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AGENDA ITEM: 5c. Notice of 2026 Instream Flow Recommended Appropriations
in Water Divisions 1, 2, 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 2026 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 Rule 5c., the Colorado Water Conservation Board is providing notice that the following 13 stream segments are being considered for appropriations in 2026. At the January or March 2026 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 2025 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
1	East Fork Roaring Creek	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	3.49	Headwaters	Confluence with Roaring Creek
1	Platte Gulch	South Platte Headwaters	Park	1.54	Headwaters	Confluence MF South Platte River
2	Cottonwood Creek	Arkansas Headwaters	Custer	4.13	Headwaters	USFS Boundary
6	Bear Creek	Upper White	Garfield	3.09	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	Big Fish Creek	Upper White	Garfield	4.30	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	East Marvine Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	7.31	Headwaters	Confluence Marvine Creek
6	Lynx Creek	Upper White	Garfield	1.58	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	Hauskins Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.11	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	Mirror Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	2.16	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	Picket Pin Creek	Upper White	Garfield	2.66	Headwaters	Confluence NF White River
6	Paradise Creek	Upper White	Garfield Rio Blanco	2.98	Headwaters	Paradise Ponds Diversion Headgate
7	Mill Creek	Animas	San Juan	4.01	Headwaters	Confluence Cascade Creek
7	Pando Creek	Animas	San Juan	1.87	Headwaters	Confluence Cascade Creek