



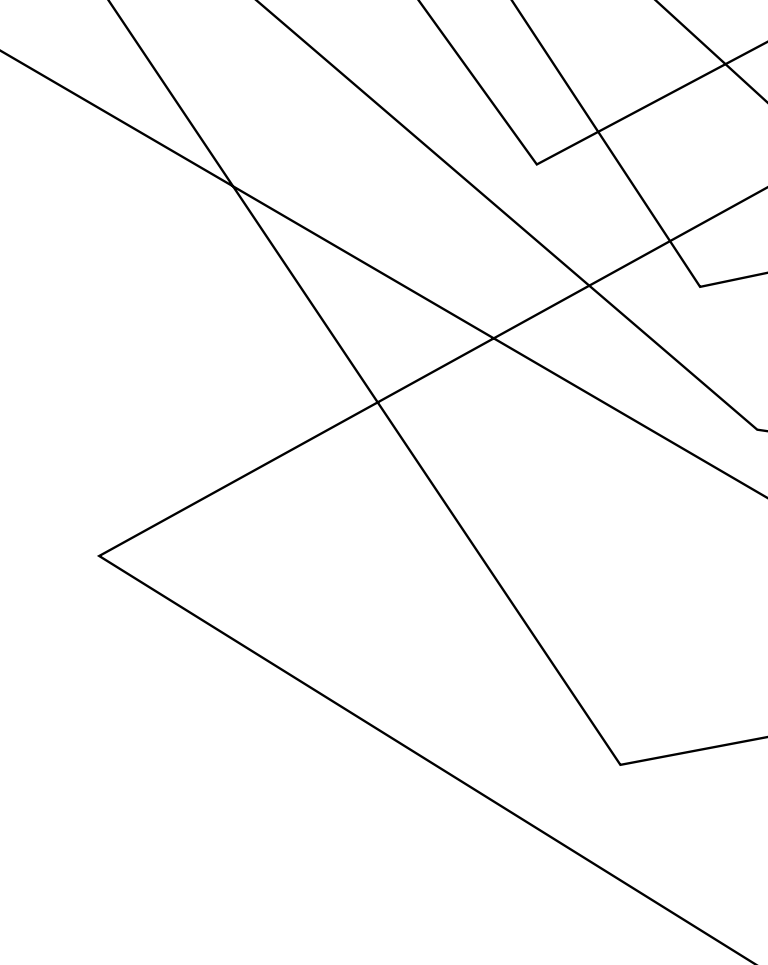
# Idaho Water Adjudications – Monthly Informational Meeting

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January 20, 2026



## DISCUSSION ITEMS

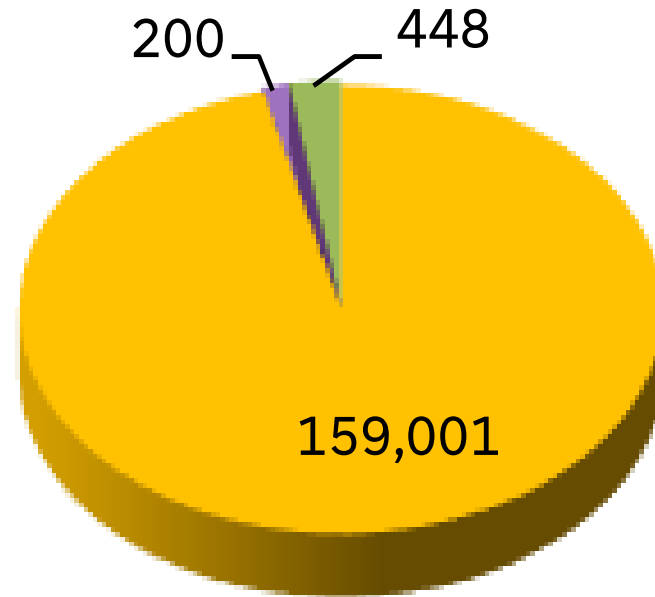
- Snake River Basin Adjudication
- Coeur d'Alene – Spokane River Basin Adjudication
- Palouse River Basin Adjudication
- Clark Fork – Pend Oreille River Basins Adjudication
- Bear River Basin Adjudication
- Kootenai River Basin Adjudication
- Other General Matters



SRBA

*Redfish Lake*  
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# SRBA SUMMARY AS OF JANUARY 7, 2026



■ Decreed

■ Pending Decree

■ Closed

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# MOTION FOR DETERMINATION OF DE MINIMIS D&S RIGHT FILED BUT AWAITING AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Motion Filed	Next Step
22	Casa Del Norte, LP	61-12368, et al.	1/28/2025	IDWR to publish notice.
1	Lyke	63-35673	3/17/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit.*
1	Fischer	84-12331	6/2/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit.
24	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	7/18/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.
5	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406	7/31/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.

## WAITING FOR IDWR TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Affidavit Filed	Next Step

# AWAITING DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY IDWR

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Director's Report Due	Next Step
5	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23474, 61-12361, 61-12362, 61-12363, 61-12240	3/16/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	Animals Trust	63-35660	4/20/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
12	T-Bone Ranch	25-14565 thru 25-14576	4/23/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	Blaser	65-24319	6/22/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
26	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23475, et al.	09/07/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	Johnson	86-12185	12/15/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	Albano	29-14557	12/15/2026	IDWR to submit Notice of Examination
1	Bieker	86-12178	12/21/2026	IDWR to Submit DR

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
3	Bingham	25-14553, 25-14554, 25-14555	8/15/2025	Objection deadline 10/14/2025 Response deadline 12/15/2025 Hearing on Uncontested 1/20/2026
3	Indian Meadows Ranch, LLC	55-14053, 55-14054, 55-14056	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026
2	Normandie, LLC	65-24159, 65-24308	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026
3	Forever Ranch II, LLC	65-24332, 65-24333, 65-24334	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026
1	Dubonis	67-15483	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026
1	Lanman	85-15876	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026

## AWAITING PARTIAL DECREE

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
1	Chandler (Gallant)	67-15210	6/8/2022	Referred to Special Master Booth, tracking with objected subcases

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED WITH OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Objection Filed
47	Pioneer Power LLC	55-14030 et al.	1/14/2022	3/14/2022
1	Gallant	67-15208	6/8/2022	8/8/2022
1	Chandler (fka Gallant)	67-15209	6/8/2022	8/8/2022
2	Chandler (fka Gallant)	67-15211, 67-15212	6/8/2022	5/24/2019*
14	Williams	29-14388 thru 29-14397, 61-12467 thru 61-12470	5/22/2023	7/25/2023*

\*Objection to the claim filed before Director's Report

## DIRECTOR'S REPORTS WITH EXECUTED SF5S

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	SF5 Filed Date	SMRR Filed Date

## PARTIAL DECREE ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Partially Decreed

## DISMISSED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Date Dismissed

SUBCASE 00-92095  
ADJUDICATION OF DEFERRED DE MINIMIS DOMESTIC  
AND STOCKWATER CLAIMS

- Pursuant to Judge Wildman's January 22, 2024 Stay Order, this subcase is stayed pending resolution of *U.S. v. Idaho* in the Federal Courts.

