

Idaho Water Adjudications – Monthly Informational Meeting

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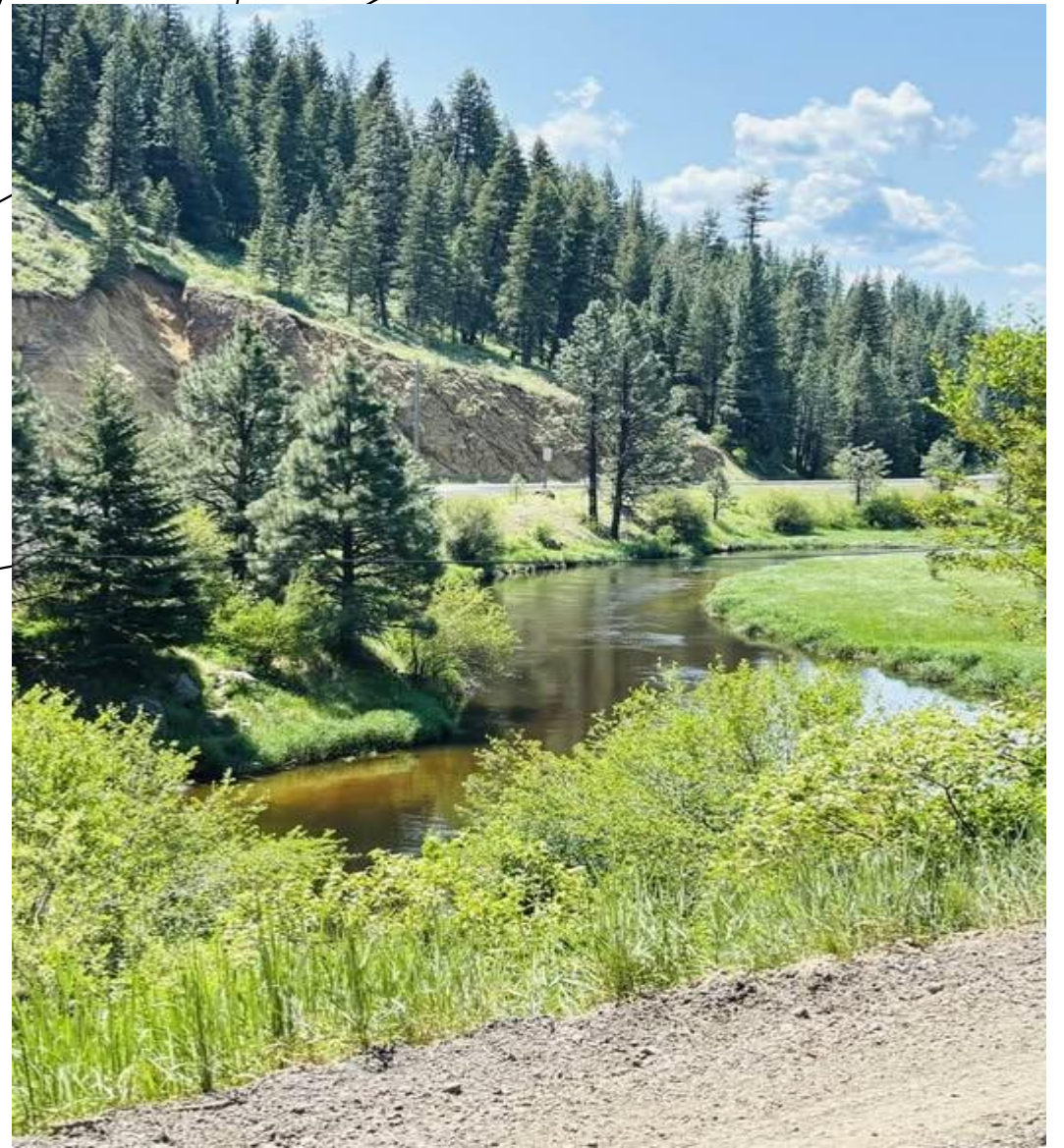




DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 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

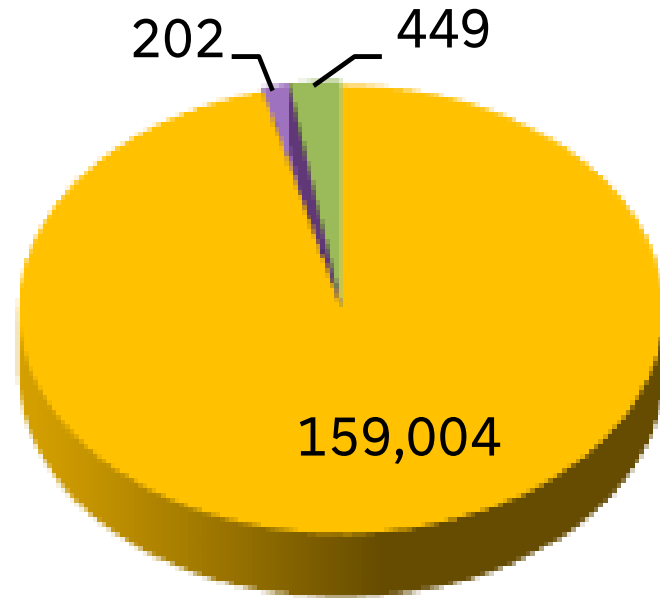
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New Meadows

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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF MAY 8, 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
1	Casa Del Norte - 5	63-35008	7/18/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit
2	Richins	43-13946, 43-13947	4/27/2028	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit

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
1	Blaser	65-24319	6/22/2026	IDWR to submit DR
26	Casa Del Norte, LP - 6	37-23475, et al.	09/07/2026	IDWR to submit DR
1	Albano	29-14557	12/15/2026	IDWR to submit DR
1	Johnson	86-12185	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
23	Casa Del Norte, LP – 2	37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	1/30/2027	IDWR to submit DR
5	Casa Del Norte, LP – 3	37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406	1/30/2027	IDWR to submit DR
22	Casa Del Norte, LP – 4	61-12368, et al.	1/30/2027	IDWR to submit DR
3	Conner	57-12120, 57-12132 , 57-12133	04/27/2027	IDWR to submit DR

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
1	Dubonis	67-15483	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
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	Lanman	85-15876	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 Initial Hearing set 05/26/26**
5	Casa Del Norte - 1	37-23474, 61-12361, 61-12362, 61-12363, 61-12440	3/3/2026	Objection deadline 5/4/2026 Response deadline 7/16/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 9/15/2026
1	Animals Trust	63-35660	3/12/2026	Objection deadline 5/12/2026 Response deadline July 13, 2026 Hearing on Uncontested 9/15/2026
12	T-Bone Ranch	25-14565 thru 25-14576	4/8/2026	Objection deadline 6/9/2026 Response deadline 8/10/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 9/15/2026

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
2	Chandler (fka Gallant)	67-15209, 67-15210,	6/8/2022	8/8/2022; Motion to File Late Objection filed 04/27/2026
2	Chandler (fka Gallant)	67-15211, 67-15212	6/8/2022	5/24/2019*; Motion to File Late Objection filed 04/27/2026
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

AWAITING PARTIAL DECREE

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested

*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.

