



Idaho Water Adjudications – Monthly Informational Meeting

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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

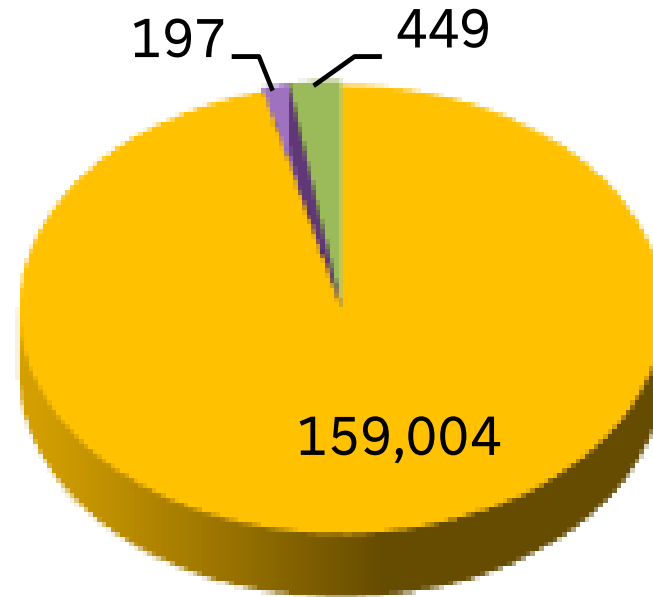
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Payette Lake, McCall, Idaho

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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF FEBRUARY 9, 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

WAITING FOR IDWR TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Affidavit Filed	Next Step
24	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	1/30/2026	IDWR to submit Notice of Examination.
22	Casa Del Norte, LP	61-12368, et al.	1/30/2026	IDWR submit Notice of Examination.
5	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406	1/30/2026	IDWR to submit Notice of Examination.

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 DR
1	Bieker	86-12178	12/21/2026	IDWR to submit DR
1	Lyke	63-35673	1/12/2027	IDWR to submit DR
1	Fischer	84-12331	2/1/2027	IDWR to submit DR

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
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
1	Normandie, LLC	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*
1	Normandie LLC	65-24159	11/24/2025	1/20/2026

*Objection to the claim filed before Director's Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS WITH EXECUTED SF5S

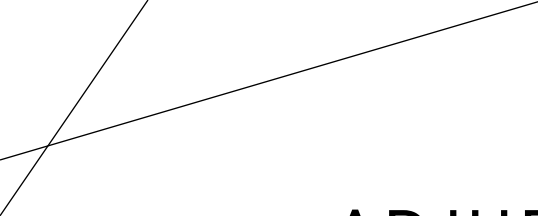
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PARTIAL DECREE ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Partially Decreed
3	Bingham	25-14553, 25-14554, 25-14555	1/26/2026

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.

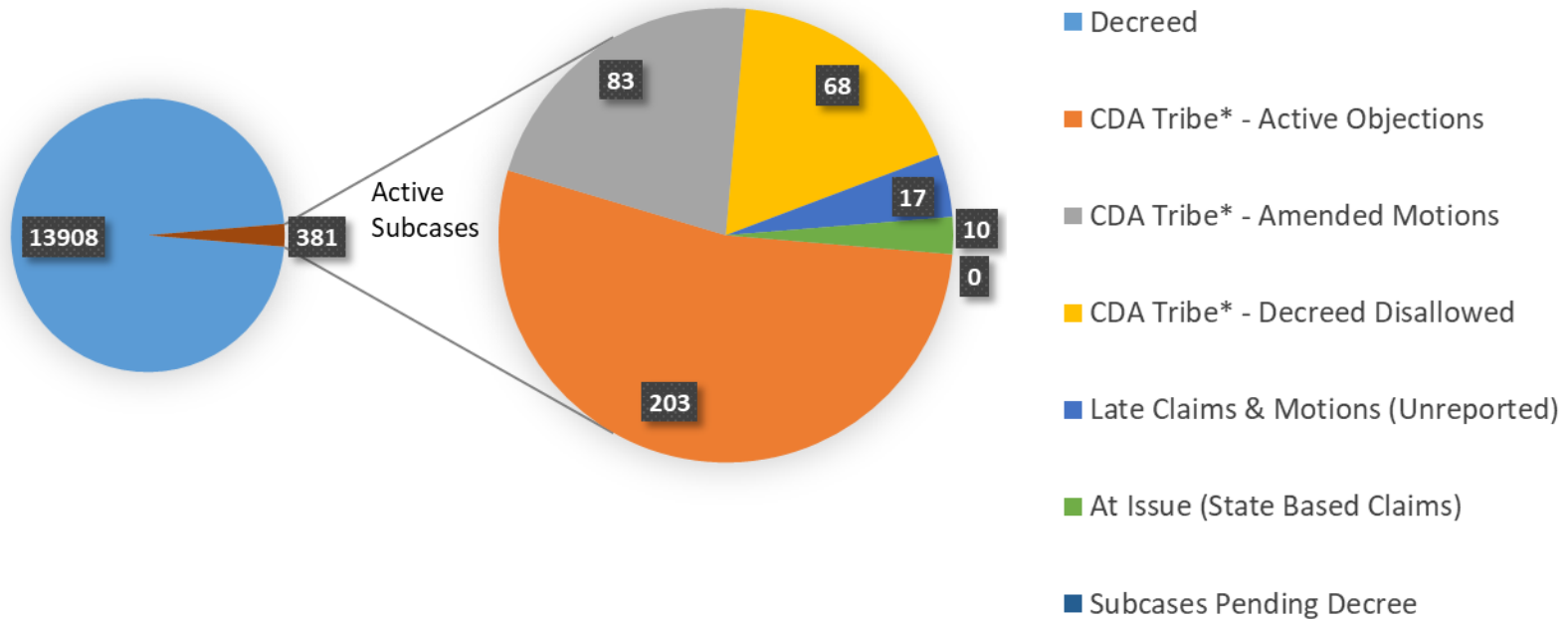
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Bottle Bay, Sagle, ID

