November 16, 2021

Dear Chairperson Brody and Colorado Water Conservation Board,

As a resident of Ouray County, volunteer leader of our local chapter of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, and avid advocate for wildlife, wild landscapes and watershed health, I respectfully ask, on behalf our organization, that the Board deny the request by Ouray County for a postponement to appropriate an instream flow on Cow Creek (agenda item #25.)  We urge CWCB to proceed with preparation and filing of the Water Court application to approve CWCB’s lower Cow Creek ISF no later than December 31, 2021.   Our organization agrees with the justification cited in letters recently submitted to you by Uncompahgre Watershed Partnership and Western Resource Advocates. In particular, we wish to emphasize our concern for the imperiled native bluehead sucker in Cow Creek if CWCB were to delay the application for the ISF.  Thank you for your consideration of our opinion and request.

Respectfully,

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Northern San Juan Chapter/Ridgway, CO

Great Old Broads for Wilderness