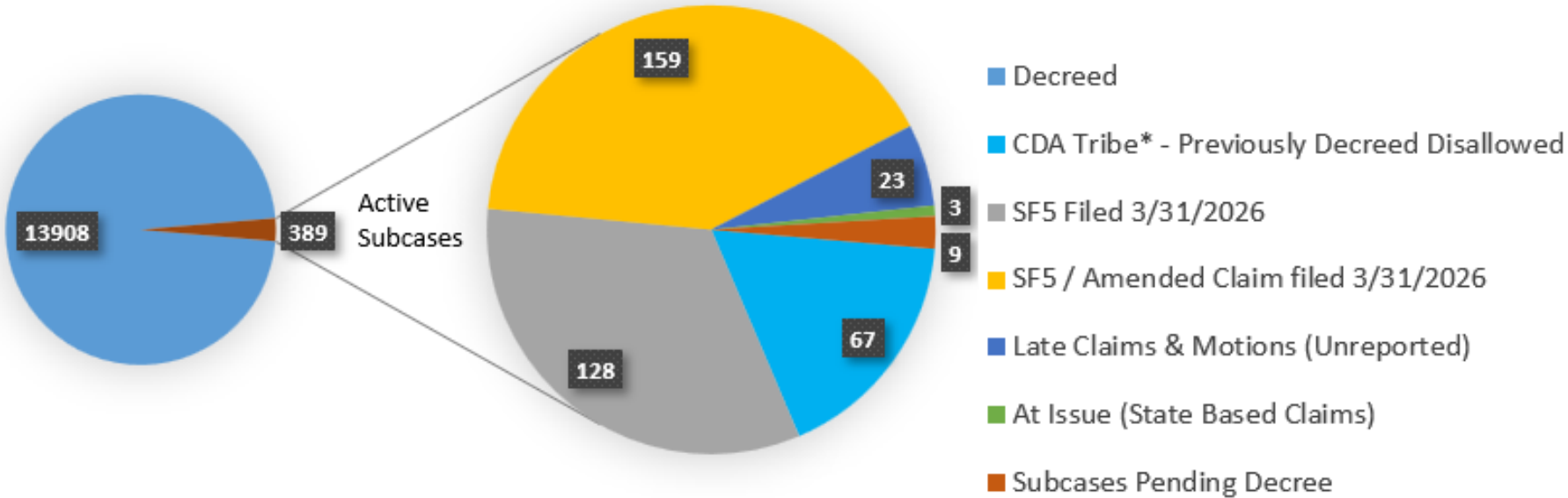
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*Looking across Hayden Lake
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CSRBA Summary

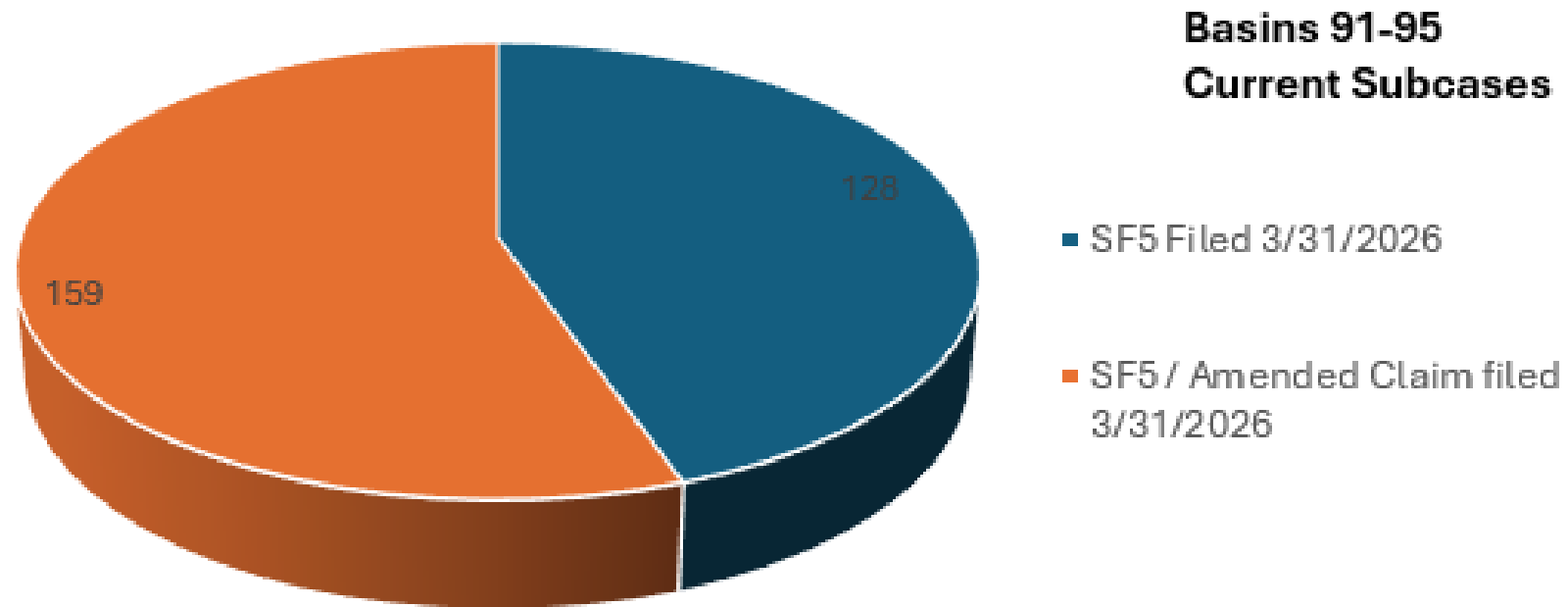
All Subcases



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As of 5/12/2026

CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



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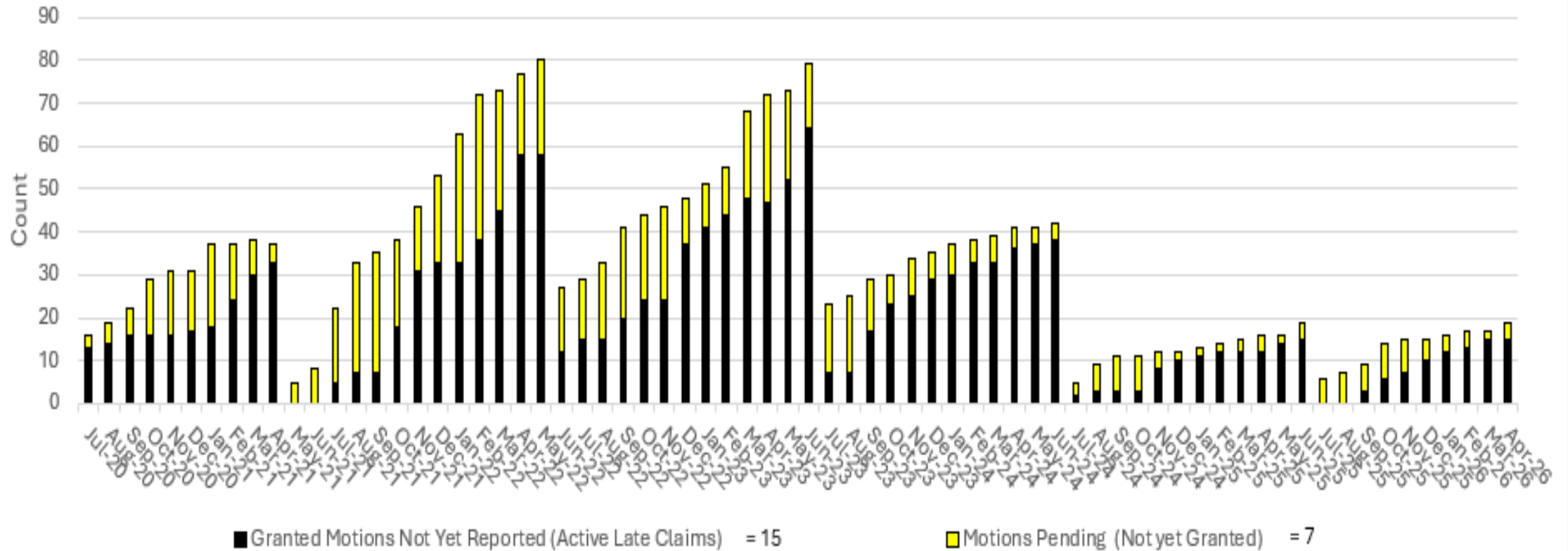
State-based claims in Coeur d'Alene Lake

- SF5s filed April 23, 2026 along with a stipulation from the parties and the Tribe
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for June 3, 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	SF5 currently being drafted

