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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**DATE:** September 17, 2025

**AGENDA ITEM:** 12a. Uncontested Appropriation Update: Vermillion Creek, Water Division 6

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

**Background:** At its March 19, 2025, meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate two instream flow (ISF) water rights on Vermillion Creek. These ISFs were not contested by the modified deadline of June 2, 2025. Nevertheless, CWCB staff and BLM staff are working to resolve a landowner concern. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide a notice to the public of these proposed appropriations (see Table 1) 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 March 25, 2025. Detailed information regarding these stream segments is available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2025-isf-recommendations>.

Staff may ask the Board to take final action on these uncontested ISF appropriations at its November 2025 meeting.



Table 1. Instream Flow Recommendations

Water Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow Rate (CFS)
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	18.6	confluence Talamantes Creek	confluence USGS Vermillion Creek gage at Ink Springs	1.0 (10/01 - 04/15) 2.6 (04/16 - 09/30)
6	Vermillion Creek	Vermilion	Moffat	10.1	confluence USGS Vermillion Creek gage at Ink Springs	Vermillion Ditch headgate	1.4 (08/01 - 04/30) 2.4 (05/01 - 07/31)