



**COLORADO**

**Colorado Water  
Conservation Board**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 718  
Denver, CO 80203

TO: Craig Cotton, Division Engineer  
Division of Water Resources, Water Division 3

FROM: Pete Conovitz, Stream and Lake Protection Section  
Colorado Water Conservation Board

RE: Request for Administration of the Instream Flow Water Rights on Bear Creek

DATE: August 31, 2023

Dear Craig:

On behalf of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, I am requesting administration of the Board's instream flow water right on the following segment of Bear Creek, in Water District 20, to preserve the natural environment to a reasonable degree. Additional information about the specific ISF reach is shown below.

Case No.	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Amount	Appropriation Date	WDID
84CW0141	headwaters in vicinity	confl Rio Grande	1.5 (1/1 - 12/31)	8/16/1982	2001719

The BEAR CREEK NEAR SOUTH FORK gage is located in the ISF reach and demonstrates that flow conditions are below the decreed ISF water right. The Board is requesting administration to ensure that water up to the full decreed amount of this water right is made available based on the priority system. The effective date of this call is August 31, 2023 and the call is to be in effect until the end of the current irrigation year.

Signed:

*Pete Conovitz*

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Luis Heredia, District 20 Deputy Water Commissioner  
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