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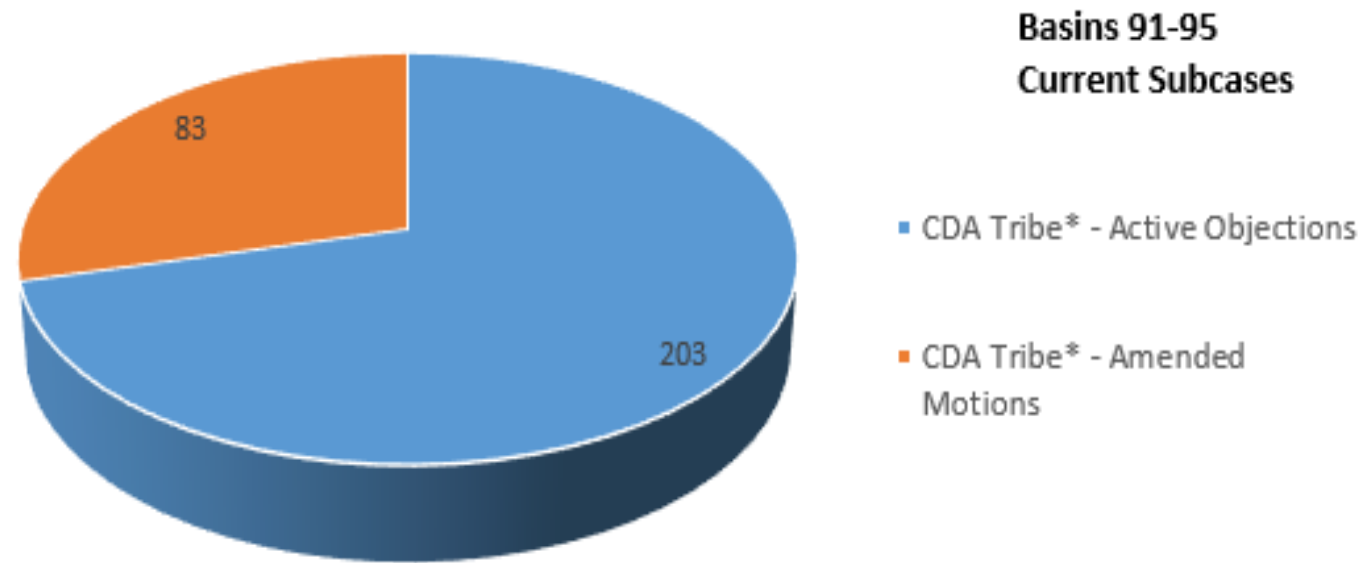
CSRBA Summary All Subcases



**United States of America as trustee on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation*

As of 2/1/2026

CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



Highway 95 off Dufort Road, Sagle, ID
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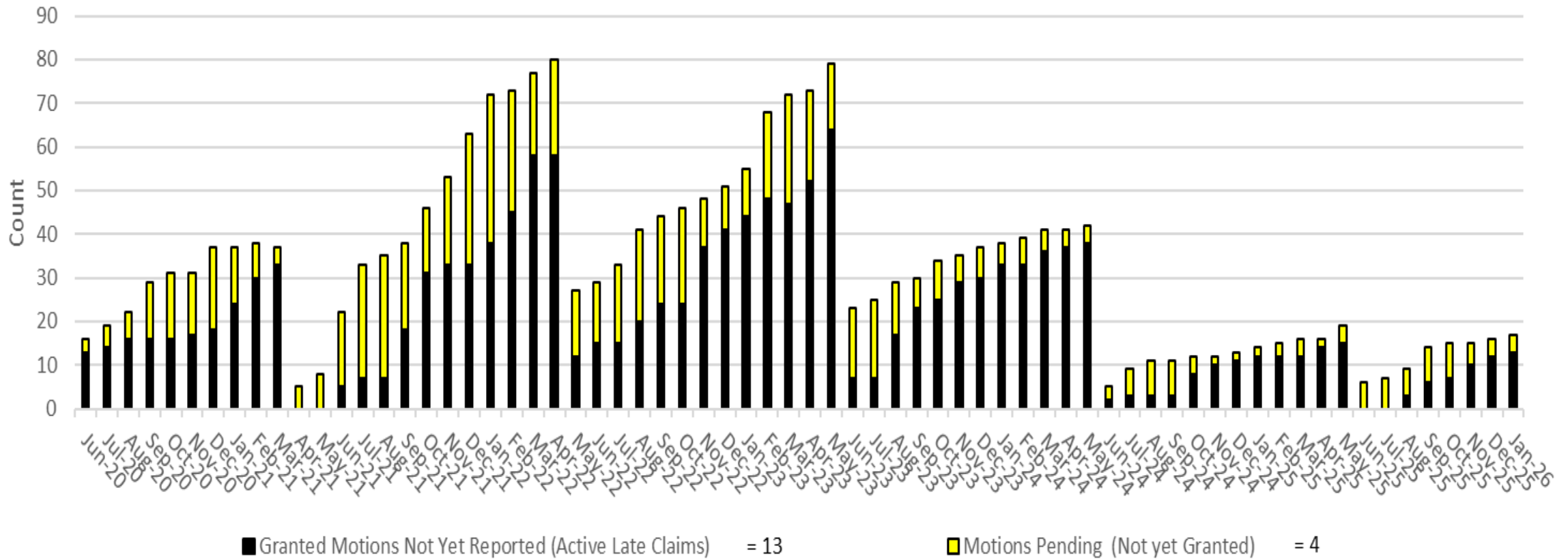
Coeur d'Alene Lake claims

- Settlement negotiations are ongoing, these claims to be resolved with the larger global settlement package.
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for April 1, 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	Hearing on Motions for Summary Reset for March 31, 2026

CSRBA Late & Misc Claims



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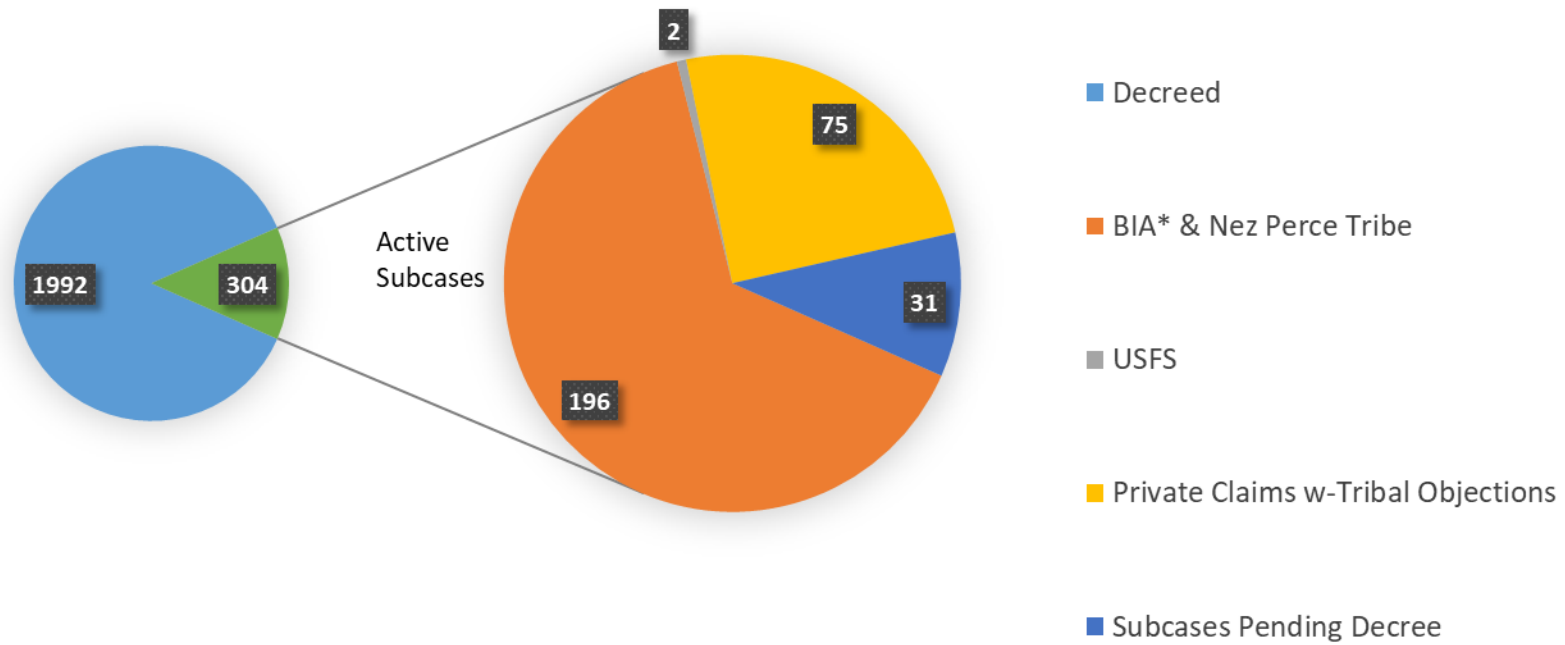


