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Colorado Water Conservation Board

Department of Natural Resources
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Mr. Garrett Watson
Northwest Deputy Regional Manager
Colorado Parks & Wildlife
Northwest Region
711 Independent Avenue
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Via E-Mail: garrett.watson@state.co.us

RE: Acceptance of Temporary Loan of Water for Instream Flow Use

Dear Mr. Watson:

The Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Staff has reviewed the June 7, 2021 offer from Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) of a temporary expedited loan from Big Beaver Creek Reservoir (aka Lake Avery) for instream flow use on Big Beaver Creek and the White River in Water Division 6. Based on that review, we believe that the proposed loan would benefit the CWCB's instream flow water rights on Big Beaver Creek and the White River.

I have directed the CWCB staff to coordinate with CPW on preparing and submitting the necessary documentation to the State and Division Engineers to obtain approval of the loan, and on providing the statutorily required public notice of the proposed lease. Thank you for working with the CWCB to protect Colorado's streams.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Mitchell

Colorado Water Conservation Board
Rebecca Mitchell, Director

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