

Idaho Water Adjudications – Monthly Informational Meeting

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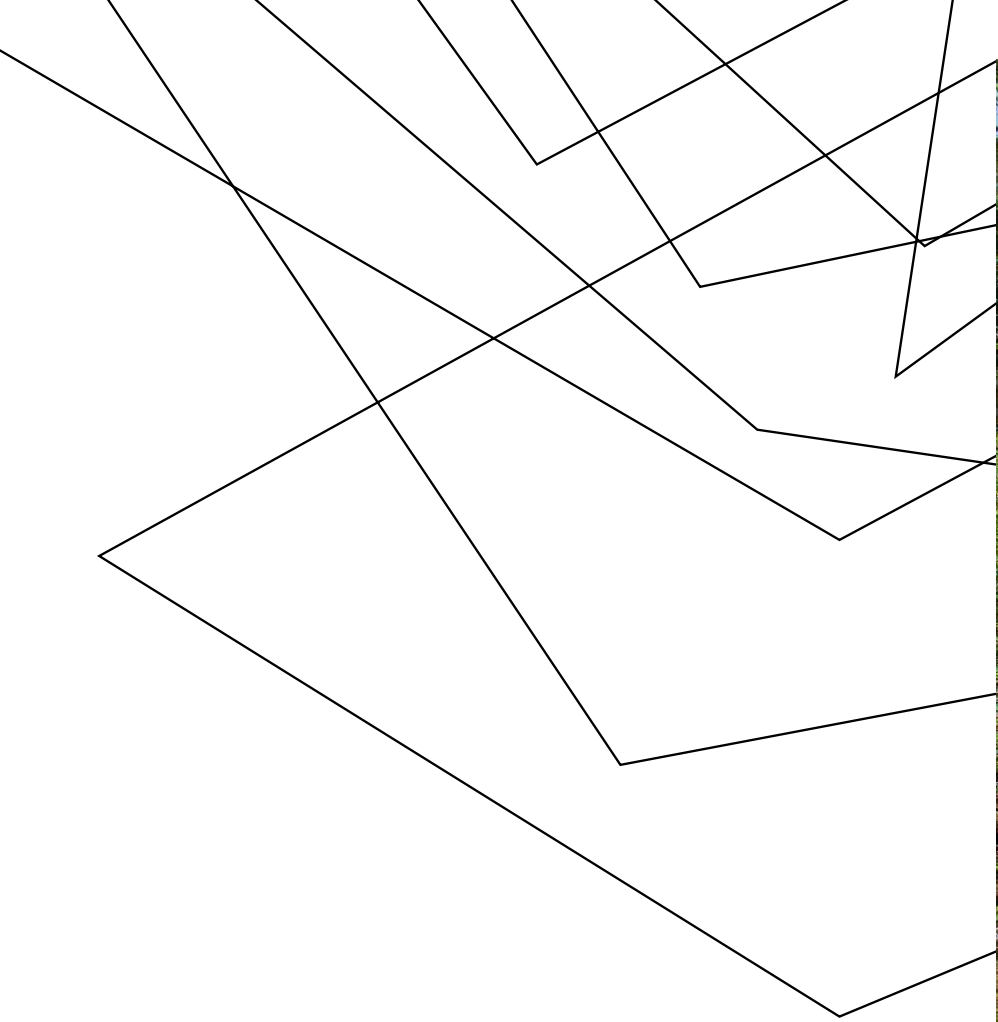


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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 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

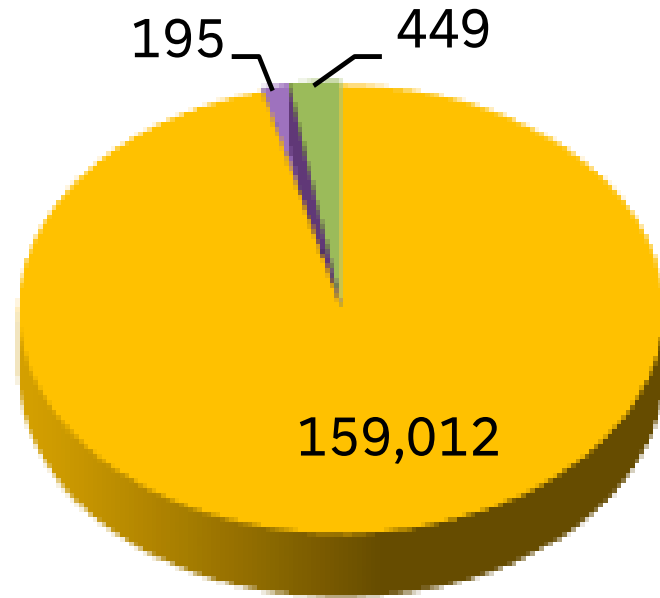


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Mores Creek, Idaho City, ID

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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF JUNE 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
1	Tracy	63-35797	5/18/2026	IDWR to submit Notice of Examination

