



Preliminary Findings of State Based Water Rights in Basin 95 Part 1

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Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Brief history of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA)**
- **How the CSRBA Process Affects You**
- **Water Right Queries on the Internet**
- **Today's Meeting Procedures**
- **Question/Answer Period**

Introduction IDWR Staff

IDWR Northern Region Adjudication Unit

- **Chad Goodwin – Supervisor**
- **Linda Werner – Sr. Water Resource Agent**
- **Evan Roda – Sr. Water Resource Agent**
- **Dawn Lenon – Technical Records Specialist 1**

Introduction IDWR Staff

Attorney General's Office

- **Garrick Baxter – Deputy Attorney General or**
- **Andrea Courtney– Deputy Attorney General**
- **Suzy Cooley-Denney – Paralegal**

IDWR State Office Administrative & Technical Support

- **Craig Saxton – Water Analyst 3**
- **Lori Harris – Technical Records Specialist 2**

Introduction CSRBA Court

- **Honorable Eric Wildman – CSRBA Presiding Judge**
- **Paul Harrington – CSRBA Court Staff Attorney**

History of CSRBA

- **July 3, 2008 – the Idaho Attorney General filed the petition for a general adjudication of water rights within the Coeur d’Alene-Spokane River drainage**
- **November 12, 2008 – the order commencing the CSRBA was signed**
- **January 2009 – the mailing of commencement notices to property owners within the Coeur d’Alene-Spokane River drainage began**

Why Adjudicate Water Rights?

- **Water is a valuable resource in Idaho**
- **Supplies are not sufficient to meet all of the demands**
- **Quantification is needed for proper delivery**
- **Possible interstate issues**



Property Values

- Land with a water right is generally more valuable than similar land without a water right
- The adjudication process is the only way to preserve old priority dates for beneficial use rights



Proper Management Requires Resource Quantification

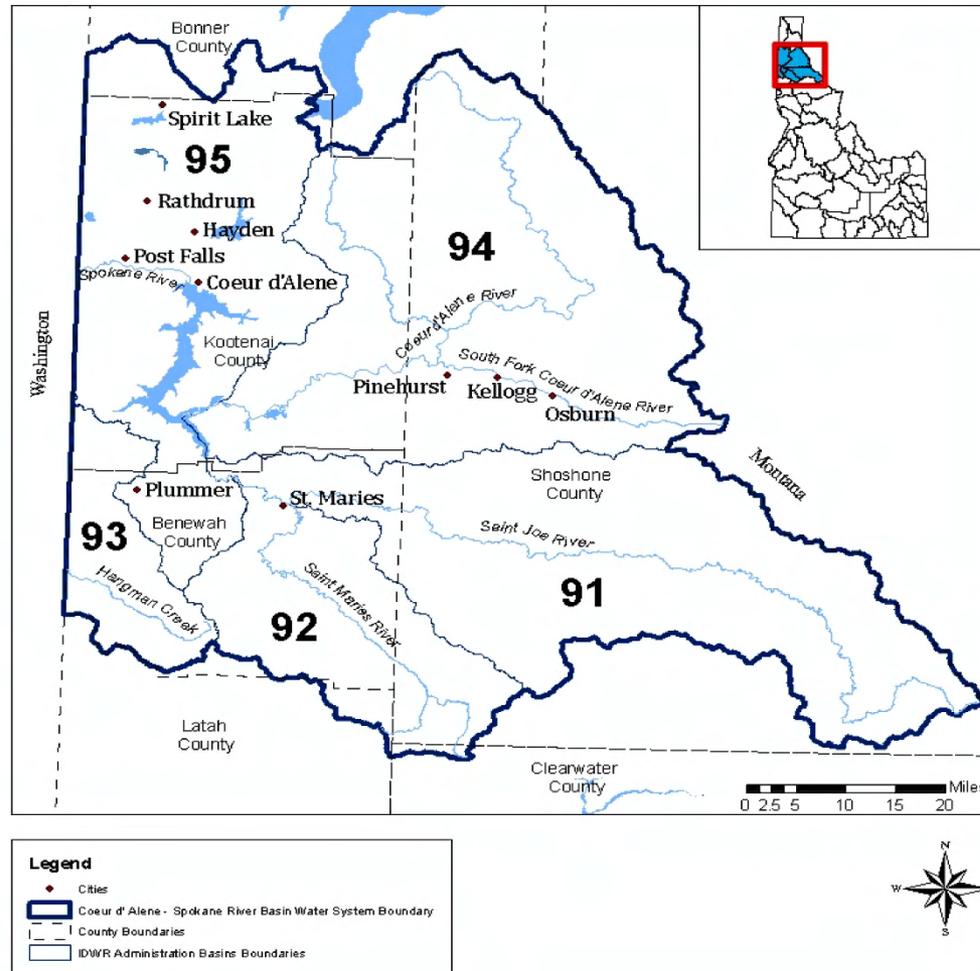
- **What is the source?**
- **What is the rate of flow?**
- **Is there a volume limit?**
- **What is the extent of water use or uses**



Water Management

- **Having the water rights decreed is necessary to manage water – the elements of each water right must be known!**
- **Old “grandfather rights” must be determined by the adjudication process – these historic beneficial use rights are the most common water rights in Idaho prior to an adjudication**
- **Changes made to water rights must be clarified – “amnesty statute” allows for accomplished transfers**

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Timeline for Basin 95 Part 1

- **March 6, 7 and 8, 2018 – Public meetings**
- **March 30, 2018 – Notice of Error due**
- **May or June 2018 – Director’s Report**
- **Objection period – Not less than 180 days**
- **Response period – Not less than 60 days**

**Note: Basin 95 Part 1 consists of Township 50 North through 55 North and
Basin 95 Part 2 consists of Townships 44 North through 49 North**

How the CSRBA Affects You

- **Claims for small domestic and/or stockwater use may be deferred, but filing a claim now is strongly recommended**
- **All other water rights must be claimed in the CSRBA**
- **Each claim that appears in the Director's Report will be issued a "partial decree" by the CSRBA Court**
- **Delivery of water (when or if required) will be based on your partial decree**

Internet Access

- **IDWR**
 - ❖ www.idwr.idaho.gov
- **CSRBA Court**
 - ❖ www.csrba.idaho.gov

Meeting Procedures - Today

- **Review your preliminary finding with respect to your expectation – is the finding correct?**
- **Check spelling and subdivision lot information**
- **All irrigation recommendations should include a GIS layout with an aerial photo map**
- **If all is satisfactory, please submit the reply page**
- **If all is not satisfactory or if you have questions, please talk to us**

How do I talk to IDWR?

- We will be assisting water users today at this location; however, complex questions specific to your claim may need to be answered at IDWR's Northern Region office located at 7600 N Mineral Drive, Suite 100**
- Participants will be called by number, in order of your arrival/sign up today**
- Appointments can be made for office visits in Coeur d'Alene or Boise if we cannot address all of your concerns at this meeting**

Questions to ask yourself:

- **1. Are you represented by an attorney?**
- **2. Have you worked with someone specific at IDWR?**
- **3. Do you want to file additional claims?**

**And now we will hear from Judge Wildman
and Paul Harrington**

**Following their presentations we will be taking
questions**