staff plans to contact water commissioners, water right holders, and others when possible to discuss the recommendations.

Detailed information regarding these stream segments is also available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2024-isf-recommendations>



ISF Recommendations

Div.	Stream Name	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Garber Creek	Upper South Platte	Douglas	4.75	confl North and South Garber Creeks	confl West Plum Creek
1	Platte Gulch	South Platte Headwaters	Park	1.54	headwaters	confl MF South Platte River
1	East Roaring Fork Creek*	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	3.48	Headwaters	confl Roaring Creek
1	Sulzer Gulch	Big Thompson	Larimer	3.73	headwaters	confl Big Thompson River
1	Square Top Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	0.22	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake
1	West Plum Creek	Upper South Platte	Douglas	22.6	headwaters	confl East Plum Creek
1	Williams Gulch*	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	4.47	Headwaters	confl Cache la Poudre River
2	Cottonwood Creek	Arkansas Headwaters	Custer	6.00	headwaters	F. Keuhn Ditch No. 2 hdgt
2	Cottonwood Creek	Arkansas Headwaters	Fremont	9.42	confl Salt Creek	Giem Ditch hdgt
2	East Gulch	Arkansas Headwaters	Fremont	8.81	confl Antelope Gulch	confl Arkansas River
4	Beaver Dams Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	3.29	headwaters	confl East Fork Dry Creek
4	East Fork Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose Ouray	3.11	headwaters	confl Beaver Dams Creek
4	Deer Creek*	East-Taylor	Gunnison	3.34	headwaters	Beitler No. 2 Diversion Structure
4	East Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	6.32	confl Lee Creek	confl West Muddy Creek
4	Goat Creek	San Miguel	San Miguel	6.25	headwaters	confl Beaver Creek
4	Little Cimarron River (<i>Increase</i>)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	2.49	confl Van Boxel Creek	Butte Ditch hdgt
4	Little Cimarron River	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison Montrose	6.56	Butte Ditch hdgt	confl 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	North Lobe Creek*	Lower Dolores	Mesa	7.17	Headwaters	Highline Ditch hdgt

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4	Pine Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	16.7	headwaters	confl Morrow Point Reservoir
4	Splains Gulch*	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.48	headwaters	confl Coal Creek
4	Unnamed Tributary to EF Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose Ouray	2.75	headwaters	confl EF Dry Creek
4	West Hubbard Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Delta	2.32	headwaters	Overland Ditch
4	West Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	5.52	confl Ault Creek	confl East Muddy Creek
5	Coon Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	4.71	Coon Creek Reservoir No. 4	South Side Canal
5	Derby Creek	Colorado headwaters	Eagle	2.8	confl South Derby Creek	confl Colorado River
5	Little Elk Creek	Roaring Fork	Pitkin	1.98	headwaters	Elk Creek No. 1 Ditch hdgt
6	Bear Creek	Upper White	Garfield	3.09	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Big Fish Creek	Upper White	Garfield	4.30	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Clear Creek*	Lower Yampa	Rio Blanco	8.31	headwaters	confl Milk Creek
6	East Marvine Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	7.31	headwaters	confl Marvine Creek
6	Hill Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	3.84	headwaters	Hill Creek Ditch #2 & #3 hdgt
6	Hauskins Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.11	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Lynx Creek	Upper White	Garfield	1.58	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Milk Creek	Lower Yampa	Moffat	4.11	confl Wilson Creek	confl Yampa River
6	Mirror Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	2.16	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Pagoda Creek*	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	10.32	Headwaters	confl South Fork Williams Fork
6	Paradise Creek	Upper White	Garfield Rio Blanco	2.98	headwaters	Paradise Ponds Diversion Hdgt
6	Picket Pin Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.66	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	South Fork White River	Upper White	Rio Blanco	8.07	Flat Tops Wilderness Area Boundary	confl Swede Creek
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	18.55	confl Talamantes Creek	confl Ink Springs
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	10.12	confl Ink Springs	Vermillion Ditch hdgt
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	7.33	Vermillion Ditch hdgt	confl Green River
6	Ways Gulch	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.45	headwaters	confl Willow Creek

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6	Wheeler Creek	Upper North Platte	Jackson	3.22	headwaters	Ackers Ditch hdgt

NLL Recommendations

Div.	Lake Name	Watershed	County	Location (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North)
2	Titan Lake*	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	UTM_N: 4356622.28 UTM_E: 377505.25

*Recommendation received at January 2023 ISF Workshop