CSRBA Late & Misc Claims



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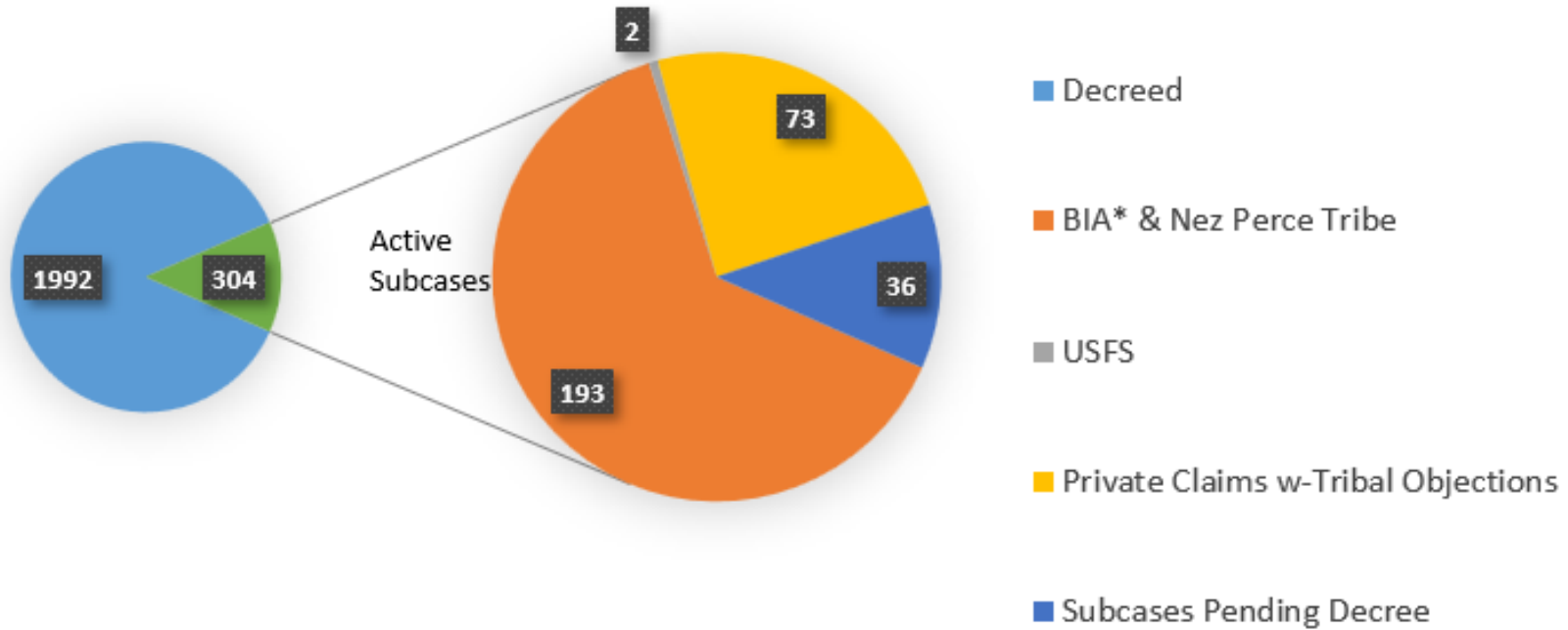
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Troy, ID

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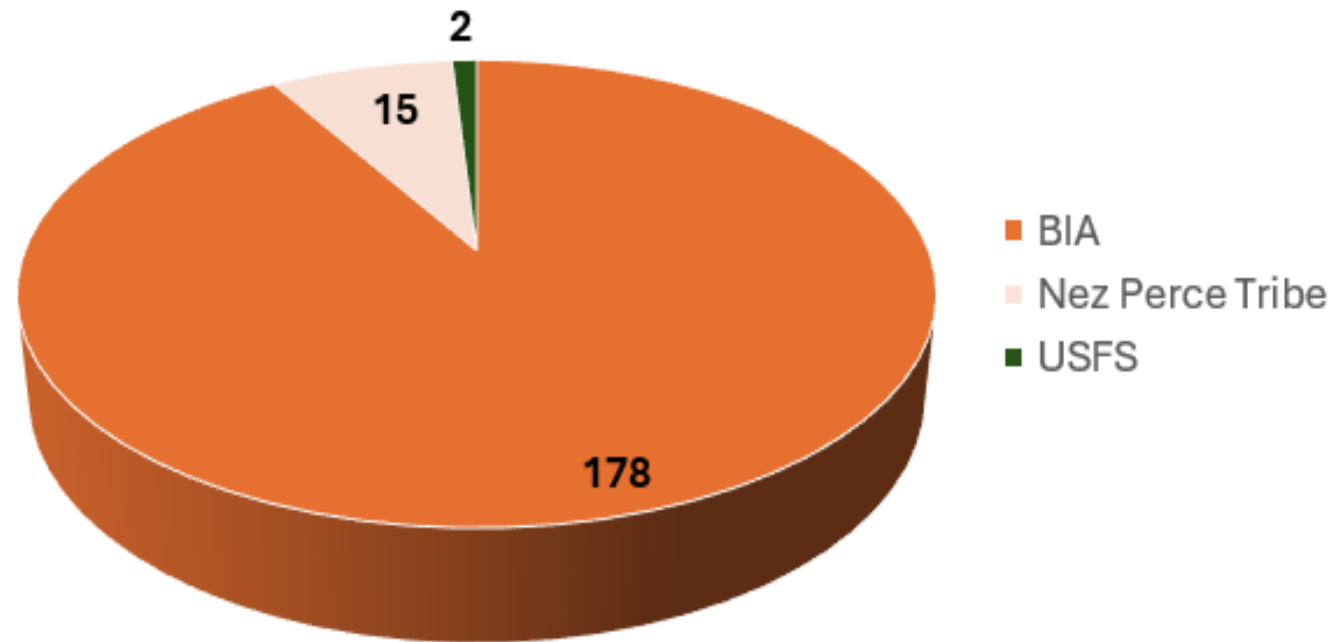
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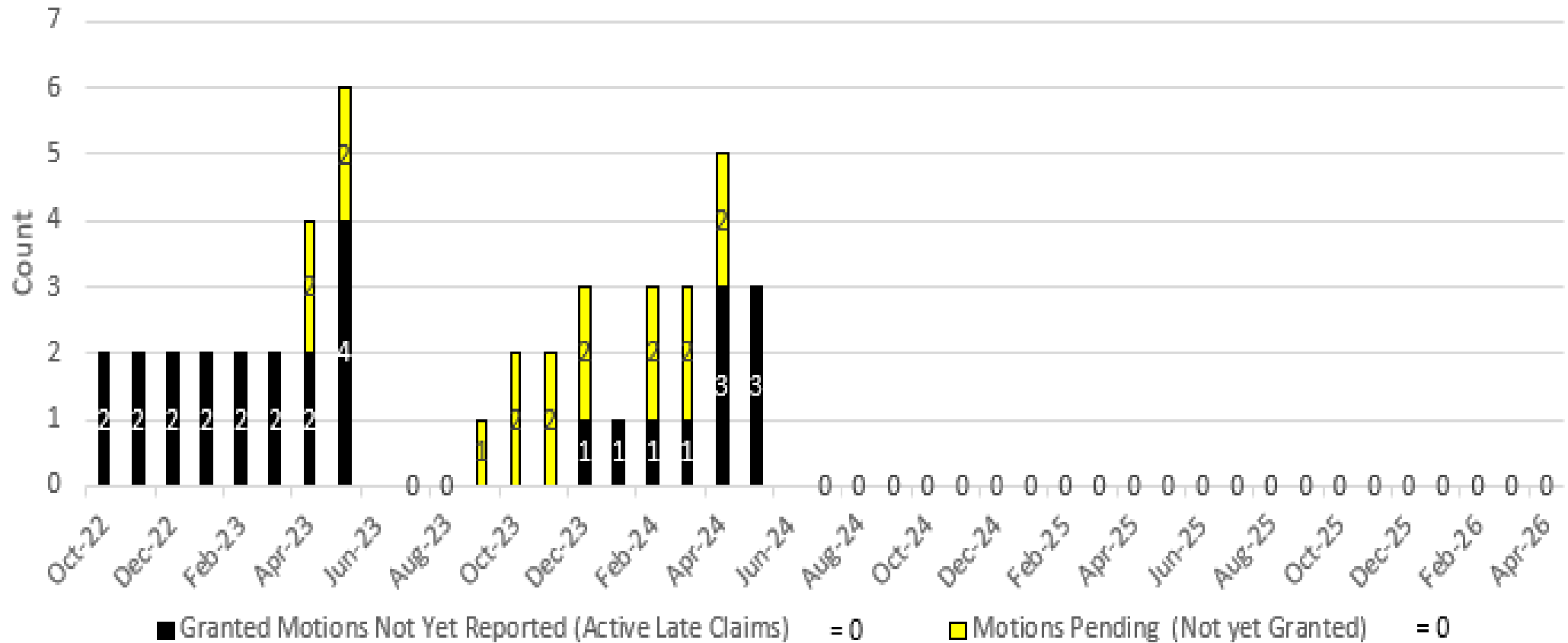
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PRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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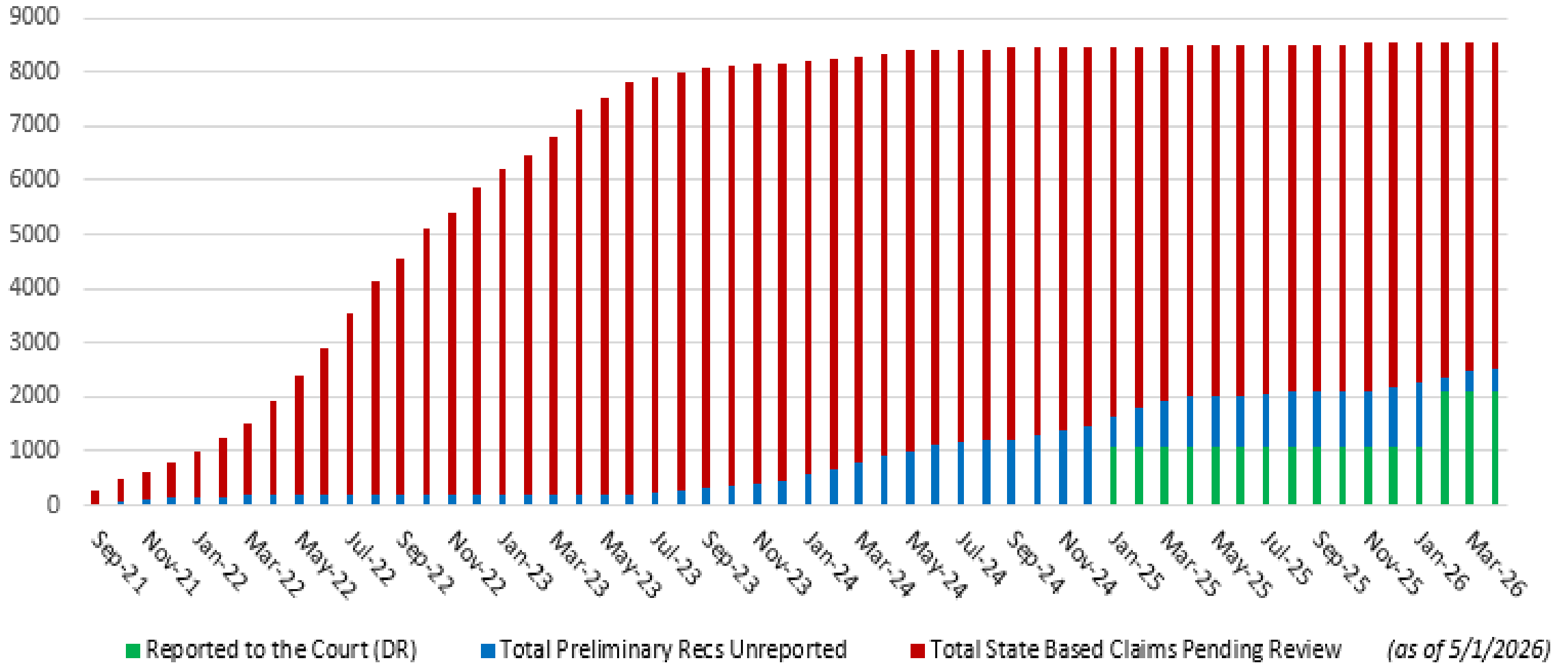


