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AGENDA ITEM: 12a. Public Notice of 2025 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 44 stream segments have been recommended for ISF appropriation. At the January 2025 CWCB meeting, Staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on recommendations where sufficient information and outreach has been completed.

The list below includes seven new recommendations that were presented at the ISF Workshop in February 2024 (identified with an *) and 37 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 2024 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/2025-isf-recommendations>



2025 Instream Flow Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	East Fork Roaring Creek	Cache la Poudre	Larimer	3.49	headwaters	confl with Roaring Creek
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	West Plum Creek	Upper South Platte	Douglas	22.6	headwaters	confl East Plum Creek
2	Cottonwood Creek	Arkansas Headwaters	Fremont	9.42	confl Salt Creek	Giem Ditch hdgt
2	Cottonwood Creek	Arkansas Headwaters	Custer	6.00	headwaters	F. Keuhn Ditch No. 2 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	Cabin Creek*	Tomichi	Gunnison	8.22	headwaters	Cabin Creek Ditch hdgt
4	Canyon Creek*	Tomichi	Gunnison	8.64	headwaters	confl Tomichi Creek
4	Goat Creek	San Miguel	San Miguel	2.80	spring complex	confl Beaver Creek
4	East Fork Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose Ouray	3.11	headwaters	confl Beaver Dams Creek
4	East Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	6.32	confl Lee Creek	confl Muddy Creek
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	Pine Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	16.7	headwaters	confl Morrow Point Reservoir

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4	Red Creek*	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	6.90	confl East Creek and West Red Creek	confl Blue Mesa Reservoir
4	Steuben Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	9.96	confl West Steuben Creek	confl Blue Mesa Reservoir
4	Unnamed Tributary to East Fork Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose Ouray	2.75	headwaters in the vicinity	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	8.78	confl Sheep Creek	confl Muddy Creek
5	Coon Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	4.71	outlet Coon Creek Res No. 4	South Side Canal hdgt
5	Derby Creek	Colorado Headwaters	Eagle	2.80	confl South Derby Creek	confl Colorado River
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	8.32	headwaters	confl Milk Creek
6	East Marvine Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	7.31	headwaters	confl Marvine Creek
6	Hauskins Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.11	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Hill Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	3.84	headwaters	Hill Creek Ditch #2 & #3 hdgt
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

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6	Paradise Creek	Upper White	Garfield Rio Blanco	2.98	headwaters	Paradise Ponds Diversion Hdgt
6	Pagoda Creek	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	8.40	headwaters	confl Slide Creek at
6	Pagoda Creek	Upper Yampa	Rio Blanco	1.92	confl Slide Creek	confl SF Williams Fork
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	Stinking Gulch*	Lower Yampa	Moffat Rio Blanco	20.2	headwaters	confl with Milk Creek
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	18.6	confl Talamantes Creek	confl Ink Springs
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	10.1	confl Ink Springs	Vermillion Ditch hdgt
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	7.33	Vermillion Ditch hdgt	confl Green River
6	West Branch Willow Creek*	Little Snake	Routt	5.26	headwaters	confl Willow Creek
6	Willow Creek*	Little Snake	Routt	4.67	Outlet Boyer Reservoir	confl West Branch Willow Creek
7	Burrows Creek*	Animas	San Juan	1.33	headwaters	confl Animas River

*Recommendation received at the February 2024 ISF Workshop