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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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James Eklund
CWCB Director

RE: Temporary Lease Offer on the Yampa River (Water Division 6)

Dear Ms. Beatie:

The CWCB staff has reviewed the July 24, 2013 offer from the Colorado Water Trust of a temporary lease of water rights associated with Stagecoach Reservoir for instream flow use on the Yampa River in Water Division 6. Based upon that review, we believe that the proposed lease would benefit the CWCB's instream flow water rights on the Yampa 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,

James Eklund, Director
Colorado Water Conservation Board