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Clark Fork River

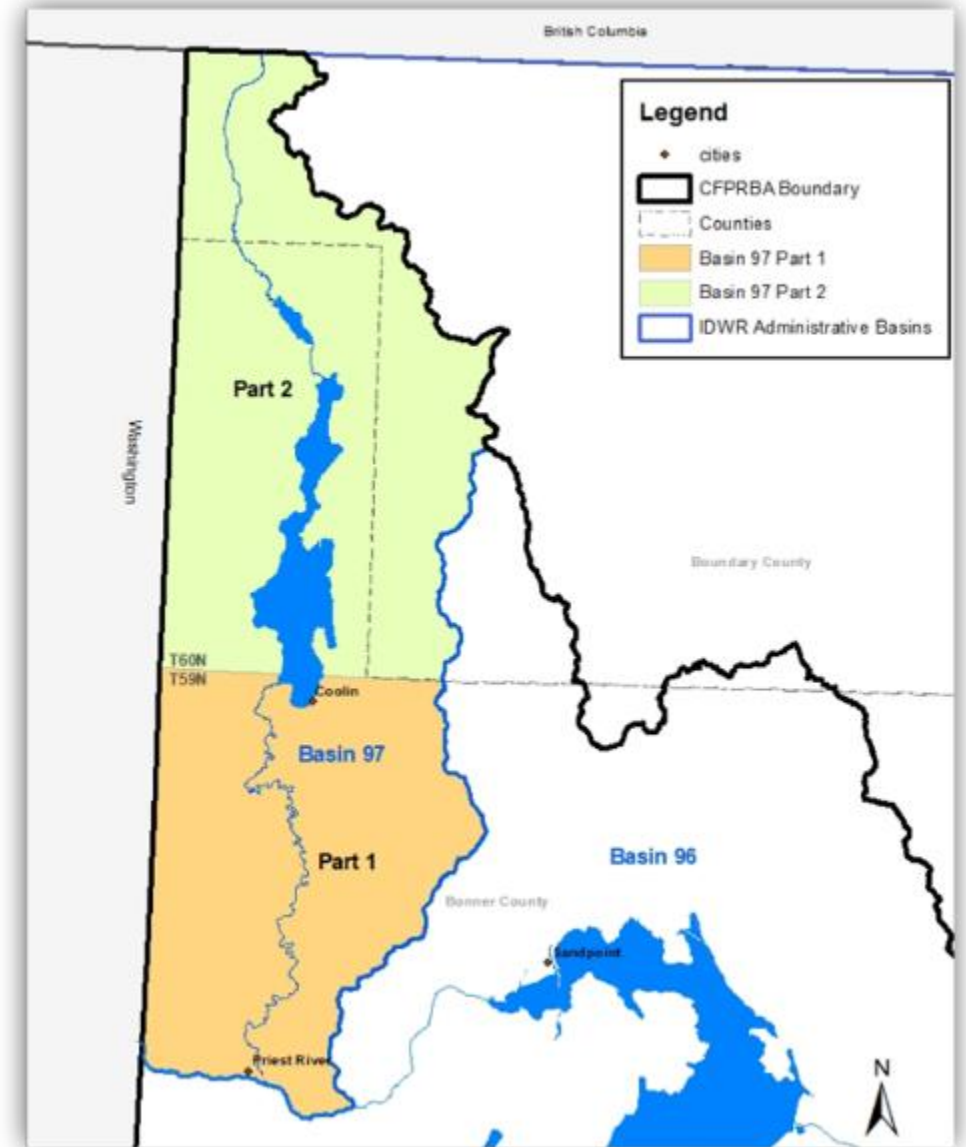
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Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update



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 CFRBA
- All initial hearings have been held.



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.