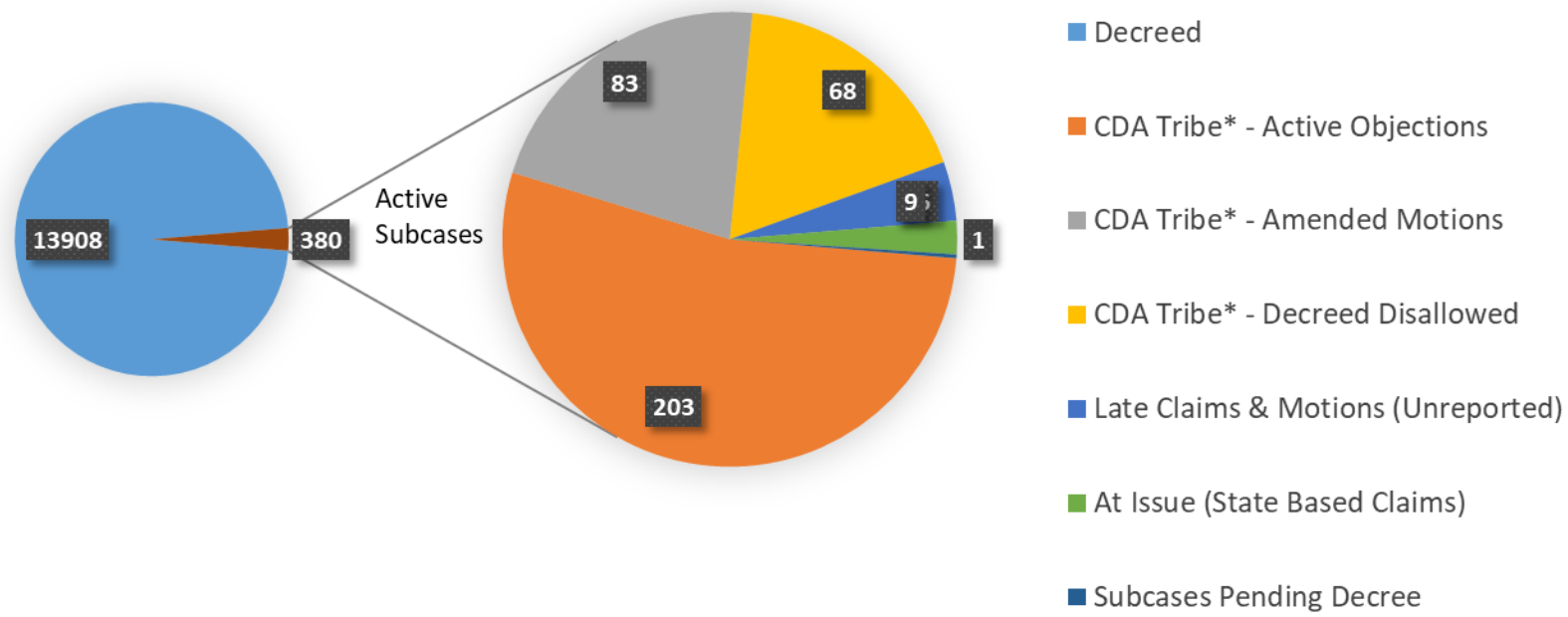
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*Rock wall in Post Falls, ID  
Photo Credit: Scott Potter, Northern Region*

# CSRBA Summary

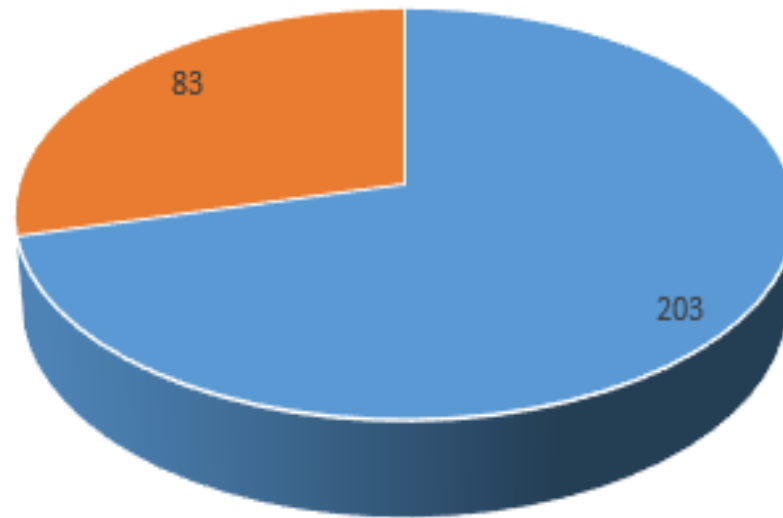
## All Subcases



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As of 1/1/2026

## CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



### Basins 91-95 Current Subcases

- CDA Tribe\* - Active Objections
- CDA Tribe\* - Amended Motions

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# BASIN 95 PART 1

## SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



*Lake Cocolalla*

*Photo Credit: Scott Potter, Northern Region*

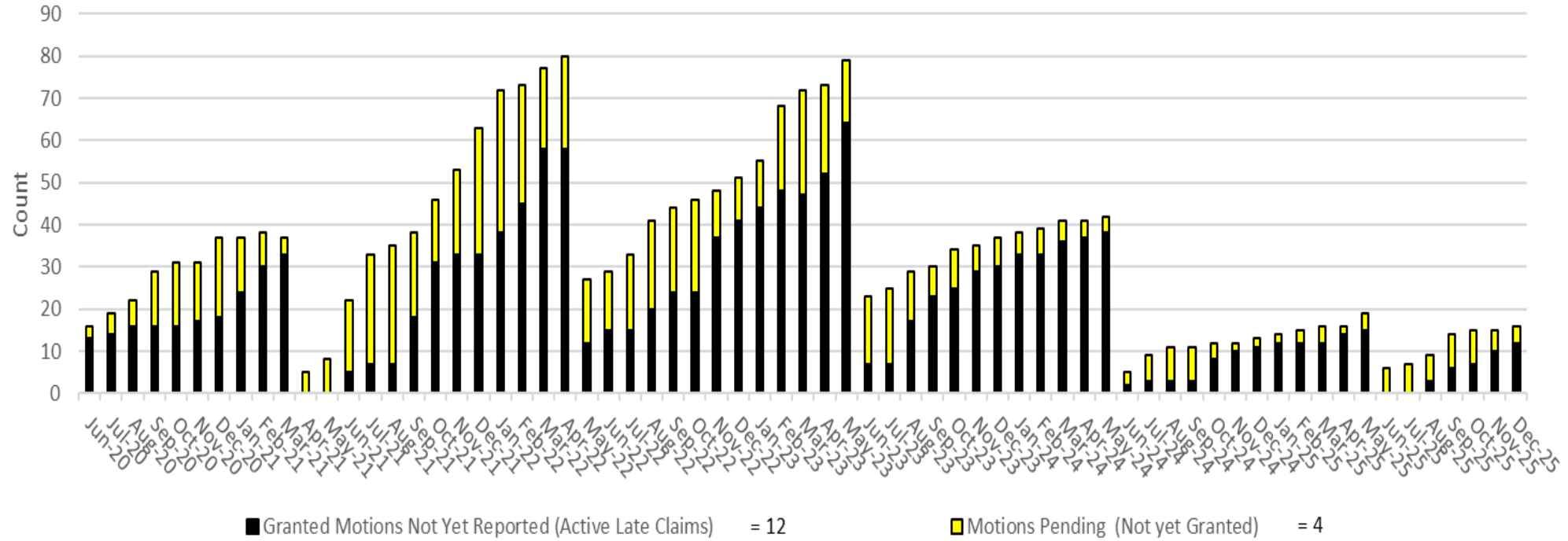
### Coeur d'Alene Lake claims

- Settlement negotiations are ongoing.
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for February 4, 2026.