AWAITING DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY IDWR

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Director's Report Due	Next Step
1	Blaser	65-24319	06/22/2026	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	01/12/2027	IDWR to submit DR
1	Fischer	84-12331	02/1/2027	IDWR to submit DR
23	Casa Del Norte, LP – 2	37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	05/04/2027	IDWR to submit DR
5	Casa Del Norte, LP – 3	37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406	05/04/2027	IDWR to submit DR
22	Casa Del Norte, LP – 4	61-12368, et al.	05/04/2027	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	Normandie, LLC	65-24308	11/24/2025	Objection deadline 01/23/2026 Response deadline 03/24/2026 Status Conference set 07/14/26**
5	Casa Del Norte - 1	37-23474, 61-12361, 61-12362, 61-12363, 61-12440	03/03/2026	Objection deadline 05/4/2026 Response deadline 07/16/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 09/15/2026
1	Animals Trust	63-35660	03/12/2026	Objection deadline 05/12/2026 Response deadline 07/13/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 09/15/2026
12	T-Bone Ranch	25-14565 thru 25-14576	04/08/2026	Objection deadline 06/09/2026 Response deadline 08/10/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 09/15/2026

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
1	DeBonis	67-15483	5/20/2026
3	Forever Ranch II, LLC	65-24332, 65-24333, 65-24334	5/20/2026
3	Indian Meadows Ranch LLC	55-14053, 55-14054, 55-14056	5/20/2026
1	Lanman	85-15876	5/20/2026

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.