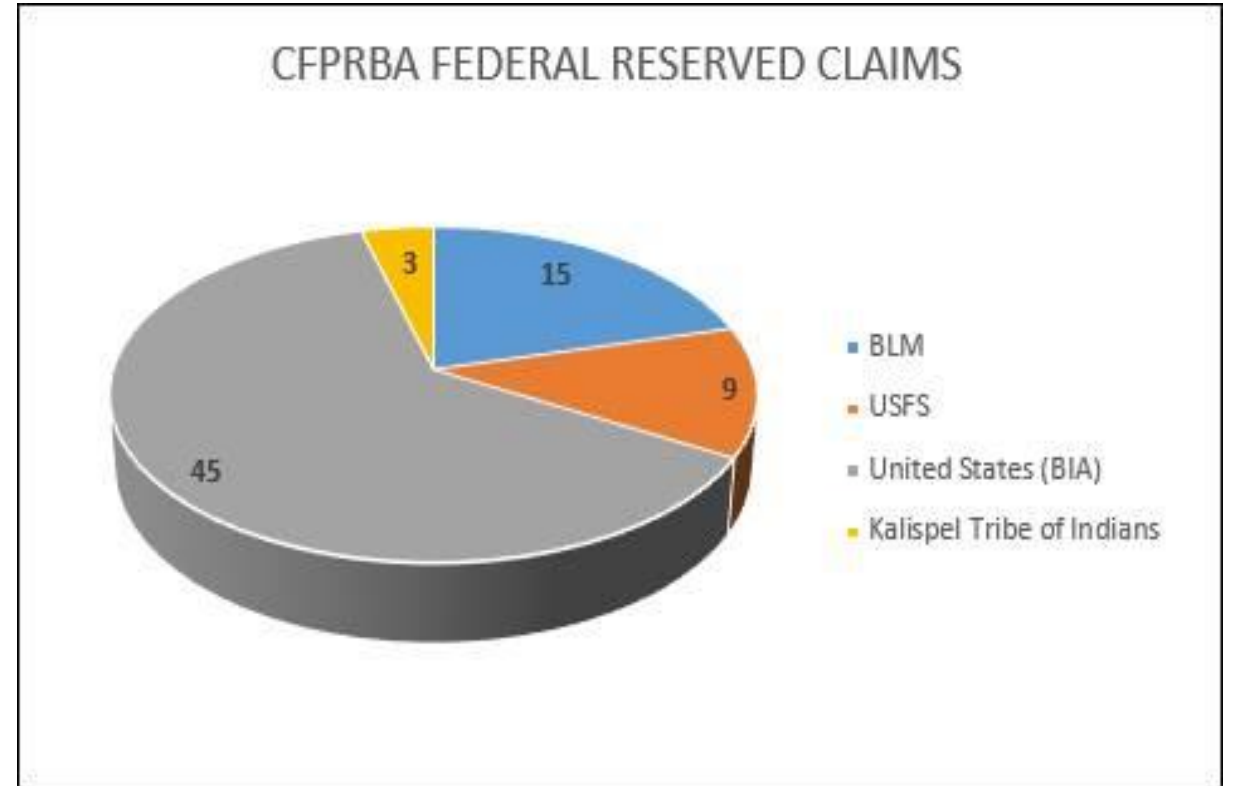


Pend Oreille Lake

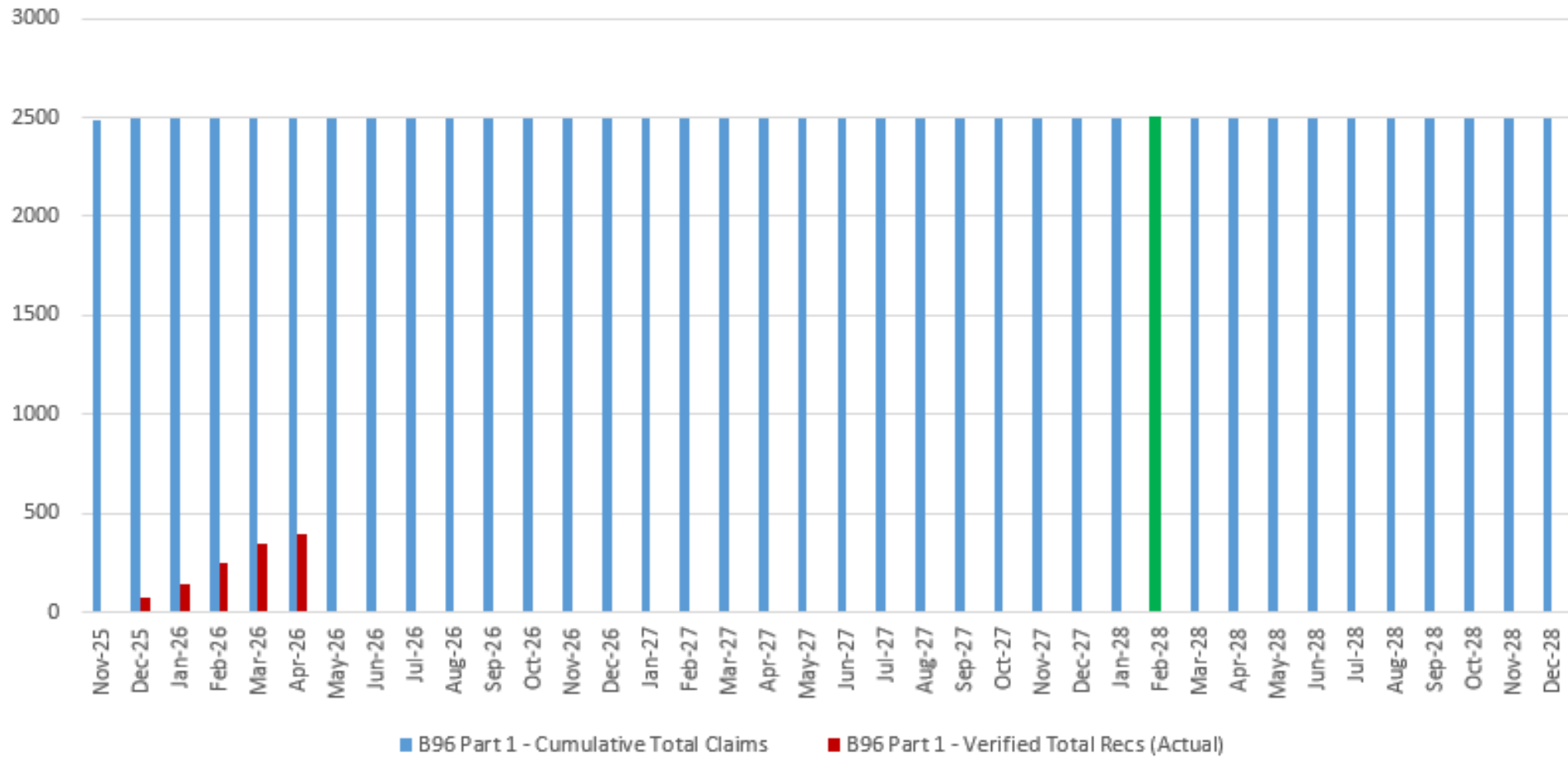
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHT CLAIMS

- The Director's Report of Federal Reserved Water Rights Claims was mailed on March 31, 2026 (72 claims).
- Deadline for objections is June 25, 2026.
- Response deadline is August 24, 2026.