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Bunco Road, Athol, ID

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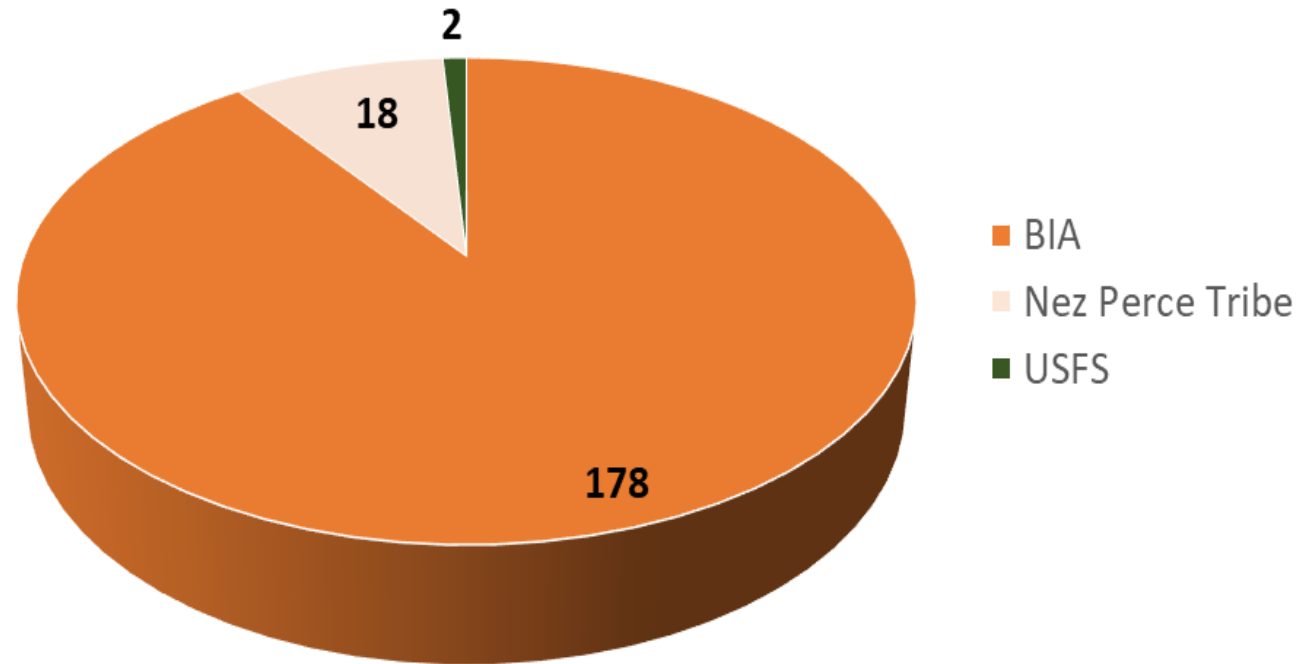
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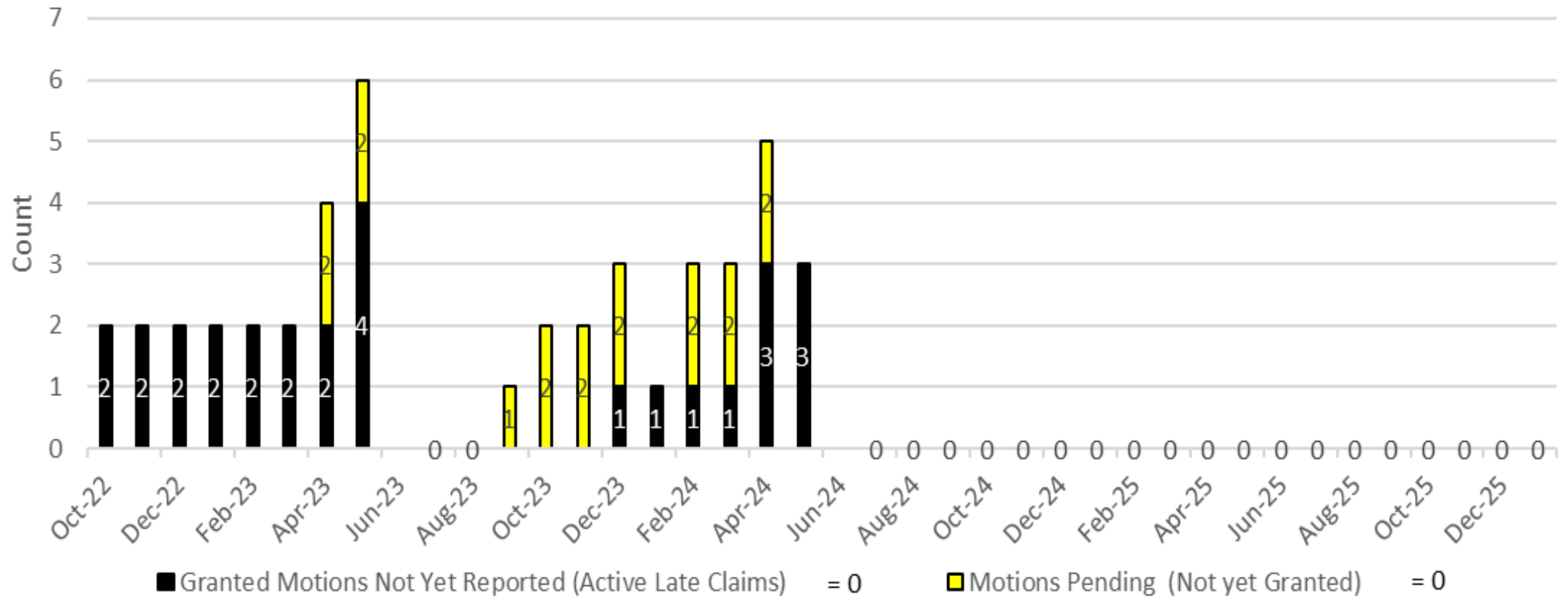
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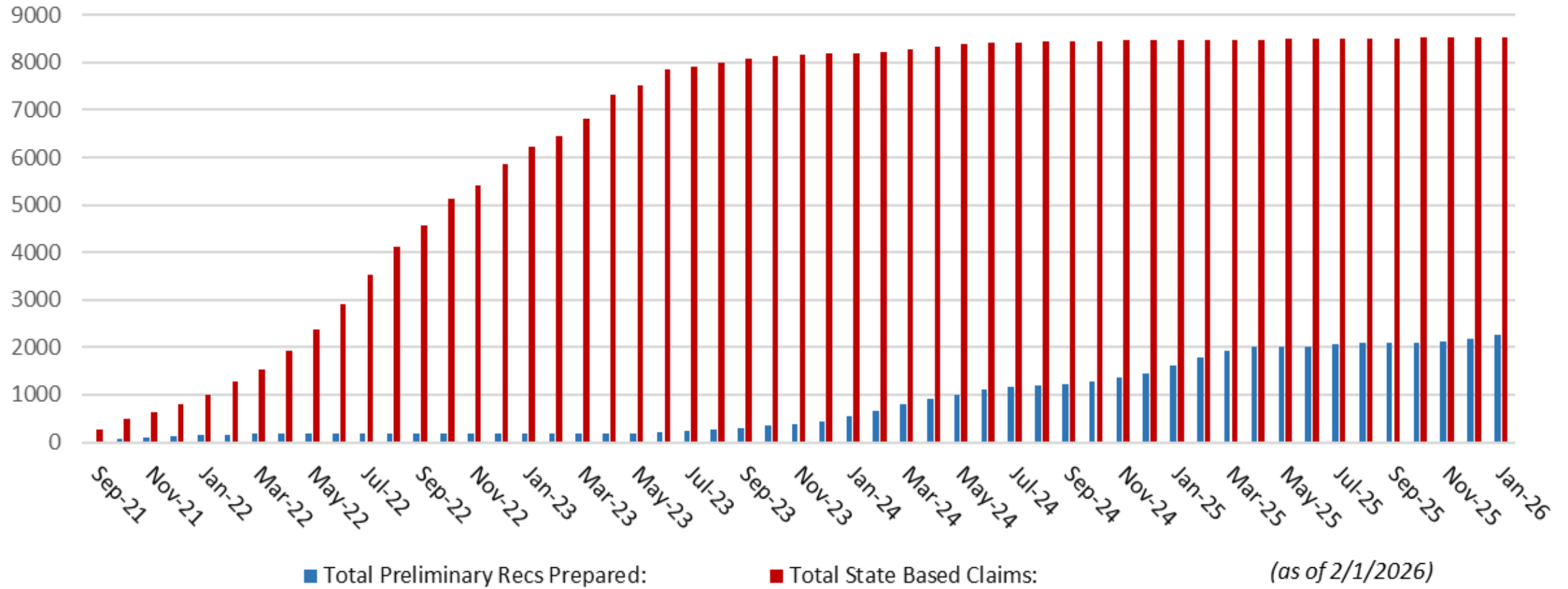
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Lake Pend Oreille

