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AGENDA ITEM: 5. Notice of 2025 Instream Flow Recommended Appropriations in Water Divisions 4, 5, 6, and 7

Staff Recommendation

This is an informational item that provides notice of recommended stream segments that staff may bring to the Board in January or March 2025 with a recommendation that the Board form its intent to appropriate instream flow (ISF) 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 21 stream segments are being considered for appropriations in 2025. At the January or March 2025 CWCB meeting, staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights on some or all the streams listed in Table 1. These streams were previously noticed at the Board’s March 2024 meeting and a March notice was 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/2025-isf-recommendations>

Table 1. Instream Flow Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
4	Beaver Dams Creek	Uncompahgre	Ouray	3.29	headwaters	confluence East Fork Dry Creek
4	Cabin Creek	Tomichi	Gunnison	7.92	headwaters	Van Tuyl State Wildlife Boundary
4	Canyon Creek	Tomichi	Gunnison	8.64	headwaters	confluence Tomichi Creek
4	East Fork Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose, Ouray	3.11	headwaters	confluence Beaver Dams Creek



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4	East Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	6.32	confluence Lee Creek	confluence Muddy Creek
4	Goat Creek	San Miguel	San Miguel	2.01	confluence Galloway Creek	confluence Beaver 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	Red Creek (Increase)	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	6.73	confluence East and West Red Creek	confluence Blue Mesa Reservoir
4	Unnamed Tributary to East Fork Dry Creek	Uncompahgre	Montrose, Ouray	2.75	headwaters	confluence East Fork 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	confluence Sheep Creek	confluence Muddy Creek
5	Coon Creek	Colorado Headwaters-Plateau	Mesa	3.18	confluence West Branch Coon Creek	South Side Canal headgate
5	Deep Creek (Increase)	Colorado Headwaters	Eagle, Garfield	15.27	Outlet of Deep Lake	BLM Property Boundary
5	Derby Creek (Increase)	Colorado Headwaters	Eagle	8.40	confluence South Derby Creek	confluence Colorado River
6	Clear Creek	Lower Yampa	Rio Blanco	8.32	headwaters	confluence Milk Creek
6	Milk Creek	Lower Yampa	Moffat	4.11	confluence Wilson Creek	confluence Yampa River
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	18.6	confluence Talamantes Creek	confluence Ink Springs
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	10.1	confluence Ink Springs	Vermillion Ditch headgate

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6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	7.33	Vermillion Ditch headgate	confluence Green River
7	Burrows Creek	Animas	San Juan	1.33	headwaters	confluence Animas River