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To: Colorado Ground Water Commission

From: Commission Staff

RE: Petition submitted by Lost Creek Land and Cattle Co., Equus Farms, Inc., and the Lost Creek Ground Water Management District that the Commission initiate the process to amend Rule 5.2.5.2 so as to determine that the northern portion of the Lost Creek main stem drainage within the Lost Creek Designated Ground Water Basin is overappropriated. Agenda Item No. 9

The information provided in petition, namely the decline in water table over the past 10 to 20 years, appears to indicate that the area along the main stem of the Lost Creek drainage where Rule 5.2.5.2 states new large capacity well permits can be granted may be overappropriated. Therefore Staff supports proceeding with the process to hold a rulemaking hearing to obtain additional information so as to determine whether or not the drainage is overappropriated.

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