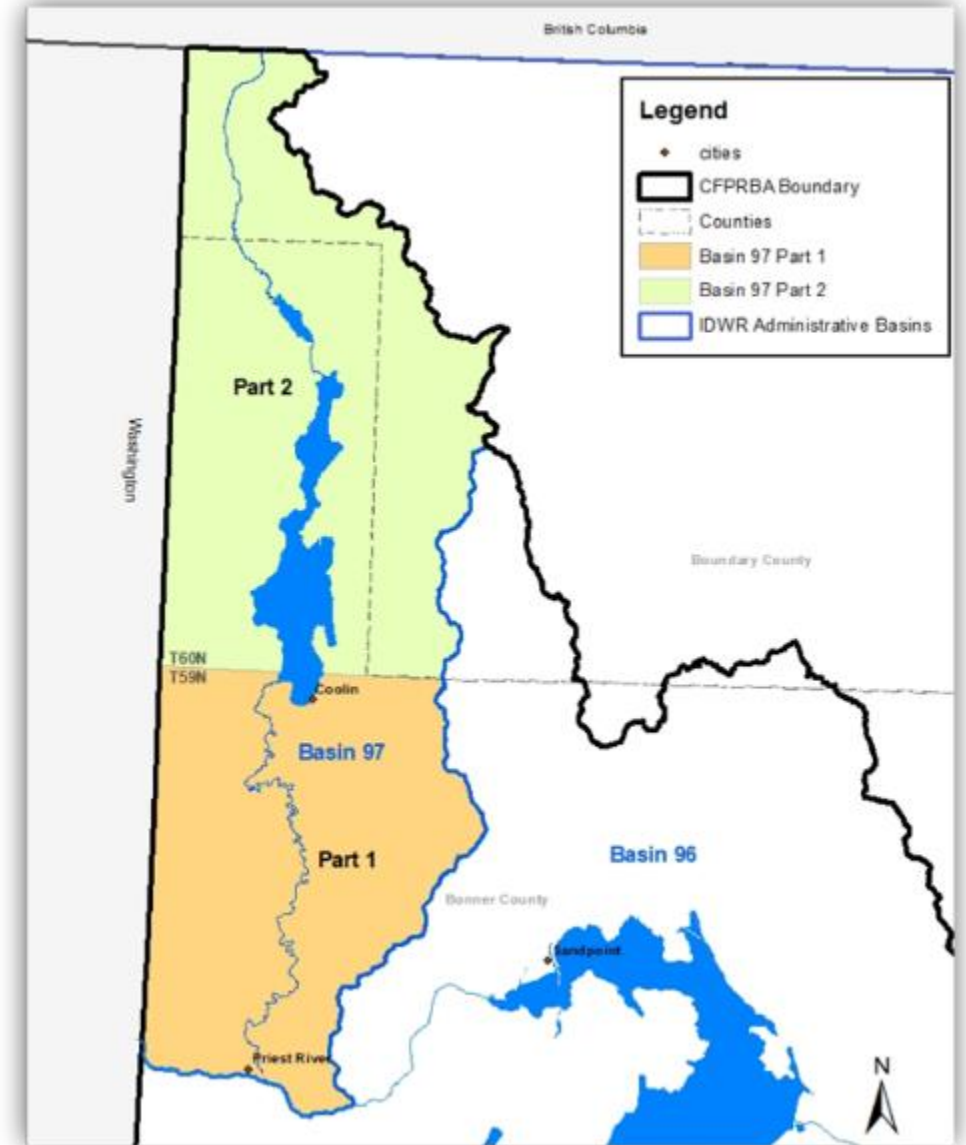
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Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update



