The purpose of this map is to identify established streams and creeks subject to the Town of Vail stream setback requirements. Once identified, a survey is required to locate the center of the stream channel after which the setback is applied accordingly.

To determine the center line of the established creek or stream channel, a surveyor identifies the width of the channel or stream’s water surface, edge to edge, and divides the distance in half to establish the center from which the required 30’ or 50’ setback is measured. Town staff uses the primary definition of channel as set forth in Webster’s II New Riverside University Dictionary: “channel - a stream or riverbed.”

12-14-17: SETBACK FROM WATERCOURSE:
Minimum setback from a creek or stream shall be not less than thirty feet (30’) from the center of the established creek or stream channel as defined by the Town comprehensive plan base maps; provided, however, that the setback from Gore Creek shall be fifty feet (50’). Natural creek or stream channels may not be re-channeled or changed.