CFPRBA B96 Part 1

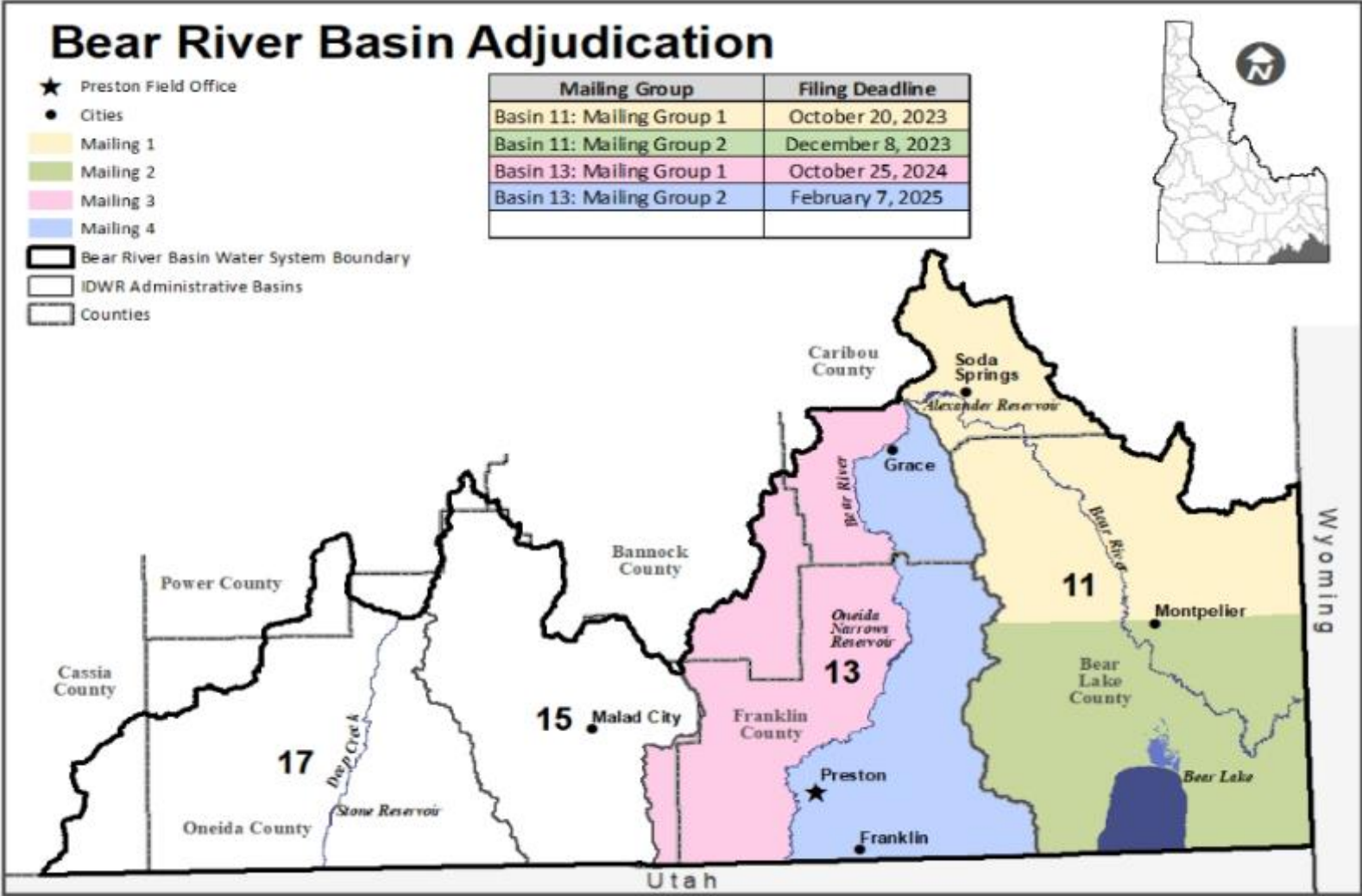




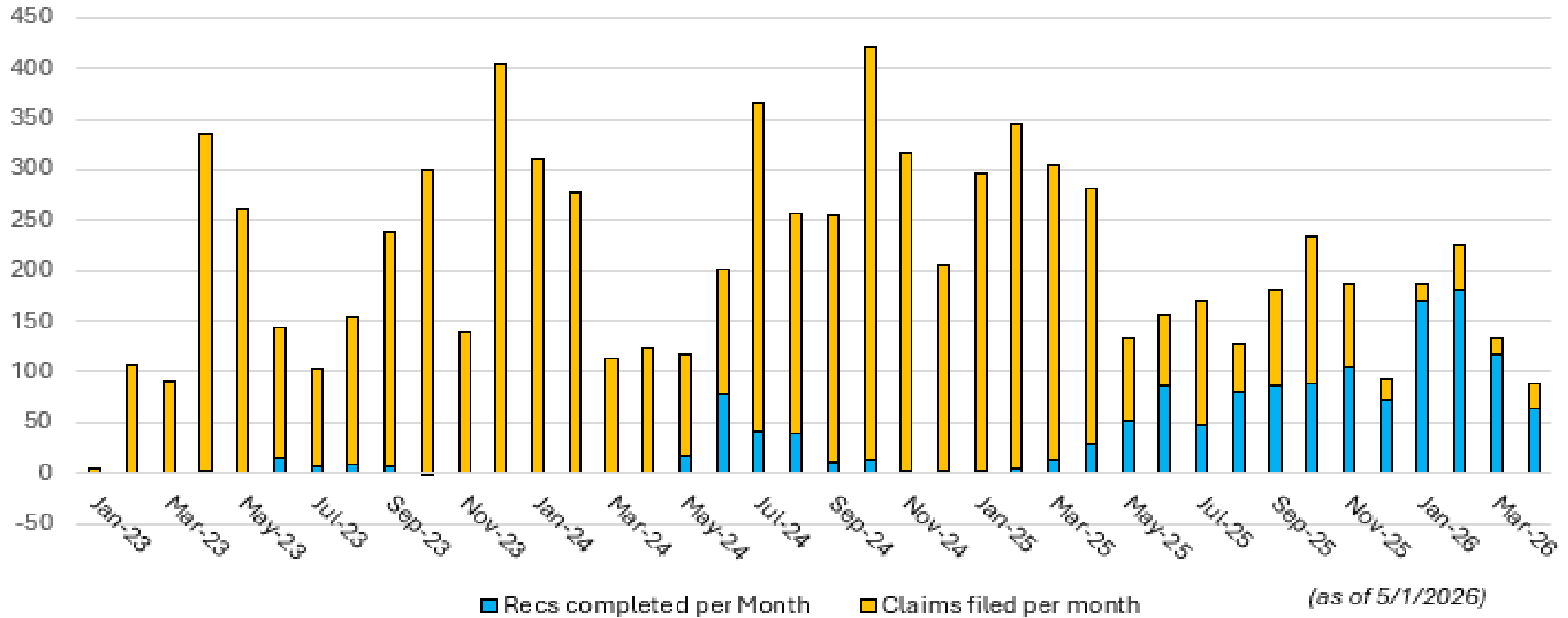
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*Basin 11 near Paris, ID
Photo Credit: Chris Holmes, Preston Field Office*

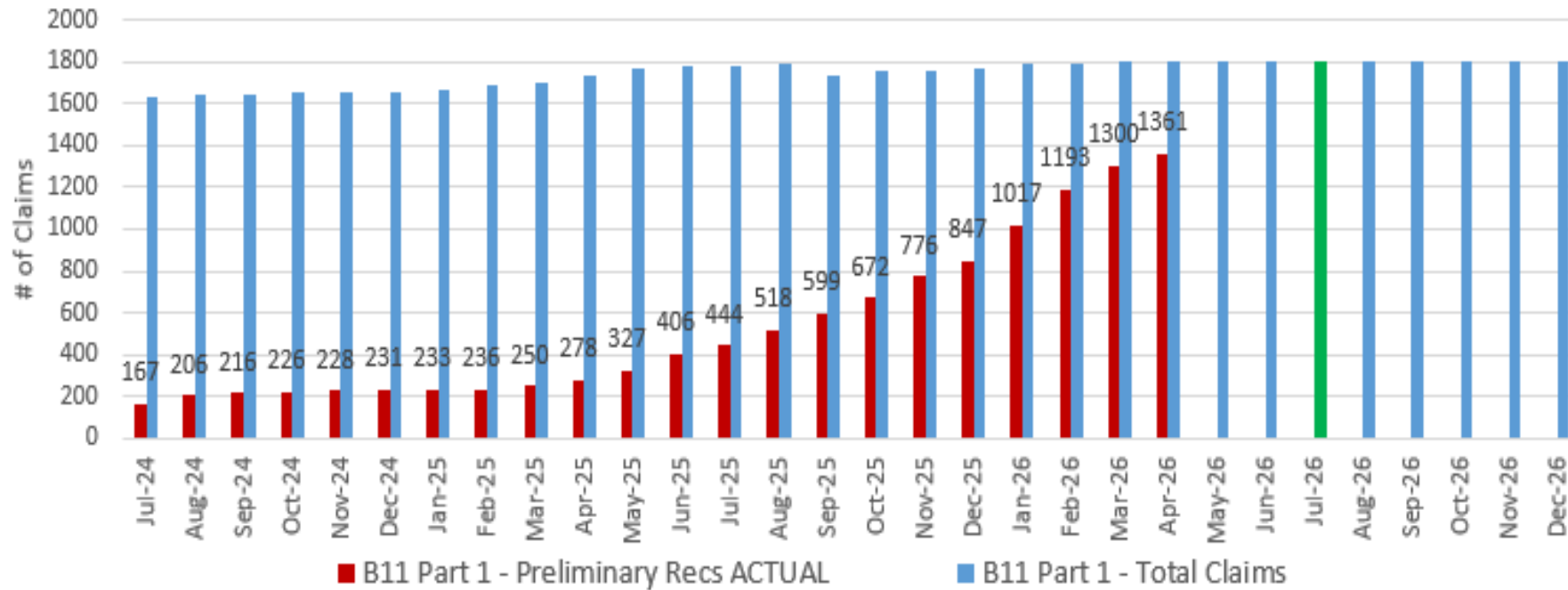
COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS



Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations



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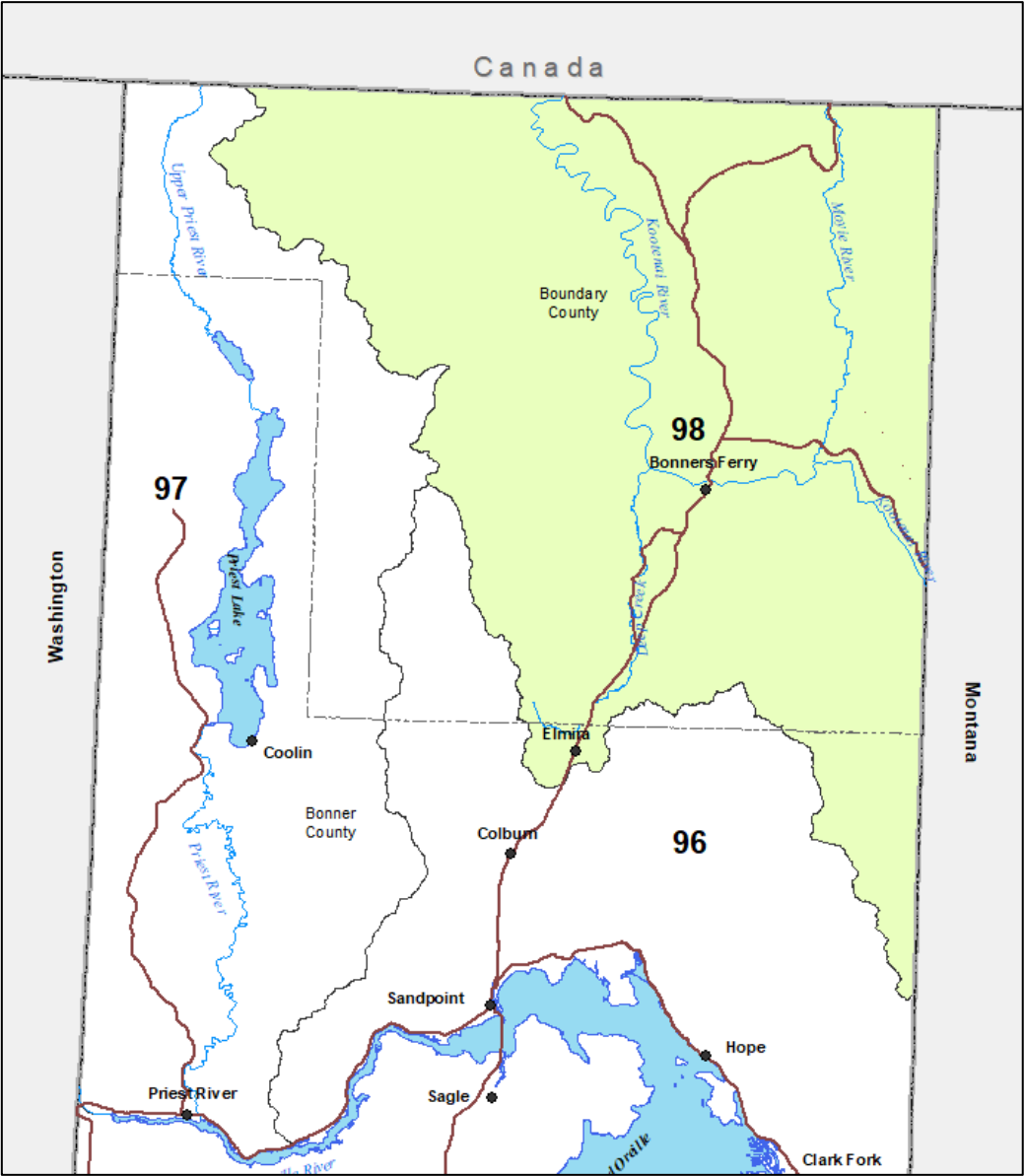


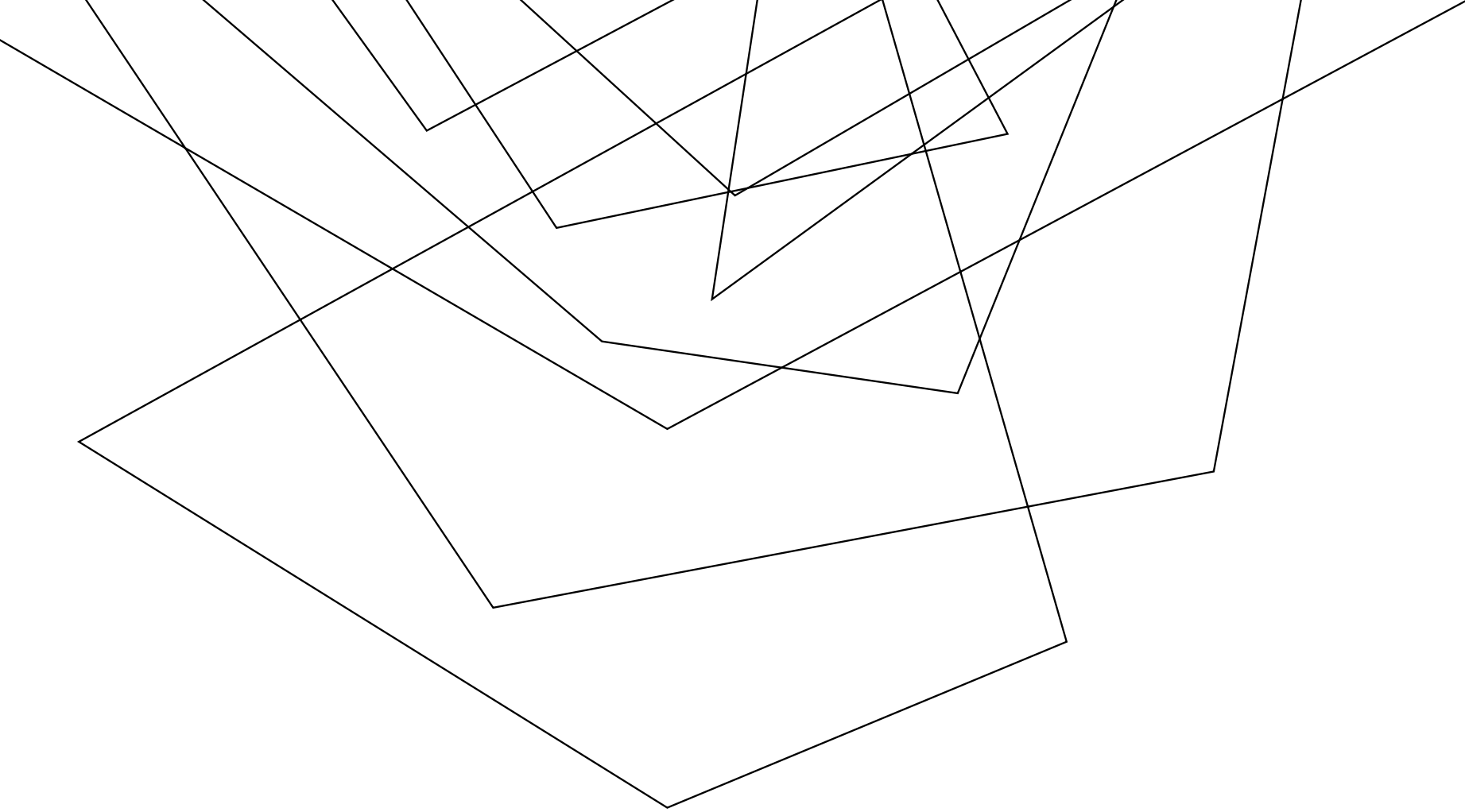
Bonners Ferry, ID

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BASIN 98 UPDATES

- *Petition to Commence Kootenai River Basin Adjudication* filed on January 3, 2025.
- Commencement Order Issued on March 6, 2026.