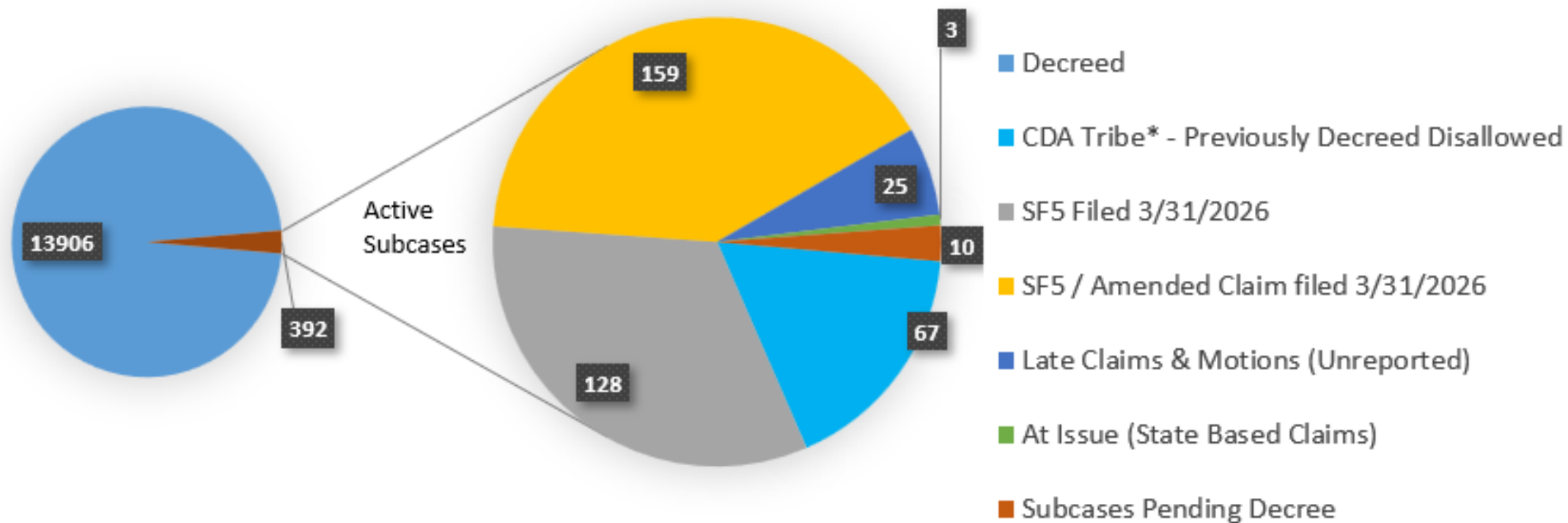
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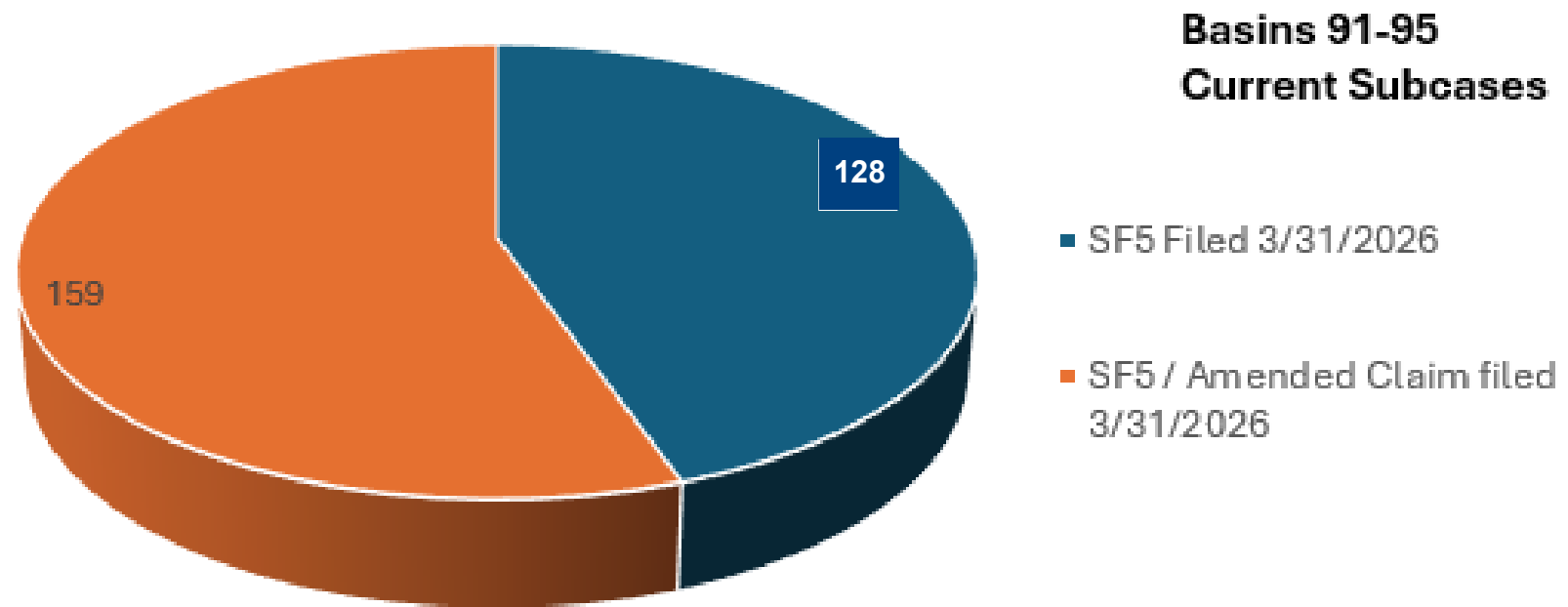
*Coeur d'Alene Lake off Lofts Bay Road
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CSRBA Summary

All Subcases



CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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

BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



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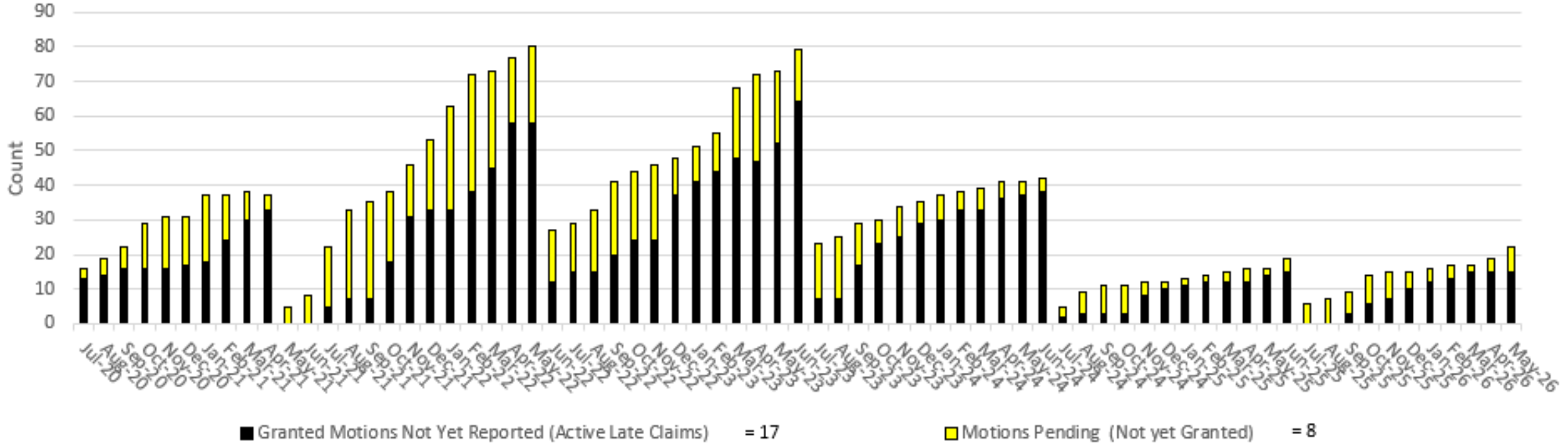
State-based claims in Coeur d'Alene Lake

- Proceeding to SMRRs. Decrees anticipated to issue with the larger Federal Package (91-7755 et al).