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



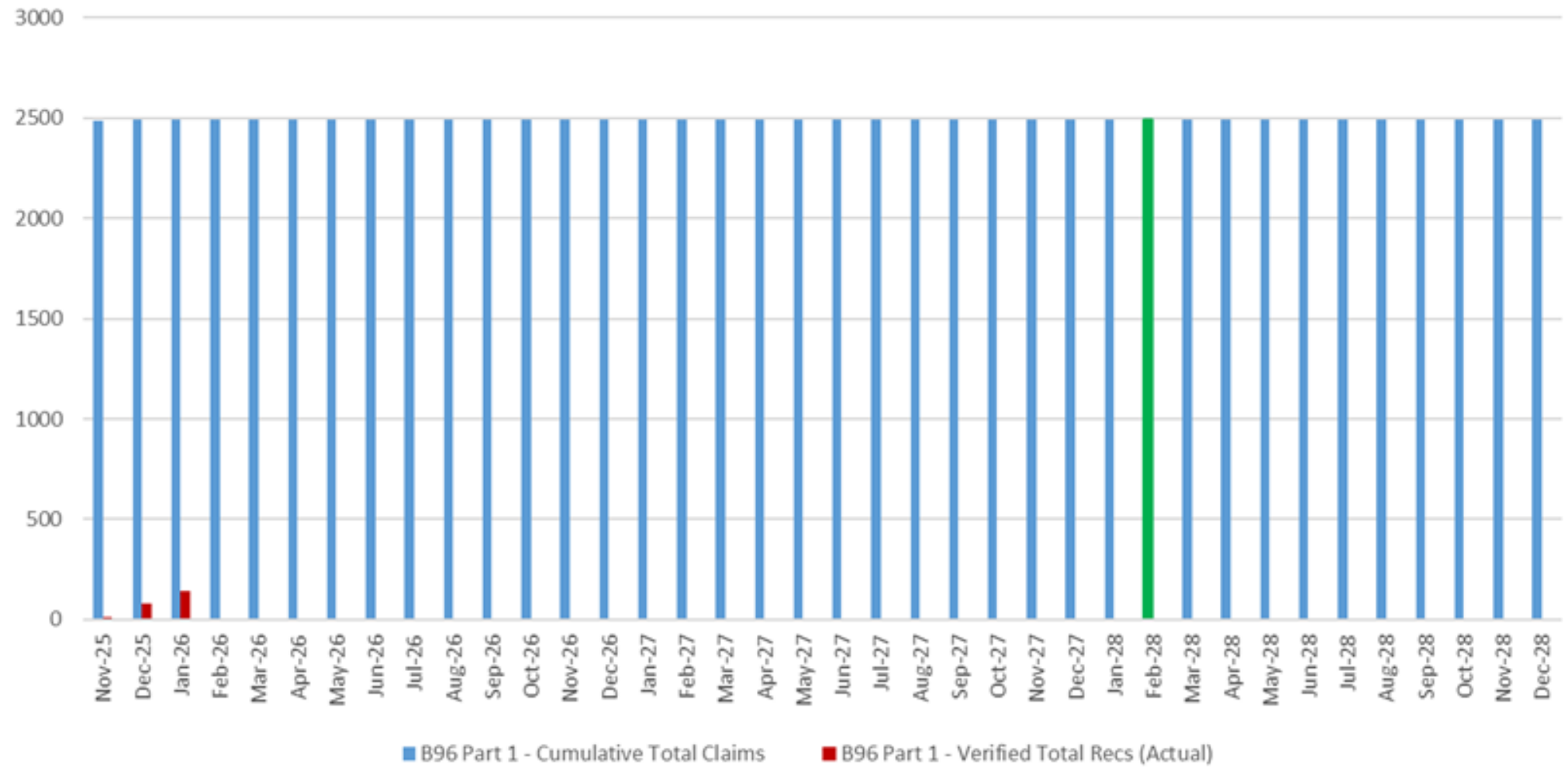
BASIN 97, PART 2

- 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.

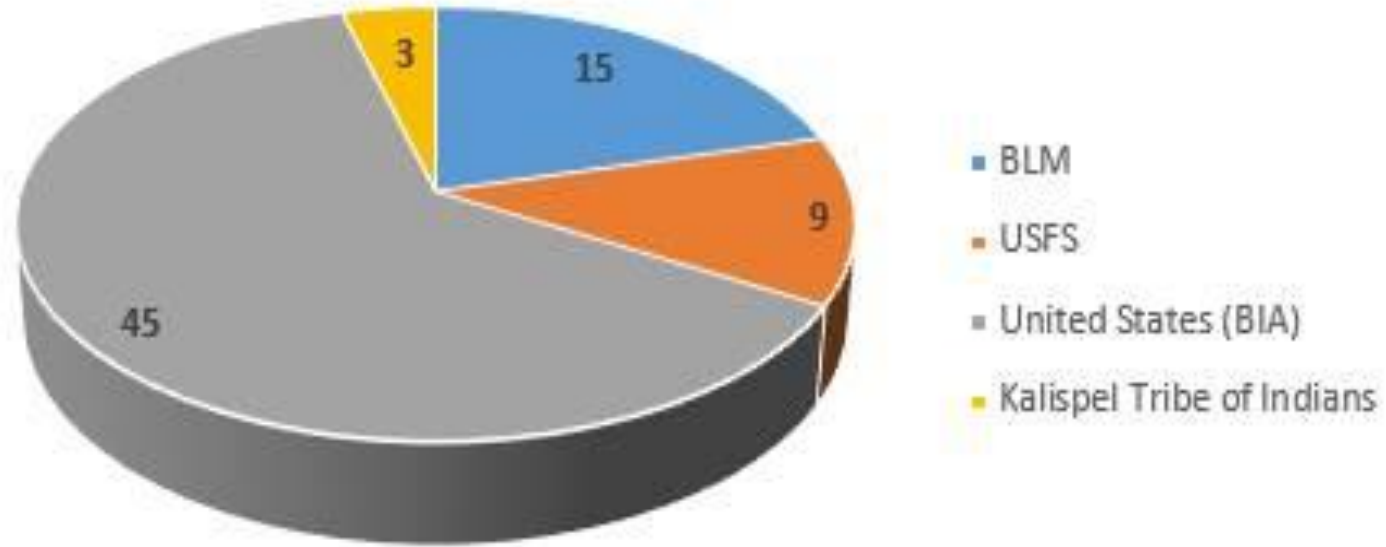


*Off Colburn Culver Road, Sandpoint, ID
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Part 1



