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Pursuant to ISF Rule 5c. of the Rules Concerning the Colorado Instream Flow (ISF) and Natural Lake Level (NLL) Program, this notice identifies the streams that may be considered for ISF appropriations in 2026. At the January 2026 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB), staff may request that the Board form its intent to appropriate ISF water rights for the streams listed in the recommendation table below.

The ISF Recommendations are available online at:
<https://cwcb.colorado.gov/2026-isf-recommendations>.

In addition to the ISF recommendations, staff may rely on any additional data, exhibits, testimony, or other information submitted by any party as part of the Official CWCB Record.

It should also be noted that, pursuant to the [ISF Rules](#):

5d. (3)

(a) The Board may change flow amounts of contested ISF appropriations based on information received during the public notice and comment period.

(b) Staff will maintain, pursuant to Rule 5e.(3), an ISF Subscription Mailing List for each water division composed of the names of all persons who have sent notice to the Board Office that they wish to be included on such list for a particular water division. Any person desiring to be on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s) must send notice to the Board Office.

(c) Any meetings held between Staff and members of the public will be open to the public. Staff may provide Proper Notice prior to any such meetings and may provide notice to persons on the ISF Subscription Mailing List(s).

(d) Any Notice to Contest must be received at the Board office no later than March 31, 2026, or the first business day thereafter. All Notices of Party status and Contested Hearing Participant status must be received at the Board office no later than April 30, 2026 or the first business day thereafter.

(e) Staff will announce its Final Staff ISF Recommendation concerning contested appropriations at the September 2026 Board meeting and will send notice of the Final Staff Recommendation to all persons on the Contested Hearing Mailing List.

(f) The Board may take final action on any uncontested ISF appropriations at the May 2026 Board meeting.

Note that section 37-92-102 (3) (b), C.R.S. provides: "Any such appropriation shall be subject to the present uses or exchanges of water being made by other water users pursuant to appropriation or practices in existence on the date of such appropriation, whether or not previously confirmed by court

order or decree.” For more information on whether this provision applies to specific undecreed uses of water in or above the proposed instream flow segments, and potential recognition of such uses in the CWCB’s water court decree, contact Rob Viehl at the address above or via email to rob.viehl@state.co.us.

The schedule set forth in (d), (e), and (f) above will apply to streams on which the CWCB declares its intent to appropriate water rights in January 2026. Should you wish to comment on the proposed ISF Recommendations or request more information you may do so by writing Rob Viehl of the Board's staff at the address or email given above. Your appearance at any meeting is welcome, but not necessary. If you request, Staff will present your written comments to the Board. If you are not currently on the Board's ISF Subscription Mailing List and you would like to be, sign up online at: <https://dwr.state.co.us/Portal/Login/>

ISF 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	Pine Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	16.7	headwaters	confl Morrow Point Reservoir
4	Steuben Creek	Upper Gunnison	Gunnison	9.96	confl West Steuben Creek	confl Blue Mesa Reservoir
4	Taylor River*	East-Taylor	Gunnison	10.9	confl Eyre Creek	confl Italian Creek
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	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	Lost Dog Creek*	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.13	headwaters	confl NF Elk River
6	Lynx Creek	Upper White	Garfield	1.58	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Mirror Creek	Upper White	Rio Blanco	2.16	headwaters	confl NF White River
6	Paradise Creek	Upper White	Garfield Rio Blanco	2.98	headwaters	Paradise Ponds Diversion Hdgt
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	West Branch Willow Creek	Little Snake	Routt	5.32	headwaters	confl Willow Creek
6	Willow Creek	Little Snake	Routt	4.67	Outlet Boyer Reservoir	confl West Branch Willow Creek
7	Mill Creek*	Animas	San Juan	4.01	headwaters in the vicinity	confl Cascade Creek
7	Pando Creek*	Animas	San Juan	1.87	headwaters in the vicinity	confl Cascade Creek

*Recommendation received at the February 2025 ISF Workshop