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## Colorado Water Conservation Board Department of Natural Resources

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Attn: Sue Doroff

RE: Temporary Lease Offer on the Cimarron River (Water Division 4)

Dear Ms. Beatie and Ms. Doroff:

The CWCB staff has reviewed the July 29, 2013 offer from the Colorado Water Trust and Western Rivers Conservancy of a temporary lease of water rights associated with the McKinley Ditch for instream flow use on the Cimarron River in Water Division 4. Based upon that review, we believe that the proposed lease would benefit the CWCB's instream flow water right on the Cimarron River. I have directed the CWCB staff to coordinate with the Colorado Water Trust on preparing and submitting the necessary documentation to the State and Division Engineers to obtain approval of the lease, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Eklund", is written over a horizontal line.

James Eklund, Director  
Colorado Water Conservation Board