# ACTIVE LATE CLAIM SUBCASES

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Status
1	"Chilco Lake Users" – lead claimant name: Curtis Carney	95-18274	06/15/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline to File Motions for Summary Judgment – December 19, 2025</li> <li>• Responses Due – January 16, 2026</li> <li>• Replies Due – January 27, 2026</li> <li>• Hearing on Motions for Summary scheduled for January 30, 2026</li> </ul>

### CSRBA Late & Misc Claims



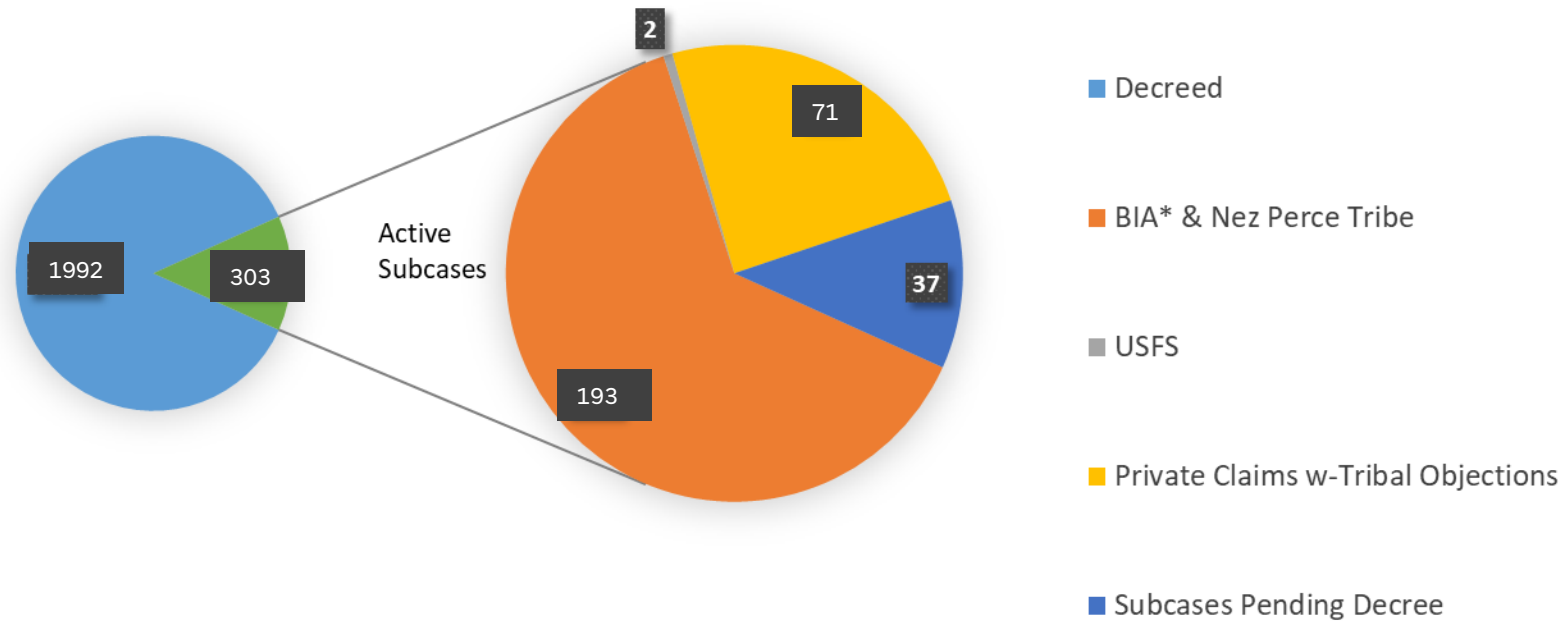
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*North of Moscow by Robinson Park  
Photo Credit: Scott Potter, Northern Region*

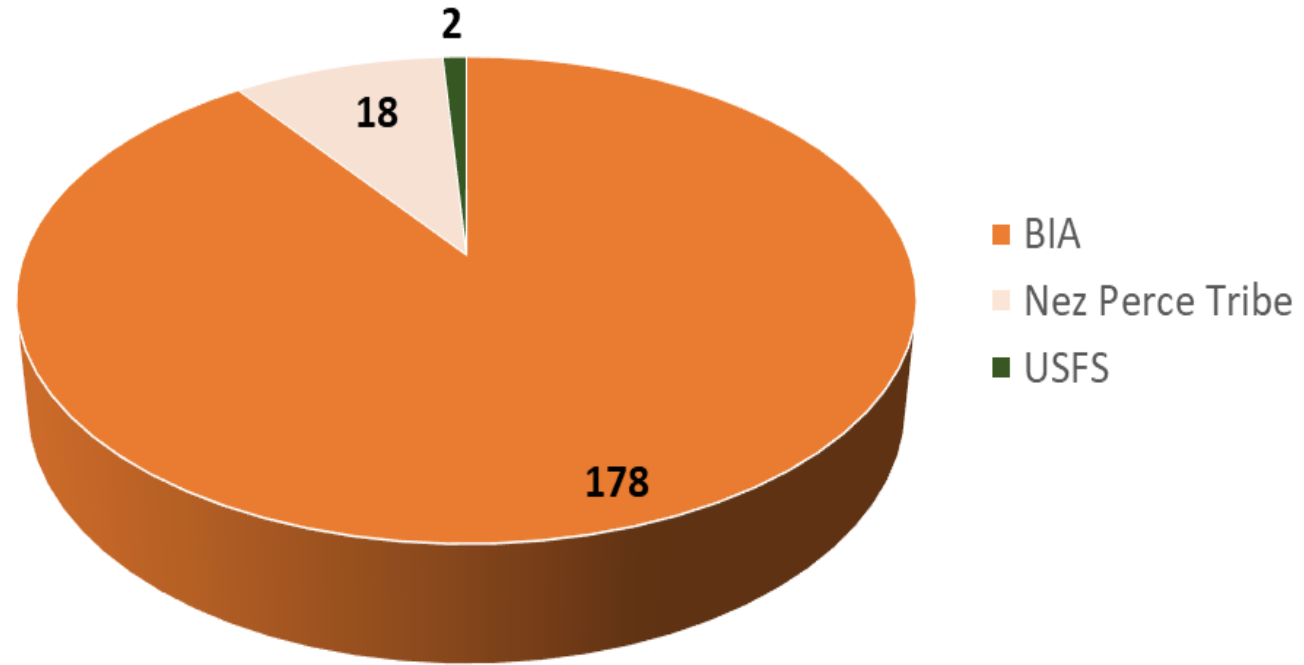
## PRBA Summary All Subcases



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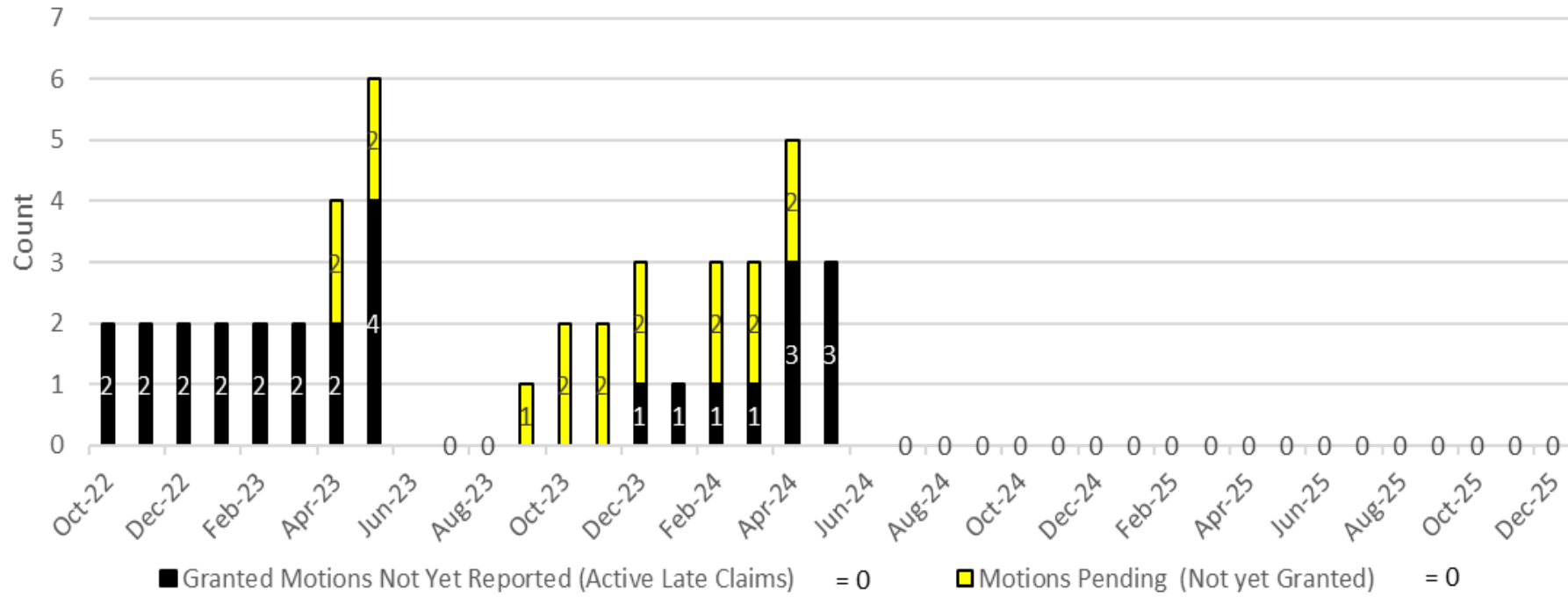
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## PRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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### PRBA Late & Misc Claims