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



As of 6/1/2026

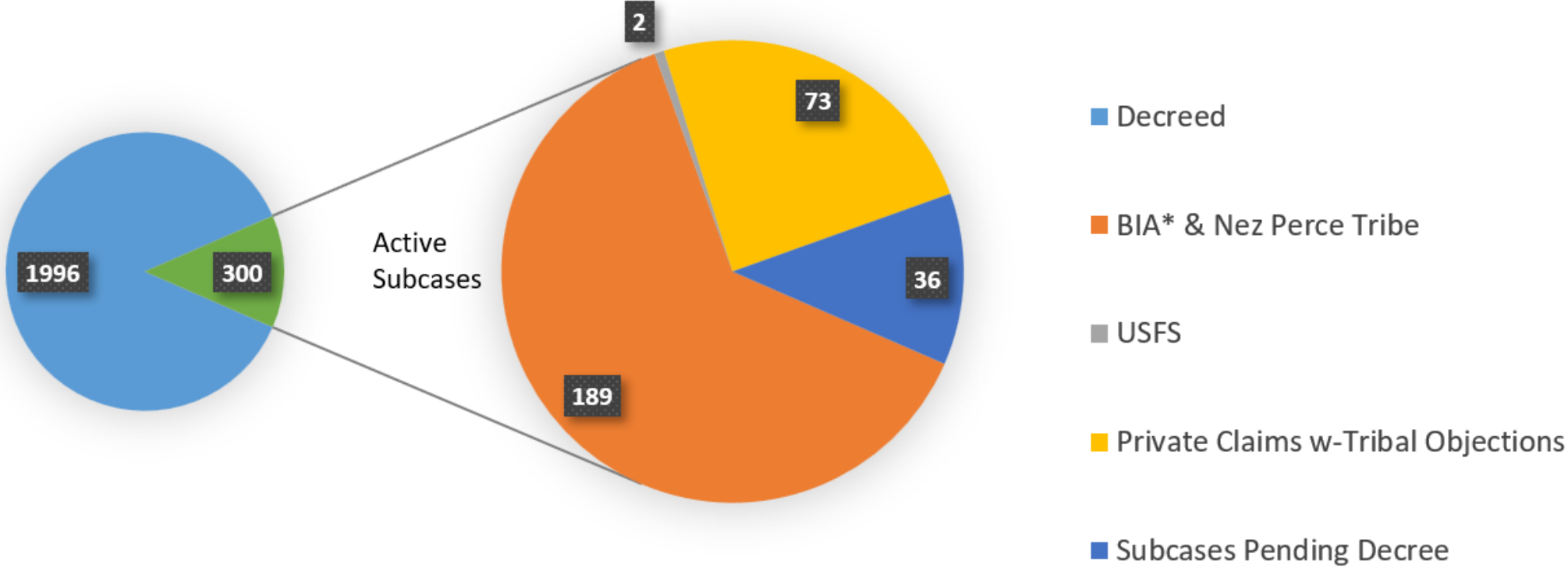
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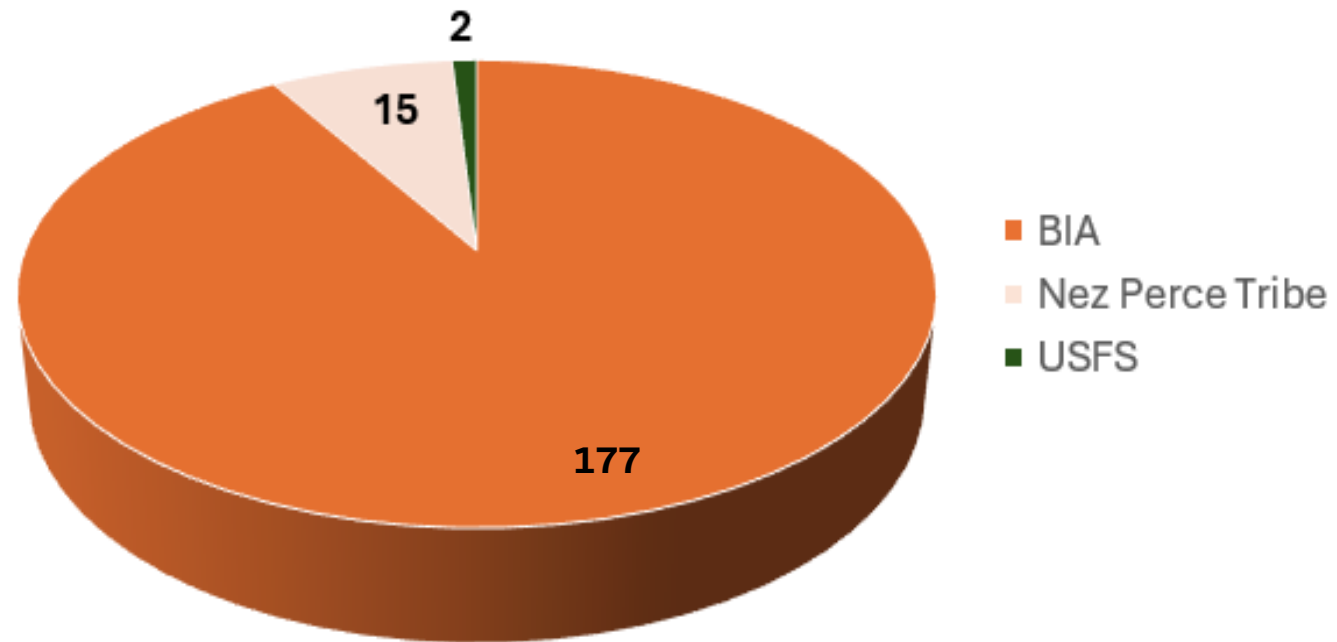
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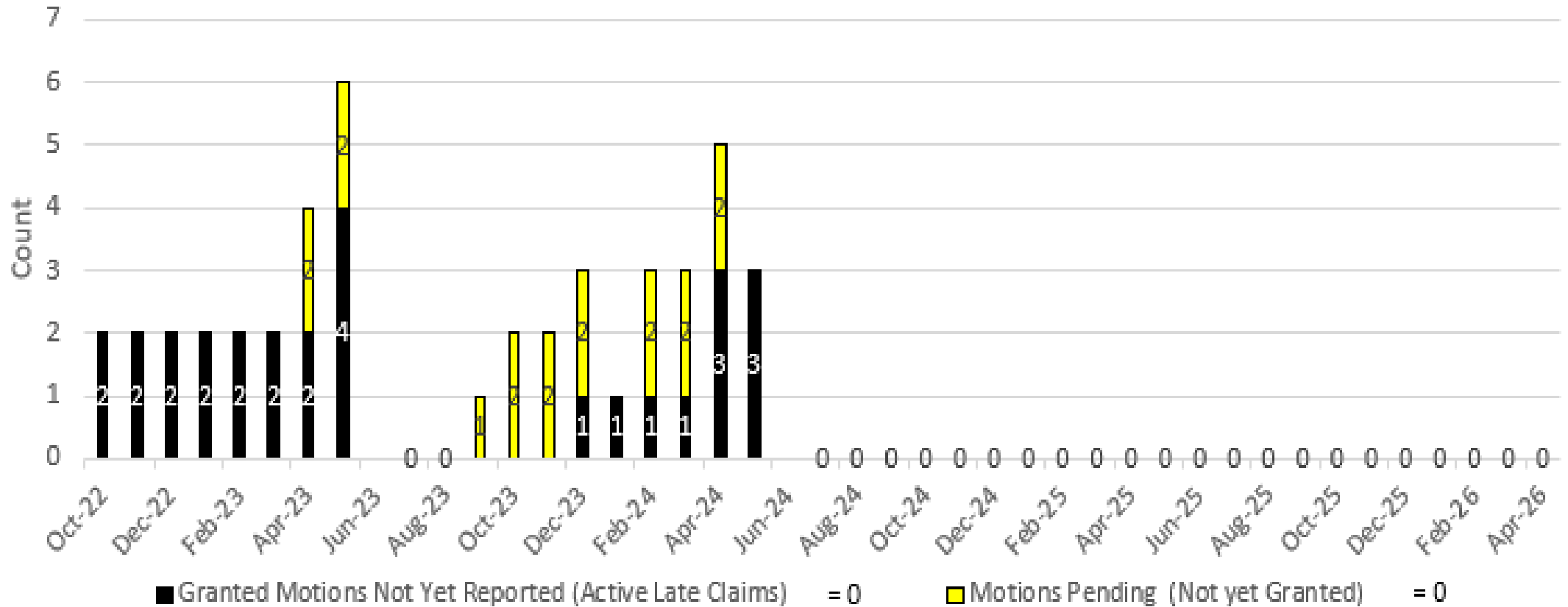