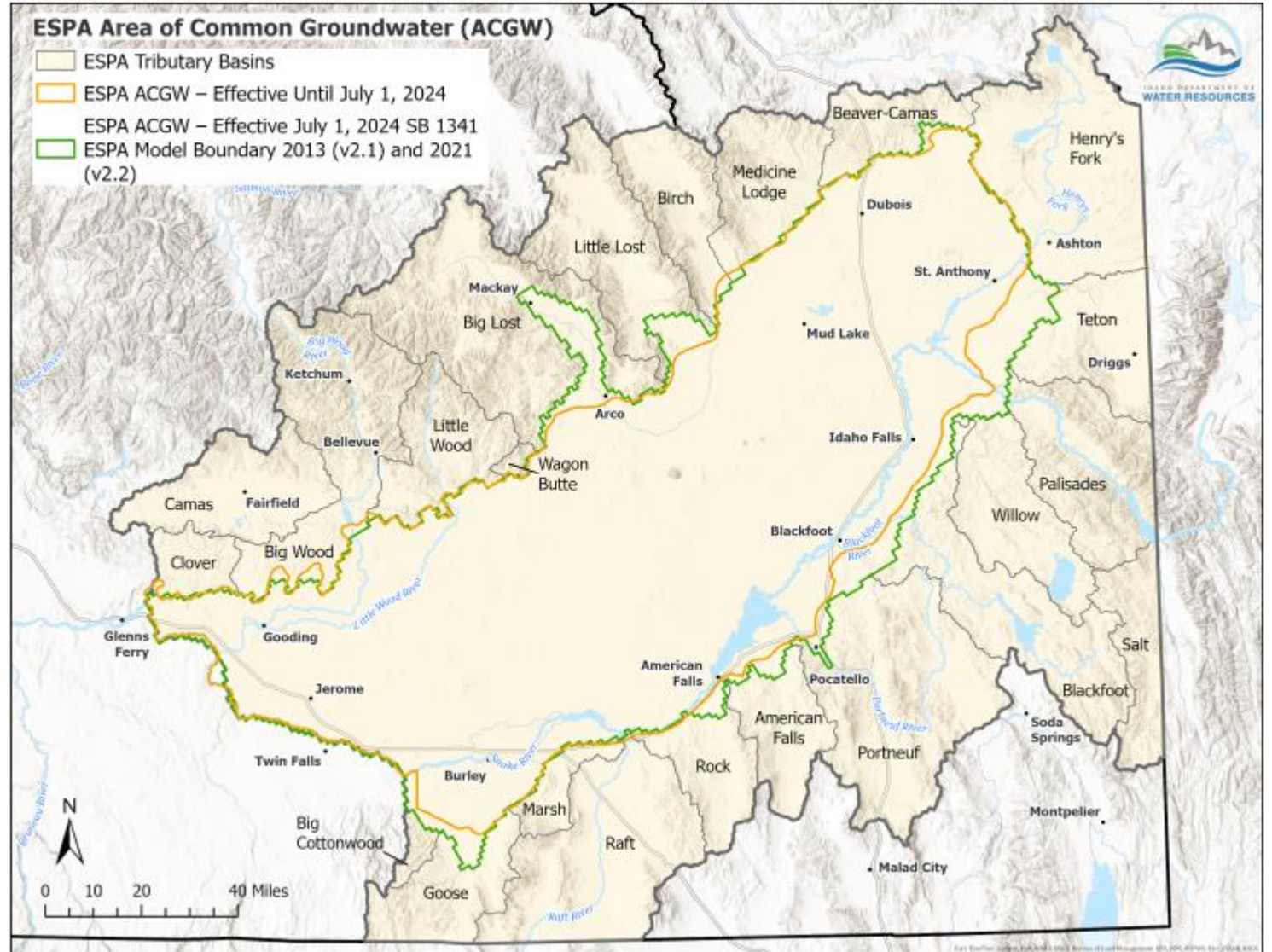
**OTHER GENERAL
MATTERS**

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 was held on April 14, 2026. Awaiting decision.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

- The Director issued the *Final Order Curtailing Ground Water Rights Junior to October 11, 1900* on May 14, 2026.
- Most water users identified in the Curtailment Order came under protections stemming from their participation in approved mitigation plans.
- This curtailment order impacts new areas of water users, as the Idaho Legislature expanded the Area of Common Ground Water Supply (ACGWS) in the 2024 Legislative Session.
 - Idaho Code § 42-233c
 - See green line on map →





**Welcome LUKE QUINN, Adjudication Water Resource Agent
in the State Office!**

**Welcome SADIE SUNDAHL, Adjudication Water Resource Agent
in the State Office!**

**Welcome JACOB MORRIES, Adjudication Water Resource Agent
in the Preston Field Office!**

We're saying goodbye to Sara Ajeti, who is leaving the OAG for Snell & Wilmer LLP in their Boise Office. She will be practicing environmental and water law in the Colorado River Basin.

She will be missed!

*Colorado River
Photo courtesy of Sara Ajeti*





After 38 years with IDWR, LORI HARRIS has retired!! We hope her retirement is as rewarding as her years of hard work!

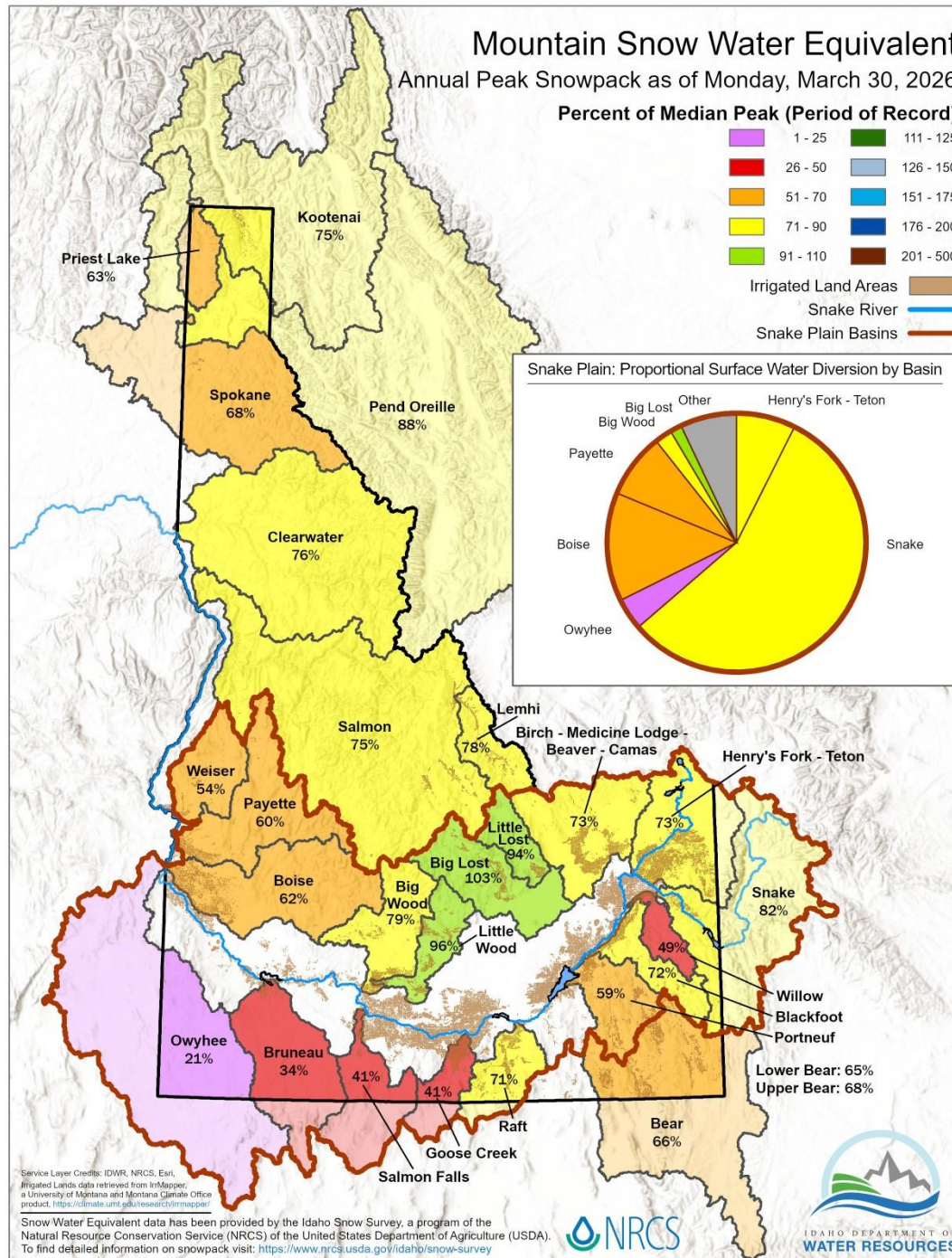
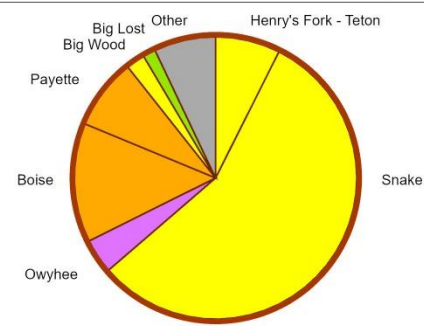
Mountain Snow Water Equivalent

Annual Peak Snowpack as of Monday, March 30, 2026

Percent of Median Peak (Period of Record)



Snake Plain: Proportional Surface Water Diversion by Basin



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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/idaaho/snow-survey>



QUESTIONS?



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