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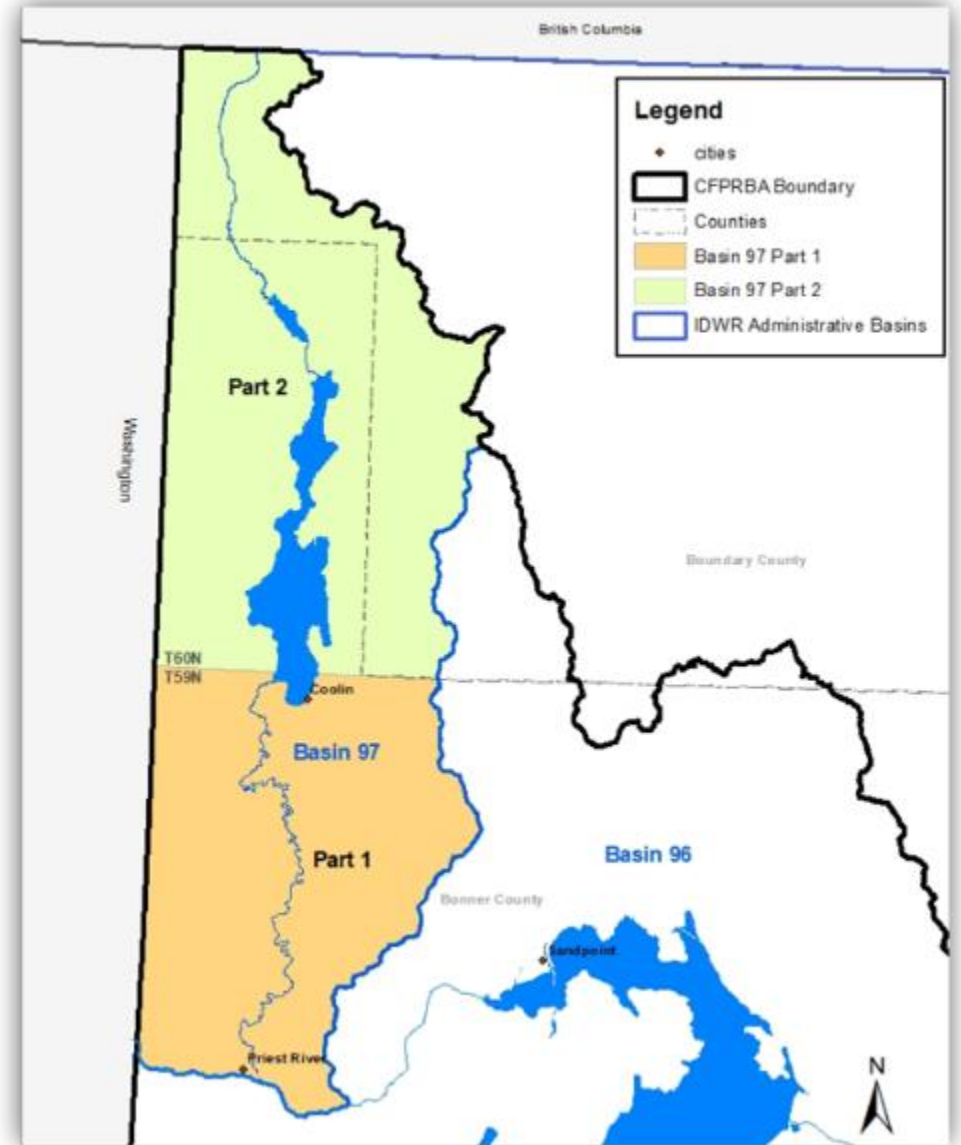
CFPRBA



*Pend Oreille River, Sagley, ID  
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

# BASIN 97, PART 1

- The Director's Report for Basin 97 Part 1 was mailed on December 17, 2024.
  - Deadline for objections = Ran on May 12, 2025
  - Deadline for responses = Ran on July 28, 2025
  - **Hearing on Uncontested Motions = June 16, 2026**
- There are 1,087 claims pending in the CFPRBA
- Initial Hearings to be held this coming March / April



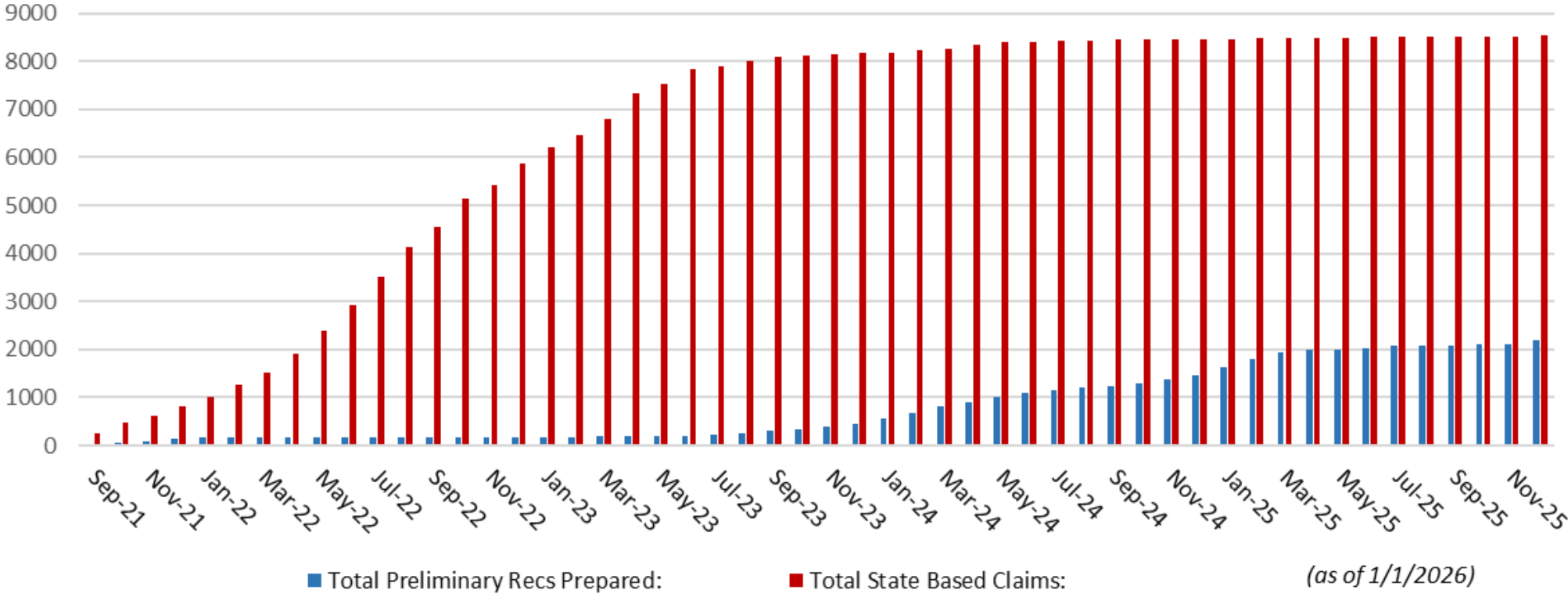
## BASIN 97, PART 2

- The Director's Report State-based claims for Basin 97, Part 2 was mailed on January 16, 2026 (995 recommendations)
- Deadline for objections is May 22, 2026.
- Response deadline is July 21, 2026.
- Hearing on Uncontested is scheduled for December 15, 2026.

