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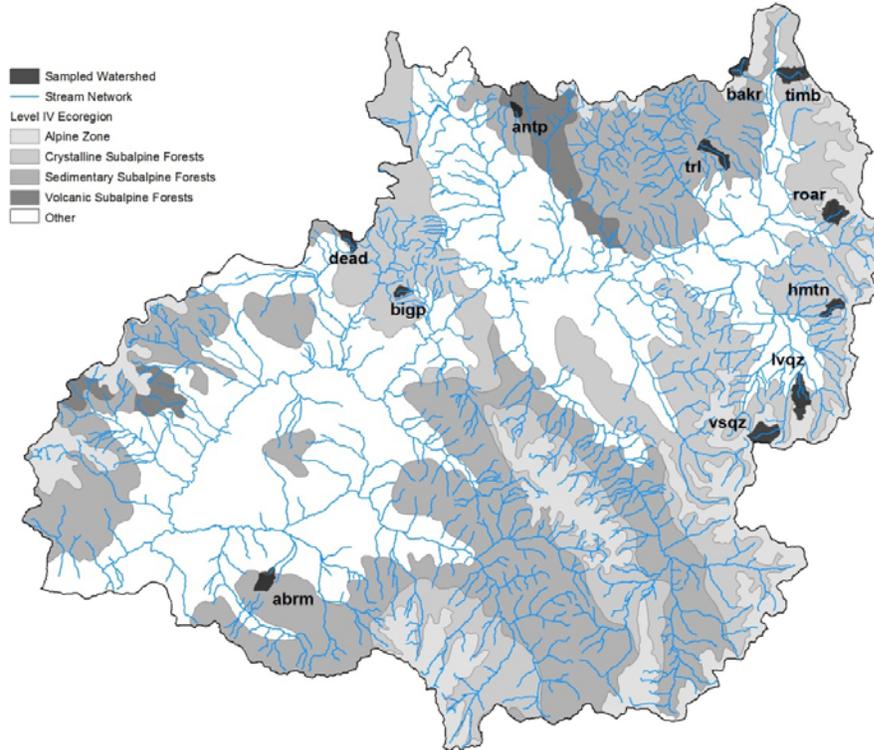
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Figure 2. Distribution of sampled watersheds, which are currently occupied by Colorado River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki pleuriticus*) in the upper Colorado River basin, based on level IV ecoregions boundaries. For creek name codes, see Table 1.

Table 1. Physical characteristics and trout of 11 watersheds sampled in the headwaters of the Colorado River, 2008-2009.

Watershed	Level IV ecoregion	Watershed area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Mean elevation (m)	Stream length (km)
Baker Gulch	Alpine	7.10	3505	5.62
Roaring Fork	Alpine	11.86	3350	4.28
Vasquez Creek	Alpine	13.21	3534	7.81
Big Park Creek	Crystalline Subalpine	3.29	2799	3.44
Hamilton Creek	Crystalline Subalpine	5.59	3253	6.81
Little Vasquez	Crystalline Subalpine	14.48	3202	6.12
Timber Creek	Crystalline Subalpine	11.14	3316	5.81
Abrams Creek	Sedimentary Subalpine	8.94	2834	8.11
Deadman Gulch	Sedimentary Subalpine	5.13	2824	5.18
Trail Creek	Sedimentary Subalpine	8.52	3125	7.45
Antelope Creek	Volcanic Subalpine	2.95	3068	3.27

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