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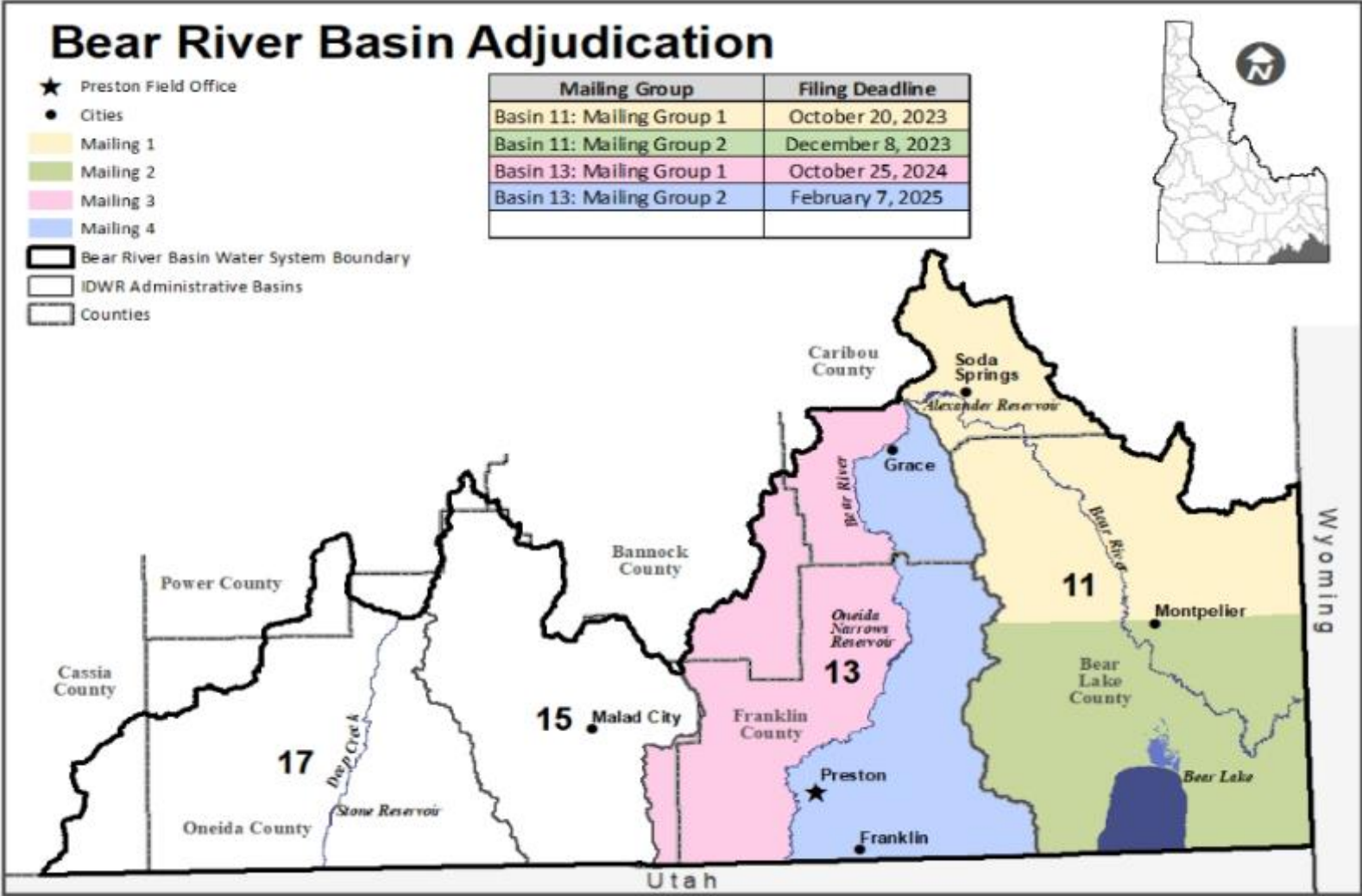


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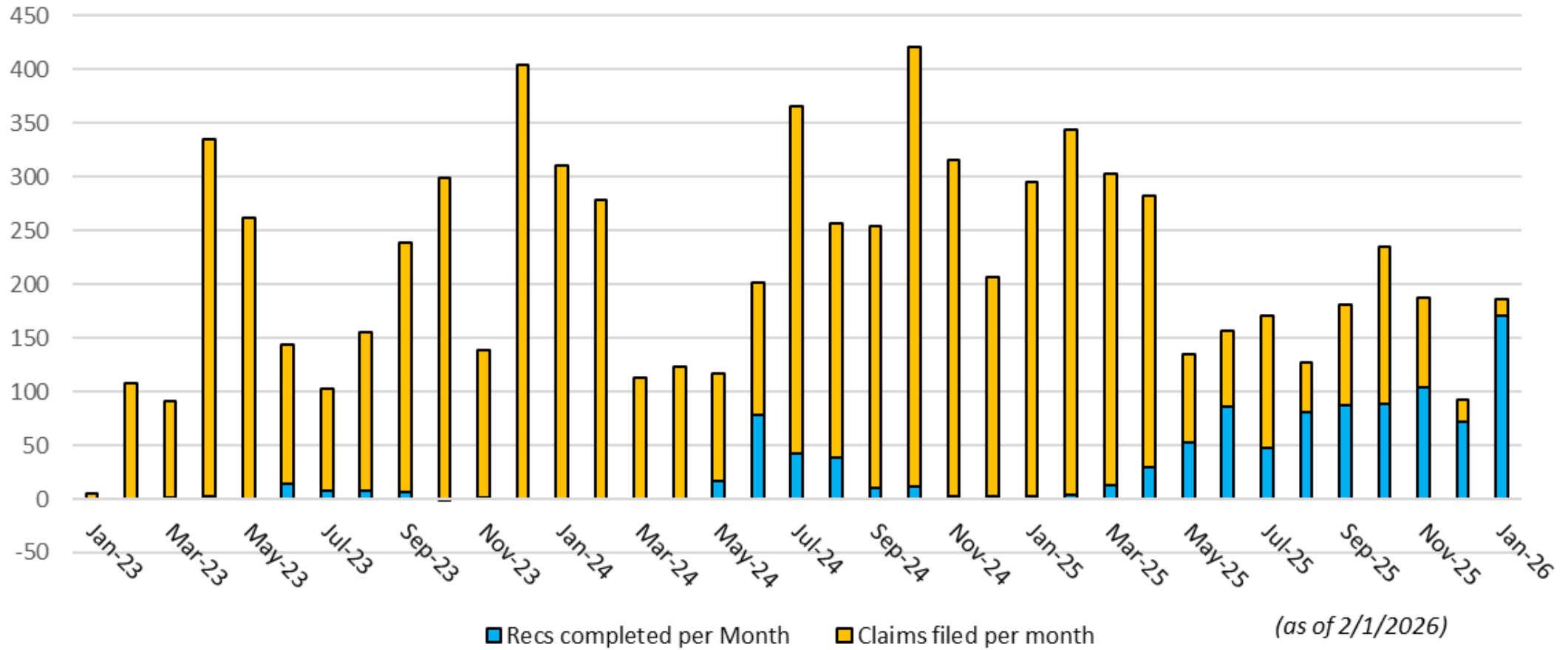


*Black Canyon Gorge, Grace, Idaho
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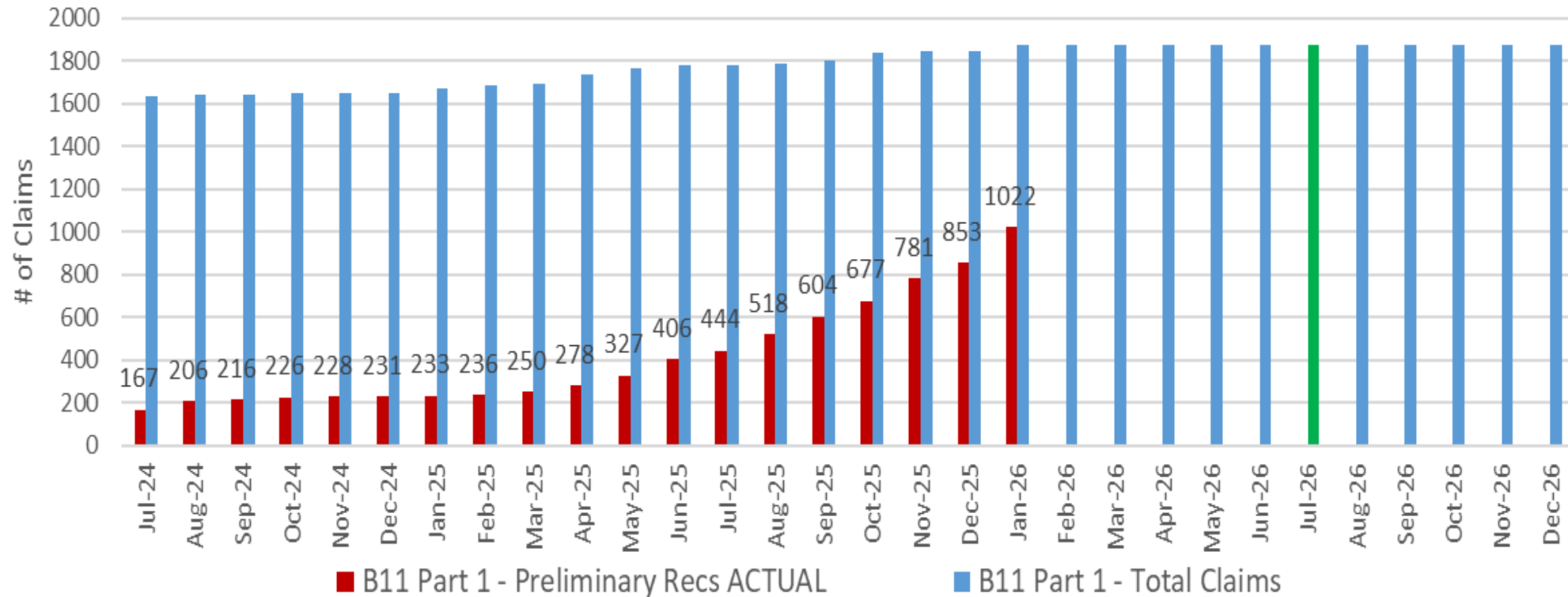
COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS



Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations



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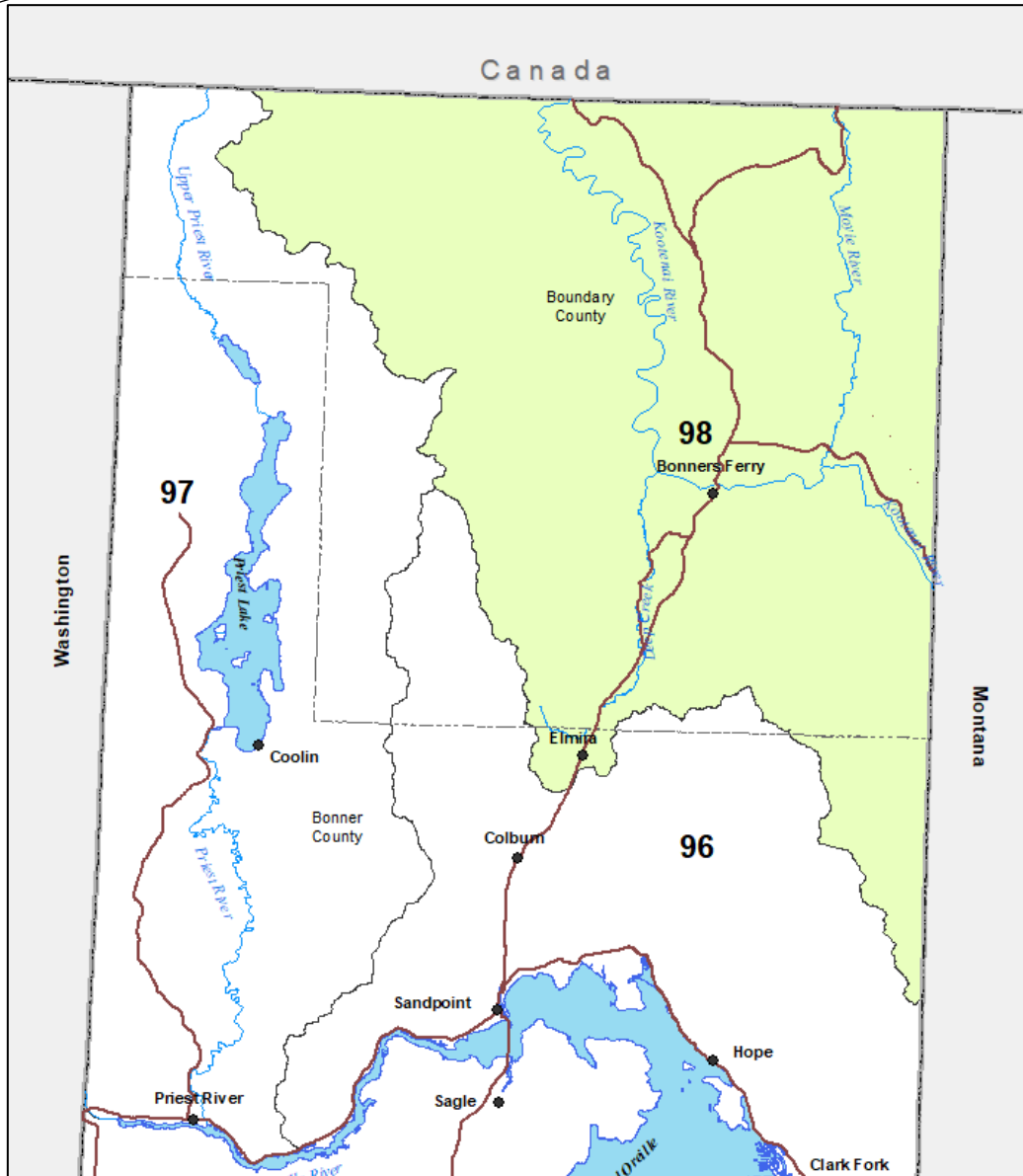