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PRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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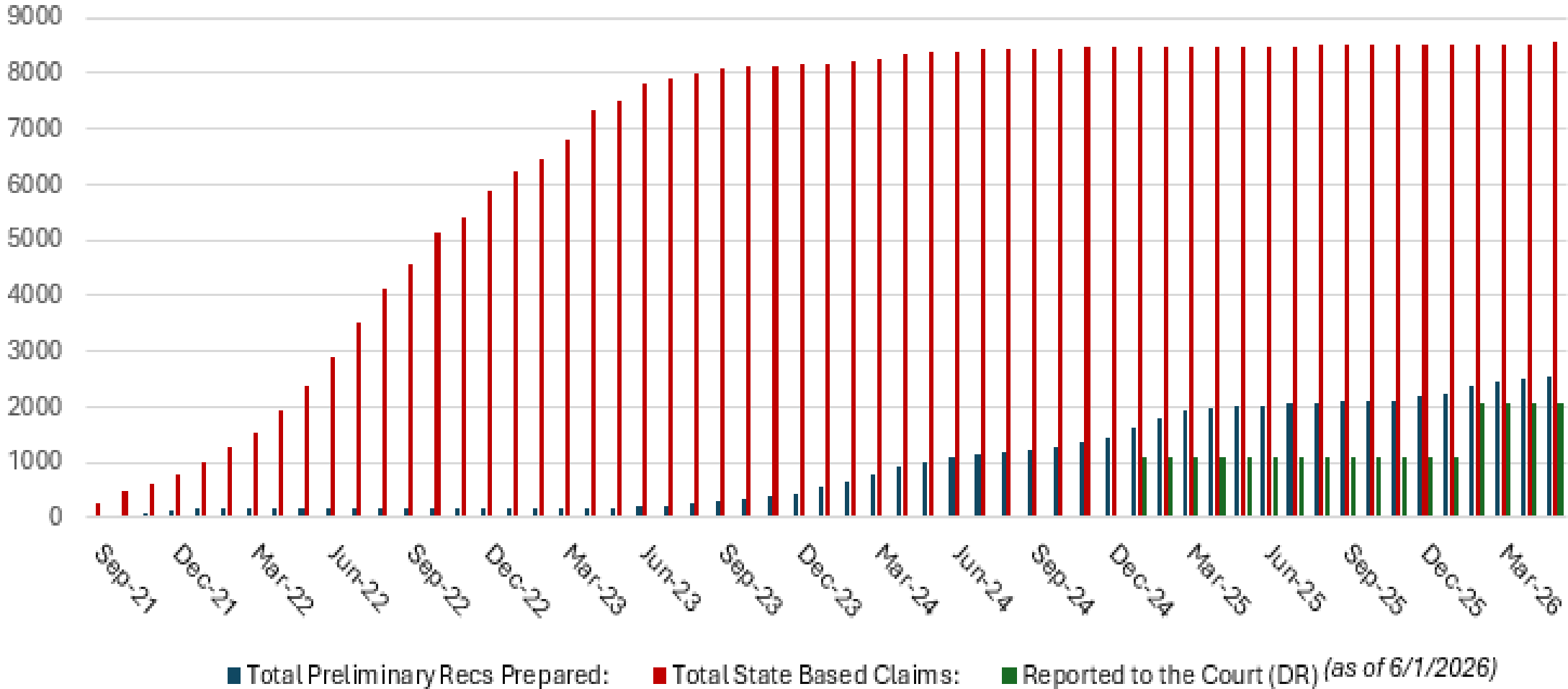
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CFPRBA