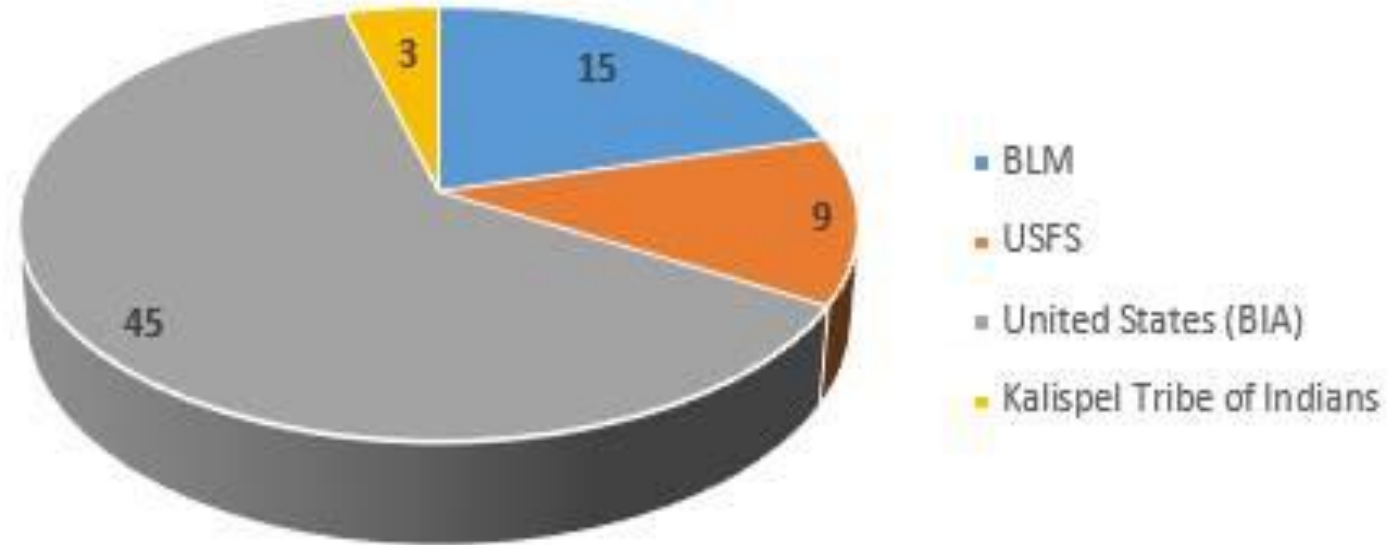


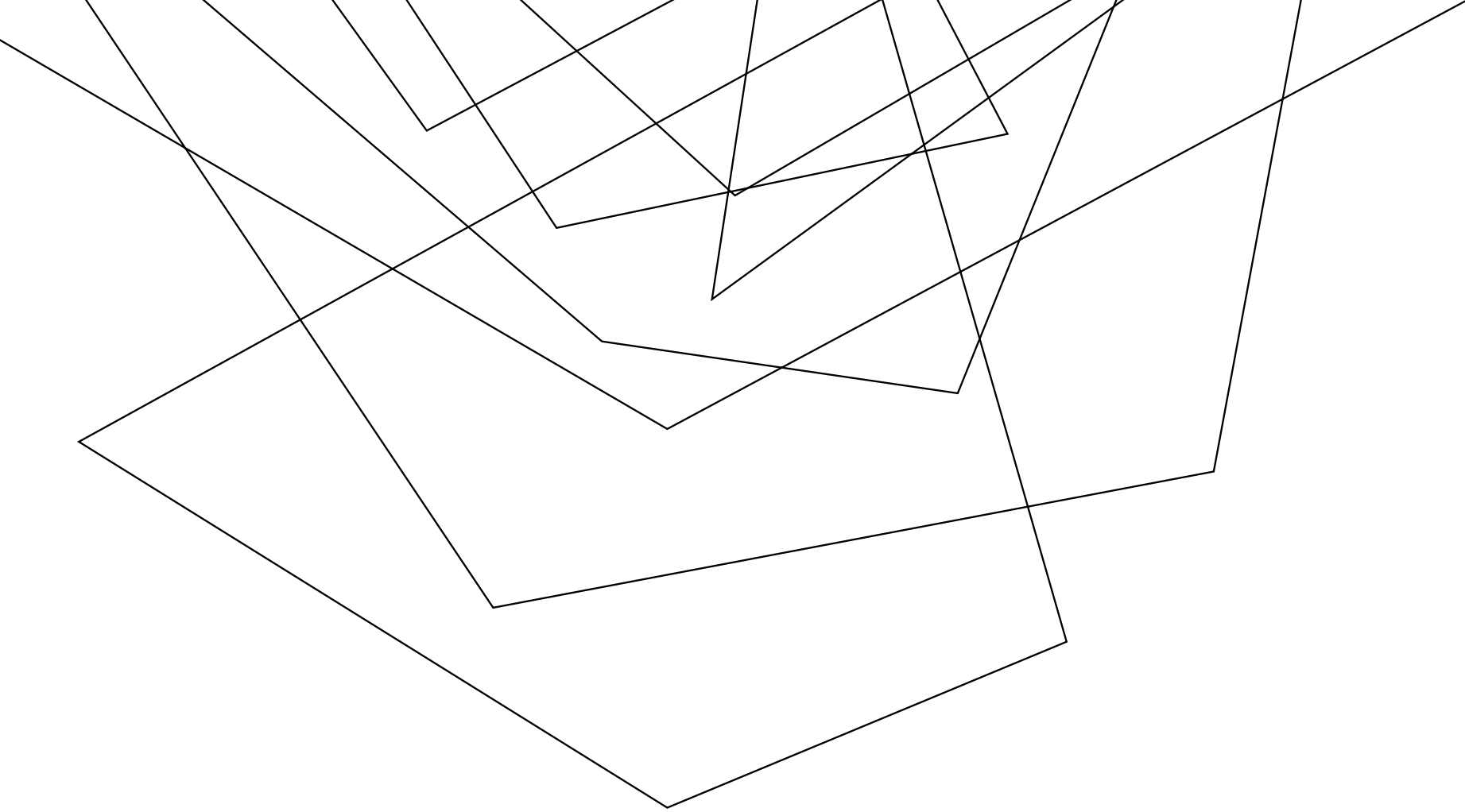
*Ice on drilling cuttings the day after well water pumping in Athol, ID  
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

## Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update



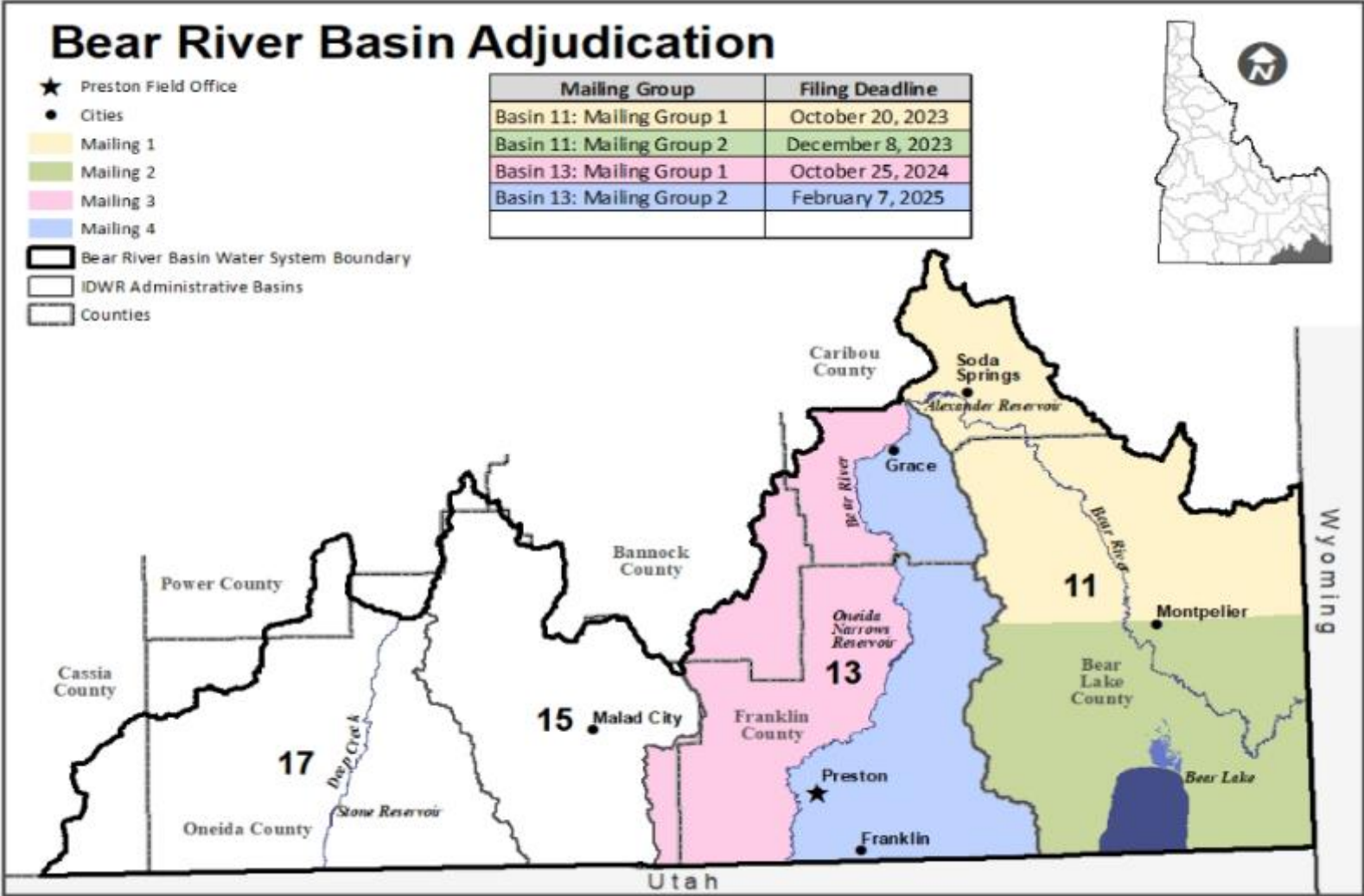
## CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



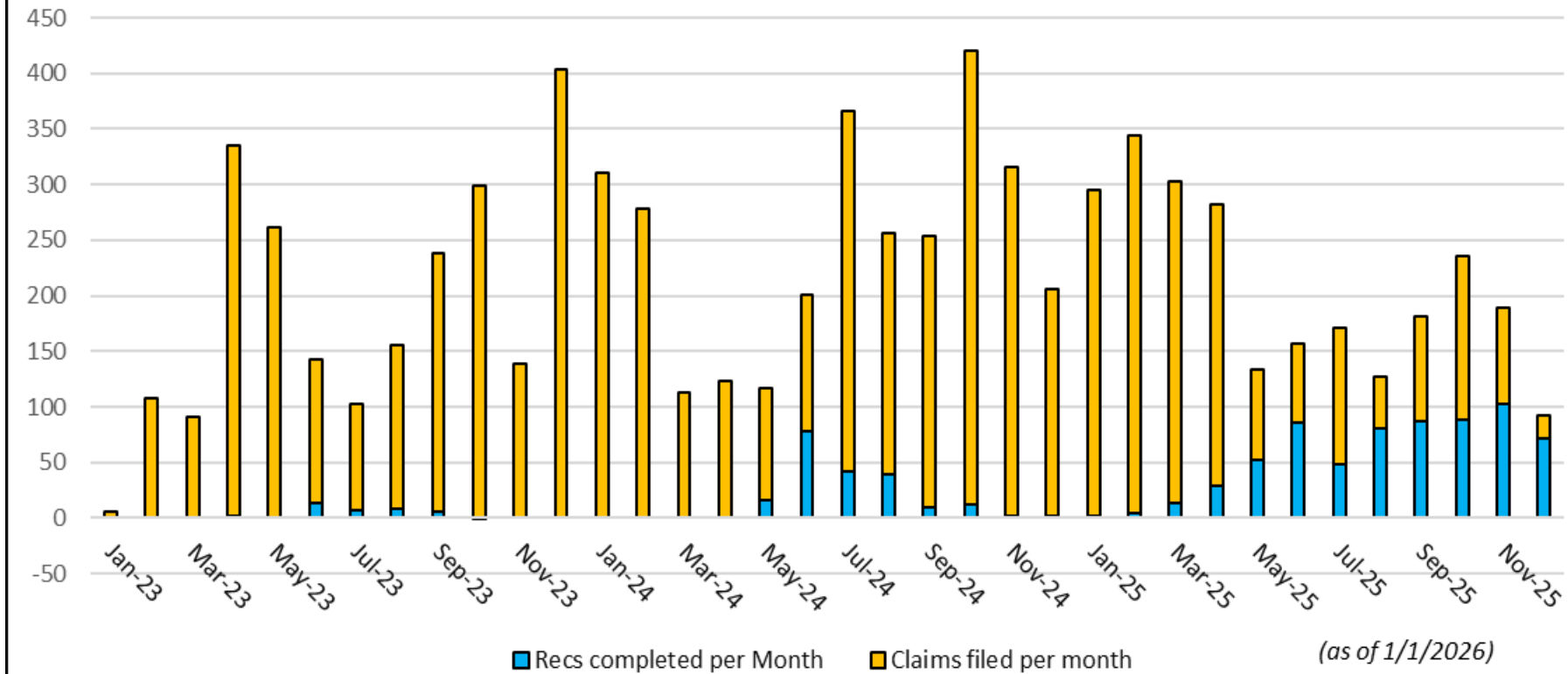


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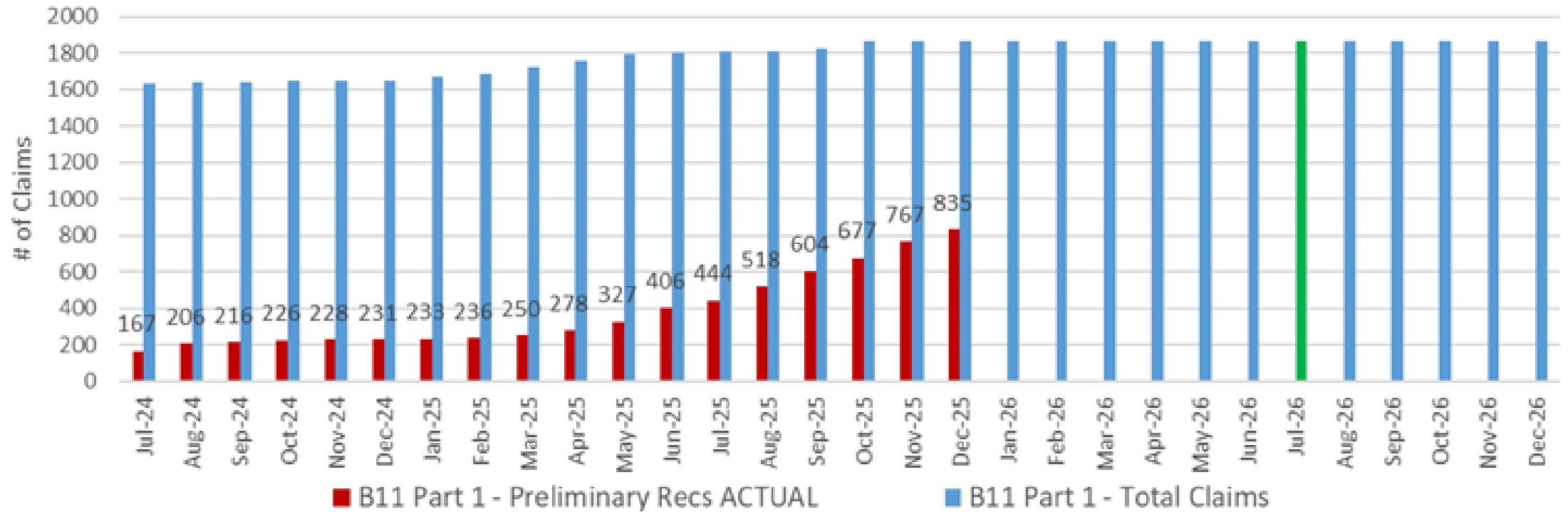
# COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS



## Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



## BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations



*\*\*Green bar is preliminary report completion target*



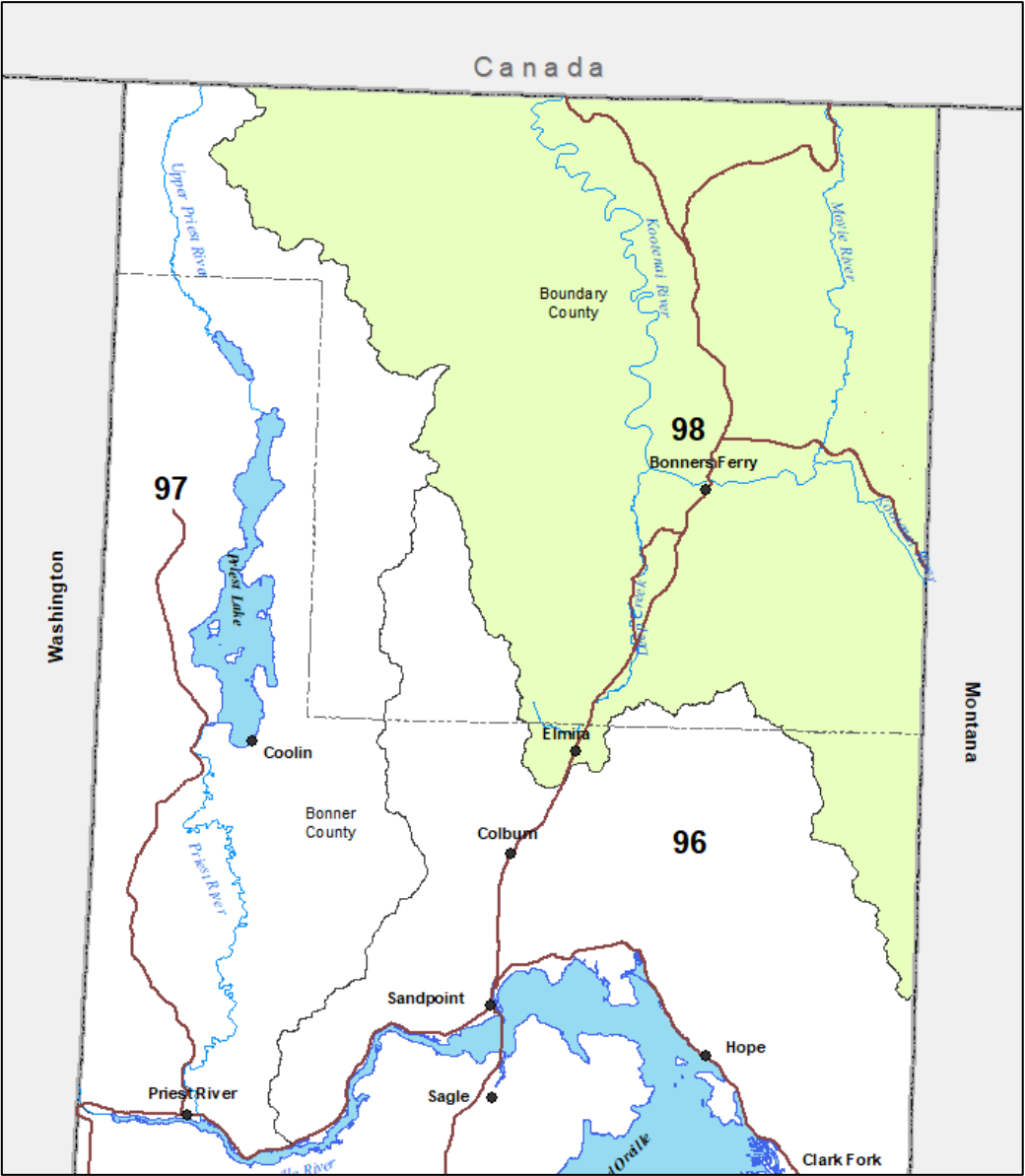
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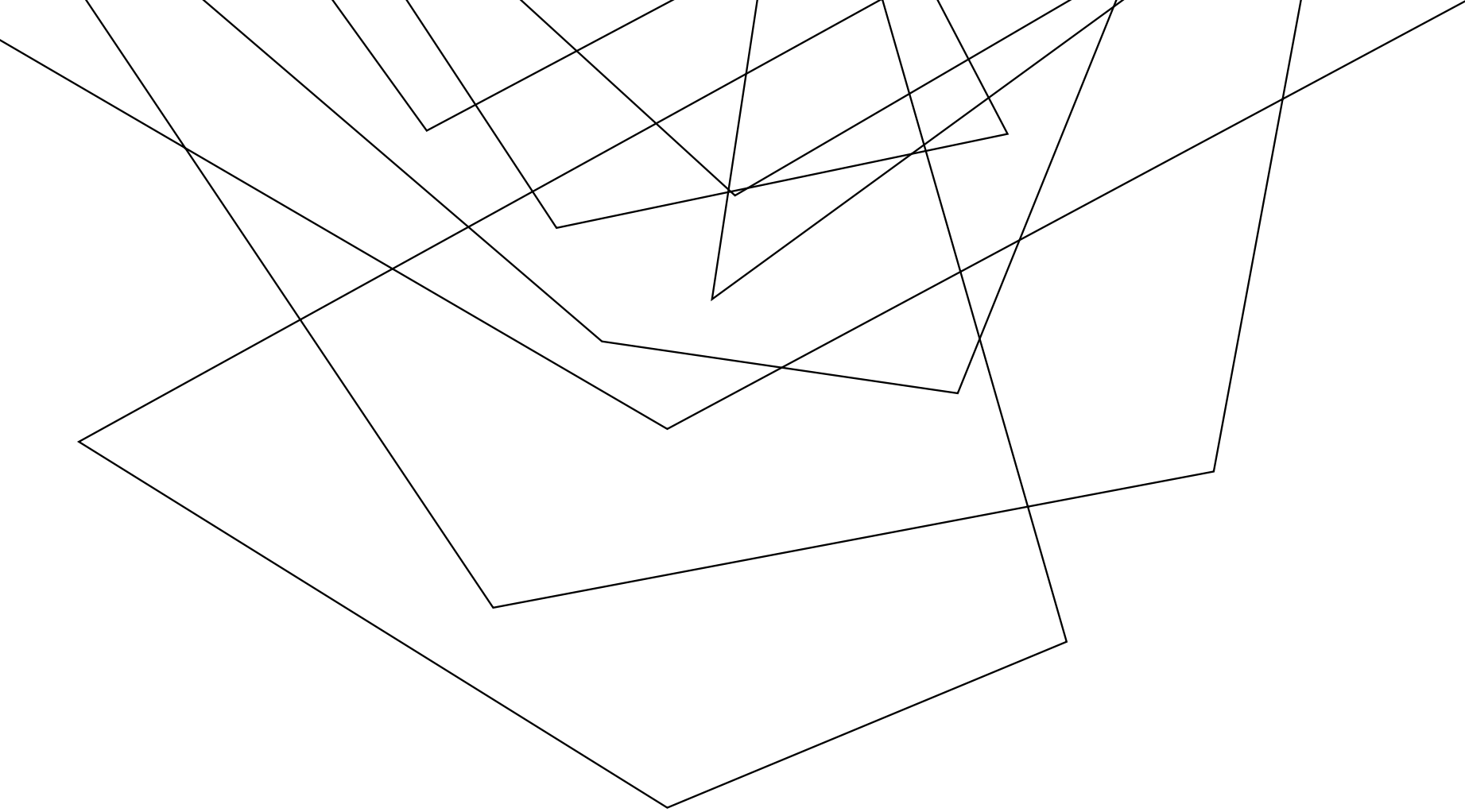
*Hauser Lake*

*Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

# BASIN 98 UPDATES

- *Petition to Commence Kootenai River Basin Adjudication* filed on January 3, 2025.
- Deadline to file a response in opposition to the State's Petition is February 13, 2026.
- Deadline to file reply in support of the State's Petition is February 20, 2026.
- Commencement Hearing is scheduled for February 24, 2026.