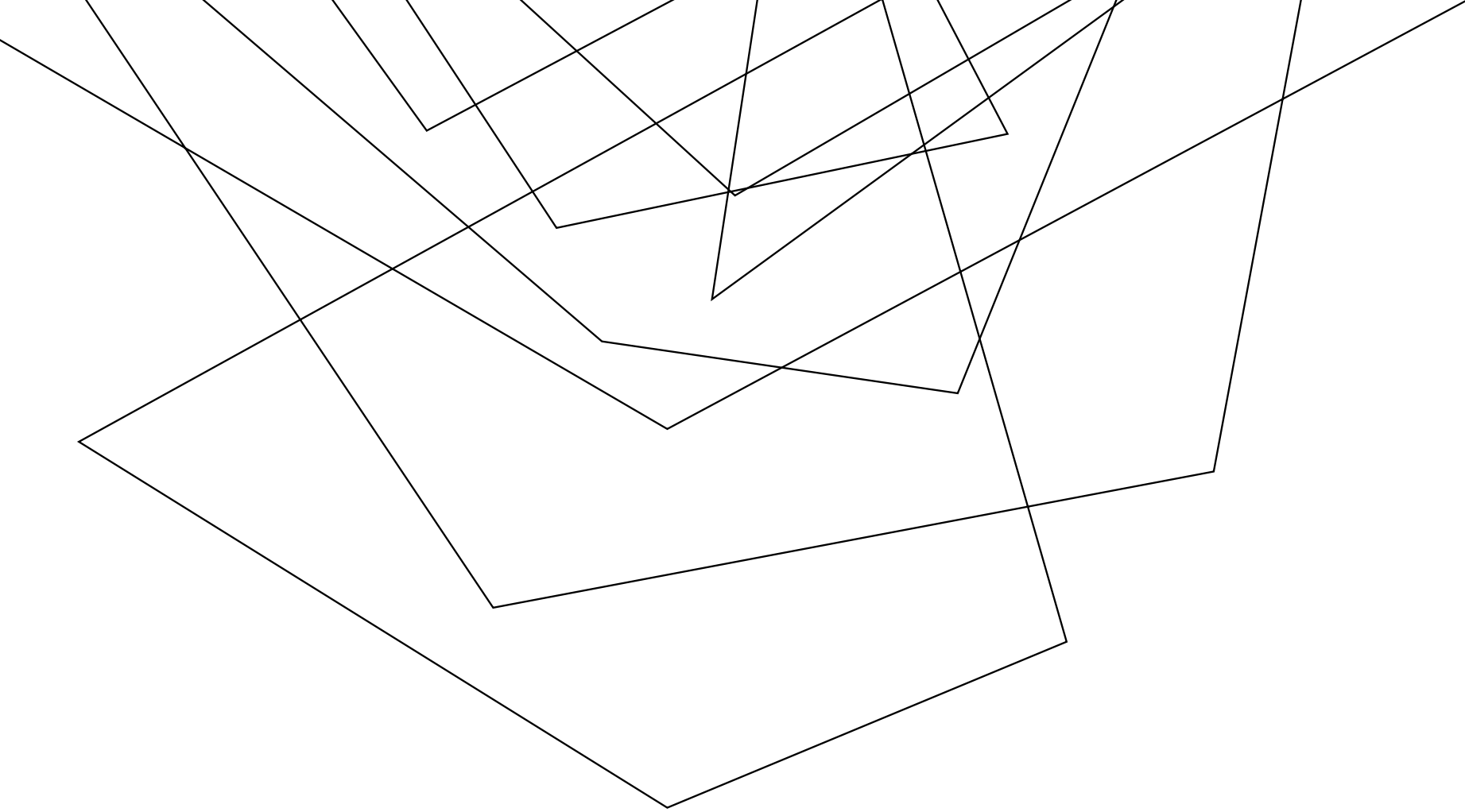
Kootenai River, Bonners Ferry, ID

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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 was 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

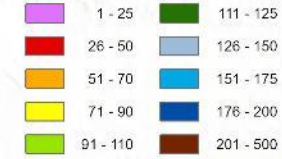
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. STATE OF IDAHO ET AL., US COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

- 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 will be April 14, 2026.

Mountain Snow Water Equivalent

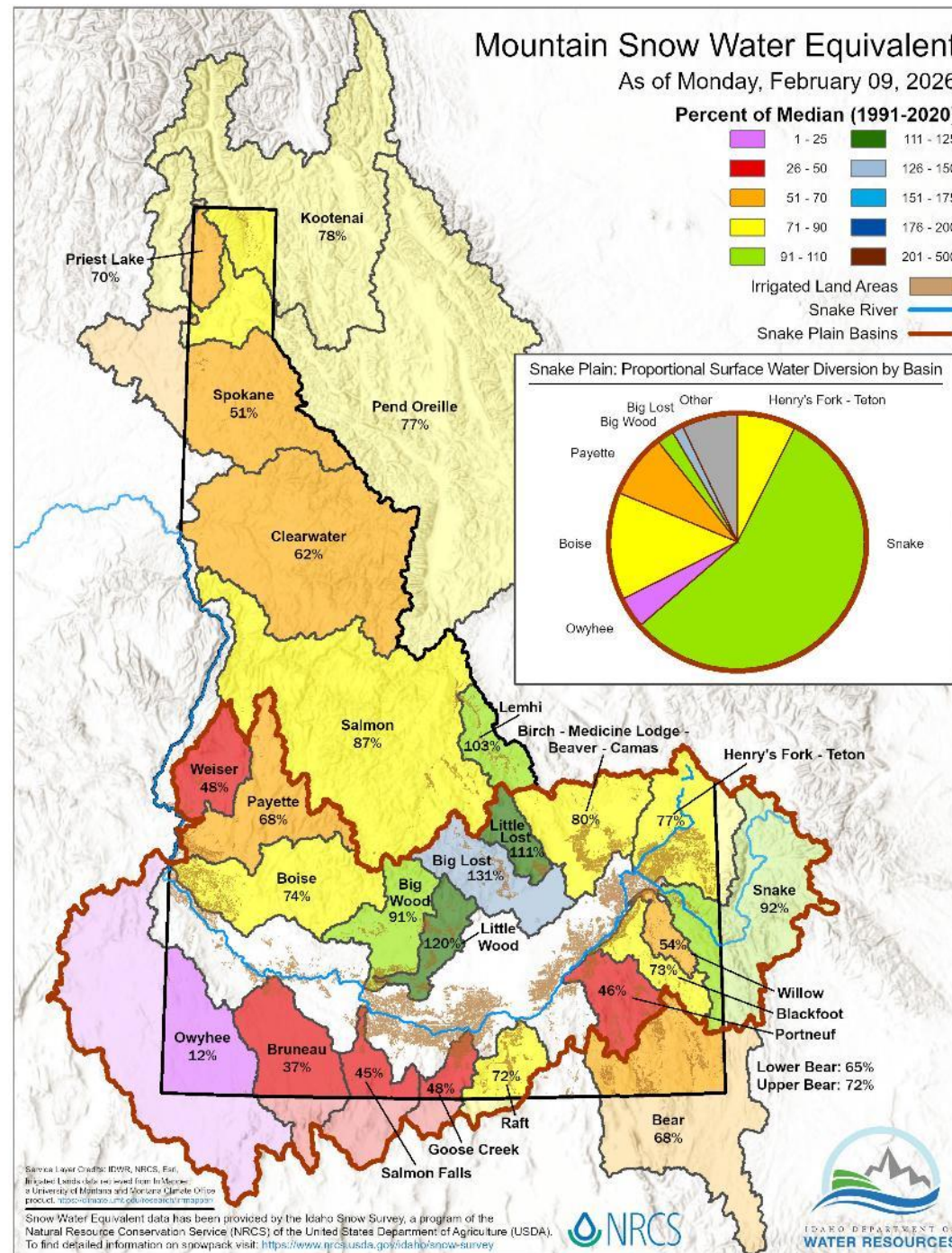
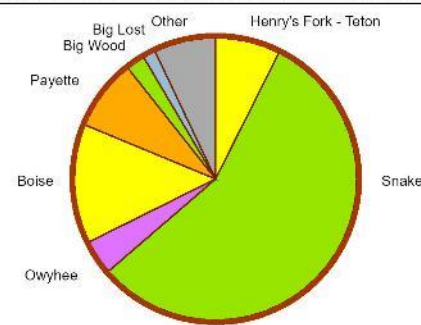
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Percent of Median (1991-2020)



Irrigated Land Areas
Snake River
Snake Plain Basins

Snake Plain: Proportional Surface Water Diversion by Basin



Basin Layer Credits: IDWR, NRCS, ERI, Big Lost Lake data received from Idaho State University of Montana and Montana Climate Office product: <https://climate.unh.edu/research/imagery>

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/ida/snow-survey>



QUESTIONS?



*Old Spiral Highway, Lewiston, ID
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