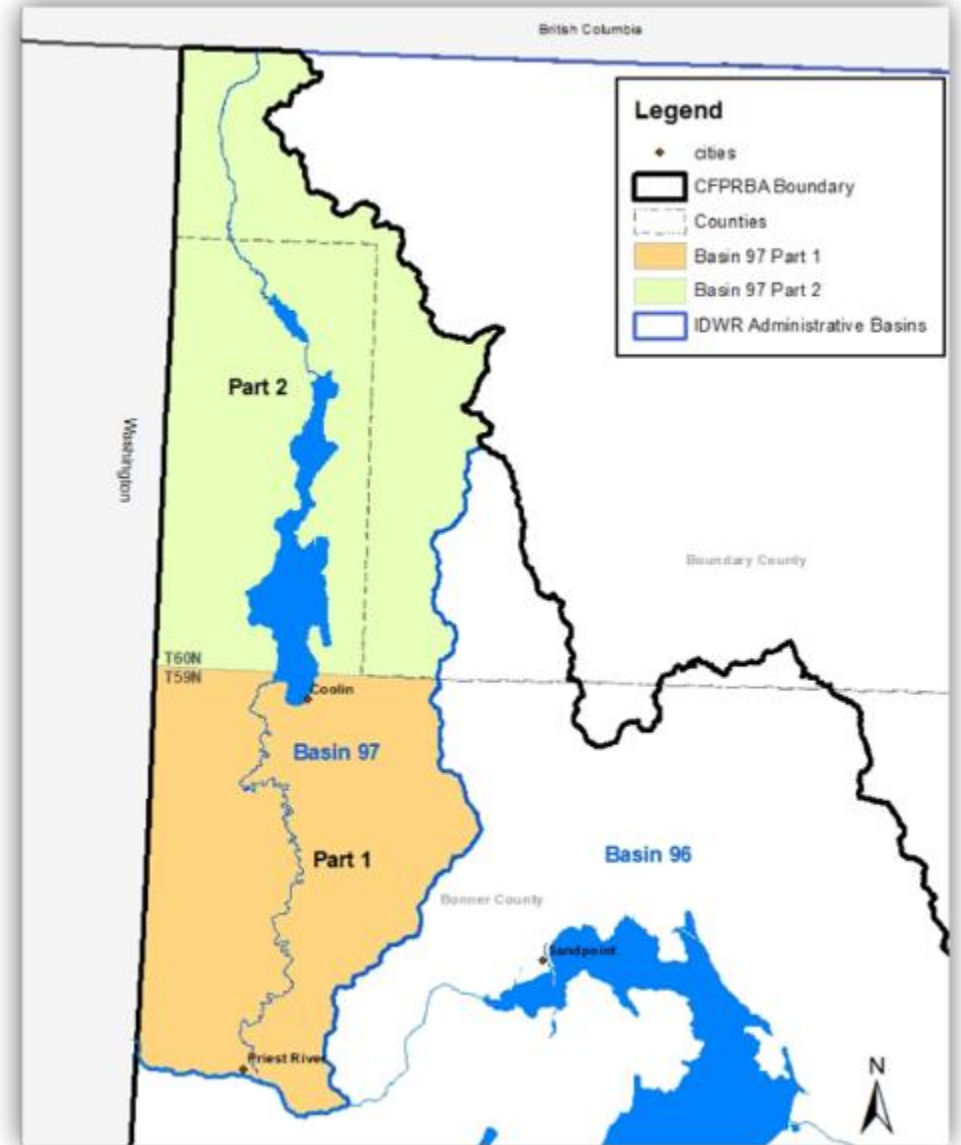
*Lake Pend Oreille near Hope, ID
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Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update