**OTHER GENERAL  
MATTERS**

# CASES OF INTEREST UPDATES

- City of Idaho Falls, et al. v. Idaho Department of Water Resources
  - CM-DC-2010-001; Ada County Case CV01-23-13238; ISC Case 52102-2024
  - Notice of Appeal filed July 12, 2024.
  - Clerk's Record has been finalized.
  - Briefing completed.
  - Oral Argument was held October 6, 2025, in Boise.
  - Supreme Court Opinion filed on December 31, 2025.
    - <https://isc.idaho.gov/opinions/52102.pdf>

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. STATE OF IDAHO ET AL., US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

- The United States challenged the constitutionality of several statutes enacted by the Idaho Legislature following the Idaho Supreme Court's decision in *Joyce Livestock Co. v. US*, 156 P.3d 508 (2007).
- *Memorandum Decision and Order* issued by Chief U.S. District Court Judge, David Nye, on August 28, 2024.
  - The Court concluded §§ 42-222 and 42-224 are constitutional as applied to the US and rejected the US' requests for permanent injunctions under those statutes.
  - The Court granted summary judgment to the US on the following statutes: §§ 42-113(2)(b), 42-502, and 42-504. The Court concluded that the US is entitled to a declaratory judgment that these three statutes violate the Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution. The Court also granted permanent injunction with respect to these three statutes.
- The US District Court issued the Amended Judgment on December 16, 2024 in response to Rule 60(a) Motion.
- Briefing by the parties has been completed. Oral argument is anticipated to be set for April 2026.



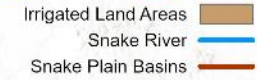
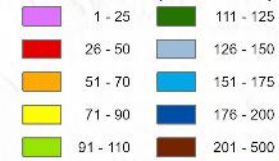
**Welcome Back!**

**Scott Luvaas has accepted the position as the Adjudication Section Manager based out of the State Office. His official transition will be in a couple of weeks.**

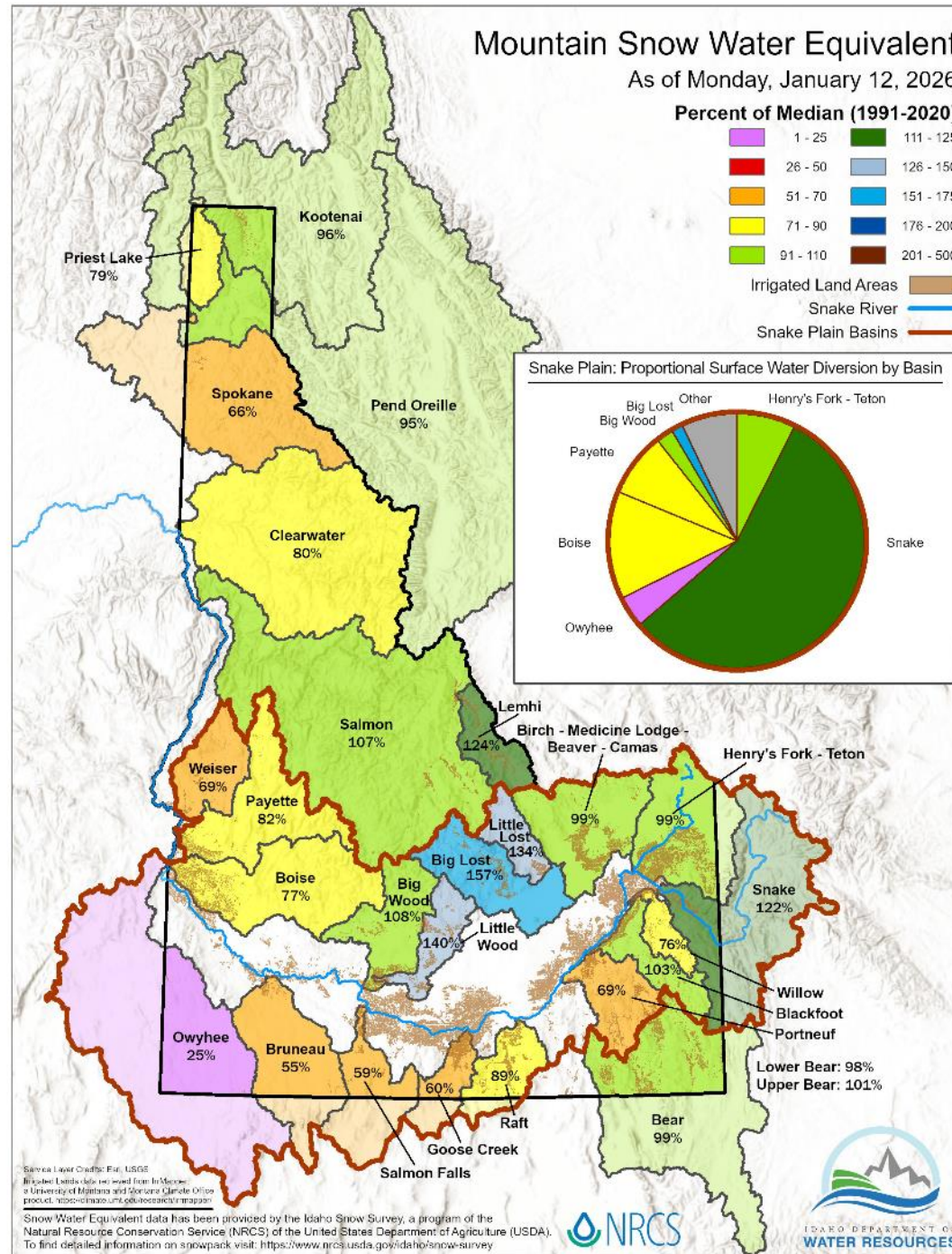
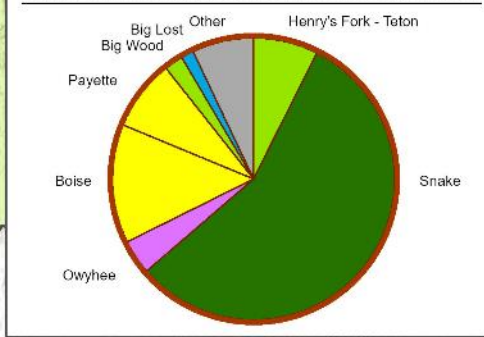
# Mountain Snow Water Equivalent

As of Monday, January 12, 2026

## Percent of Median (1991-2020)



Snake Plain: Proportional Surface Water Diversion by Basin



Basin Layer Credits: Fair, USGS  
 Big Lost Basin data received from: In-Mountain  
 a University of Montana and Montana Climate Office  
 product: https://climate.umt.edu/research/irrigation

Snow Water Equivalent data has been provided by the Idaho Snow Survey, a program of the  
 Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).  
 To find detailed information on snowpack visit: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/idaho/snow-survey>



# IN MEMORIAM TERRANCE "TERRY" A. DOLAN



I remember Terry climbing happily on the mountains. As we talked of many things, he was quiet inside with a bright soul. Terry was fearless and impassive in the face of obstacles. In twenty years we never had an argument. Cold, exhausted and hungry he would refuse to engage with any nonsense or anything low. Terry's character deserved the heights. I remember a true friend.

QUESTIONS?



*Sandpoint, Idaho  
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*