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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** March 13, 2024

**AGENDA ITEM:** 12b. Public Comment on 2024 Instream Flow and Natural Level  
Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 2, 4, and 6

**Staff Recommendation:** This is an informational item with no Board action required.

**Background:** At its January 29, 2024 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate seven instream flow (ISF) and one natural lake level (NLL) water rights. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public of these proposed appropriations (see Tables 1 & 2), and to provide an opportunity for public comment pursuant to Rule 5e. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Program (ISF Rules). Staff provided notice to the ISF Subscription Mailing List of the proposed appropriations on February 5, 2024. Detailed information regarding these stream segments is available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2024-isf-recommendations>.

Anyone wishing to contest one or more of these ISF or NLL appropriations must file a Notice to Contest with the Board, pursuant to ISF Rule 5k., by April 1, 2024. Staff may ask the Board to take final action on all uncontested ISF and NLL appropriations at its May 2024 meeting.

**Table 1. Instream Flow Recommendations**

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length miles	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow Rate cfs (dates)
1	Square Top Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake	0.1 (09/01 - 03/31) 0.3 (04/01 - 04/30) 1.0 (05/01 - 05/31) 1.3 (06/01 - 06/30) 0.8 (07/01 - 07/31) 0.25 (08/01 - 08/31)
1	Williams Gulch	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	4.63	headwaters	confluence Cache la Poudre River	0.4 (11/01 - 03/31) 2.0 (04/01 - 07/31) 1.1 (08/01 - 08/31) 0.7 (09/01 - 10/31)



Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length miles	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow Rate cfs (dates)
4	Deer Creek	East-Taylor	Gunnison	3.38	headwaters	Beitler No. 1 headgate	0.35 (11/01 - 03/31) 0.9 (04/01 - 04/30) 1.0 (05/01 - 08/31) 0.6 (09/01 - 10/31)
4	North Lobe Creek	Lower Dolores	Mesa	7.25	headwaters	Highline Ditch headgate	0.35 (09/01 - 03/31) 7.0 (04/01 - 05/31) 5.0 (06/01 - 06/30) 1.0 (07/01 - 08/31)
4	Splains Gulch	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.48	headwaters	confluence Coal Creek	0.4 (11/01 - 03/31) 1.3 (04/01 - 08/31) 0.75 (09/01 - 10/31)
6	Ways Gulch	Upper Yampa	Routt	2.25	headwaters	BLM property boundary	0.2 (10/01 - 04/30) 1.3 (05/01 - 07/31) 0.5 (08/01 - 09/30)
6	Wheeler Creek	Upper North Platte	Jackson	3.22	headwaters	Akers Ditch headgate	0.65 (11/01 - 02/29) 0.9 (03/01 - 04/30) 1.6 (05/01 - 06/30) 0.9 (07/01 - 10/31)

**Table 2. Natural Lake Level Recommendation**

Div	Lake	Watershed	County	Volume acre-feet	Location (Center-point) NAD 1983 Zone 13 North	Surface elevation feet above MSL
2	Titan Lake	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	2.3	UTM-East: 377505.25 UTM-North: 4356622.28	11,560