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AGENDA ITEM: 5. Public Comment on 2021 Instream Flow Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 4, and 7

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

Background: At its January 25, 2021 meeting, the Board declared its intent to appropriate 5 instream flow (ISF) water rights. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide notice to the public of these proposed appropriations (see table below), and to provide an opportunity for public comment 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 January 29, 2021. Detailed information regarding these stream segments is available on the CWCB website located at: <https://cwc.colorado.gov/2021-isf-recommendations>

Anyone wishing to contest one or more of these ISF appropriations must file a Notice to Contest with the Board, pursuant to ISF Rule 5k., by March 31, 2021. Staff will ask the Board to take final action on all uncontested ISF appropriations at its May 2021 meeting.

Proposed Instream Flow Appropriations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus	Flow Rate, cfs/Timing
1	Dry Gulch	Clear Creek	Clear Creek	2.83	headwaters	confluence Clear Creek	0.67 (01/01 - 04/30) 5.4 (05/01 - 07/31) 2 (08/01 - 09/30) 0.85 (10/01 - 12/31)
1	North Fork Little Thompson River	Big Thompson	Larimer	3.77	confluence Hell Canyon Creek	confluence Little Thompson River	5 (04/25 - 06/10) 2 (06/11 - 06/30)
1	Redstone Creek	Big Thompson	Larimer	16.3	headwaters	confluence Buckhorn Creek	6.2 (05/01 - 06/15)
4	Elk Creek	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.66	headwaters	confluence Coal Creek	0.2 (08/16 - 04/30) 1.5 (05/01 - 07/10) 0.65 (07/11 - 08/15)
7	Rincon La Vaca Creek	Upper San Juan	Hinsdale	4.47	headwaters	confluence Los Pinos River	1.2 (11/01 - 04/30) 2.8 (05/01 - 10/31)

