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**TO:** Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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**AGENDA ITEM:** 14. Notice of 2024 Instream Flow and Natural Lake Level Recommended Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 2, 4, and 6

**Staff Recommendation**

This is an informational item that provides notice of recommended stream segments and natural lakes that staff may bring to the Board in January or March 2024 with a recommendation that the Board form its intent to appropriate instream flow (ISF) and natural lake level (NLL) water rights. No Board action is required.

**Background**

Pursuant to Instream Flow (“ISF”) Rule 5c., the Colorado Water Conservation Board is providing notice that the following nine stream segments and one natural lake are being considered for appropriations in 2024. At the January or March 2024 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 and the lake listed in Table 2. These streams and lake were previously noticed at the Board’s March 2023 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/2024-isf-recommendations>

Table 1. Instream Flow Recommendations

Div	Stream	Watershed	County	Length (miles)	Upper Terminus	Lower Terminus
1	Square Top Creek	Upper South Platte	Clear Creek	1.08	outlet of Lower Square Top Lake	inlet of Duck Lake
1	Williams Gulch	Cache La Poudre	Larimer	4.47	headwaters	confl Cache la Poudre River
4	Deer Creek	East-Taylor	Gunnison	3.38	headwaters	Beitler No. 1 hdgt
4	East Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	6.32	confl Lee Creek	confl West Muddy Creek



4	North Lobe Creek	Lower Dolores	Mesa	7.25	headwaters	Highline Ditch hdgt
4	Splains Gulch	East-Taylor	Gunnison	2.48	headwaters	confl Coal Creek
4	West Muddy Creek	North Fork Gunnison	Gunnison	5.52	confl Ault Creek	confl East Muddy Creek
6	Ways Gulch	Upper Yampa	Routt	4.45	headwaters	BLM property boundary
6	Wheeler Creek	Upper North Platte	Jackson	3.22	headwaters	Akers Ditch hdgt

Table 2. Natural Lake Level Recommendation

Water Div	Waterbody Name	Watershed	County	Location (Center-point) (NAD 1983 Zone 13 North)
2	Titan Lake	Arkansas Headwaters	Lake	UTM-East: 377505.25 UTM-North: 4356622.28



# 2024 Recommended ISF Appropriations in Water Divisions 1, 2, 4, and 6