BASIN 97, PART 1

- The Director's Report for Basin 97 Part 1 was mailed on December 17, 2024.
 - Deadline for objections was May 12, 2025
 - Deadline for responses was July 28, 2025
 - **Hearing on Uncontested Motions is 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 was May 22, 2026.
- Response deadline is **July 21, 2026**.
- Hearing on Uncontested Claims is scheduled for **December 15, 2026**.

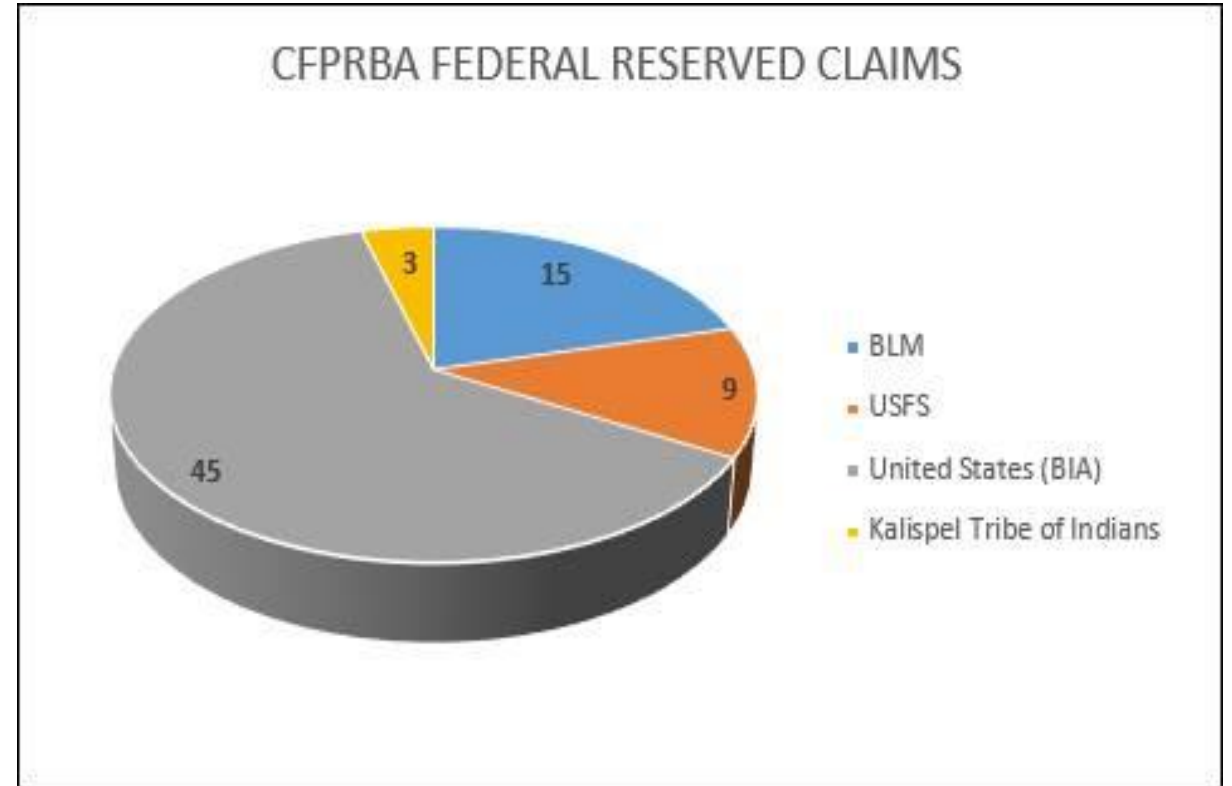


Pack River, Sandpoint, ID

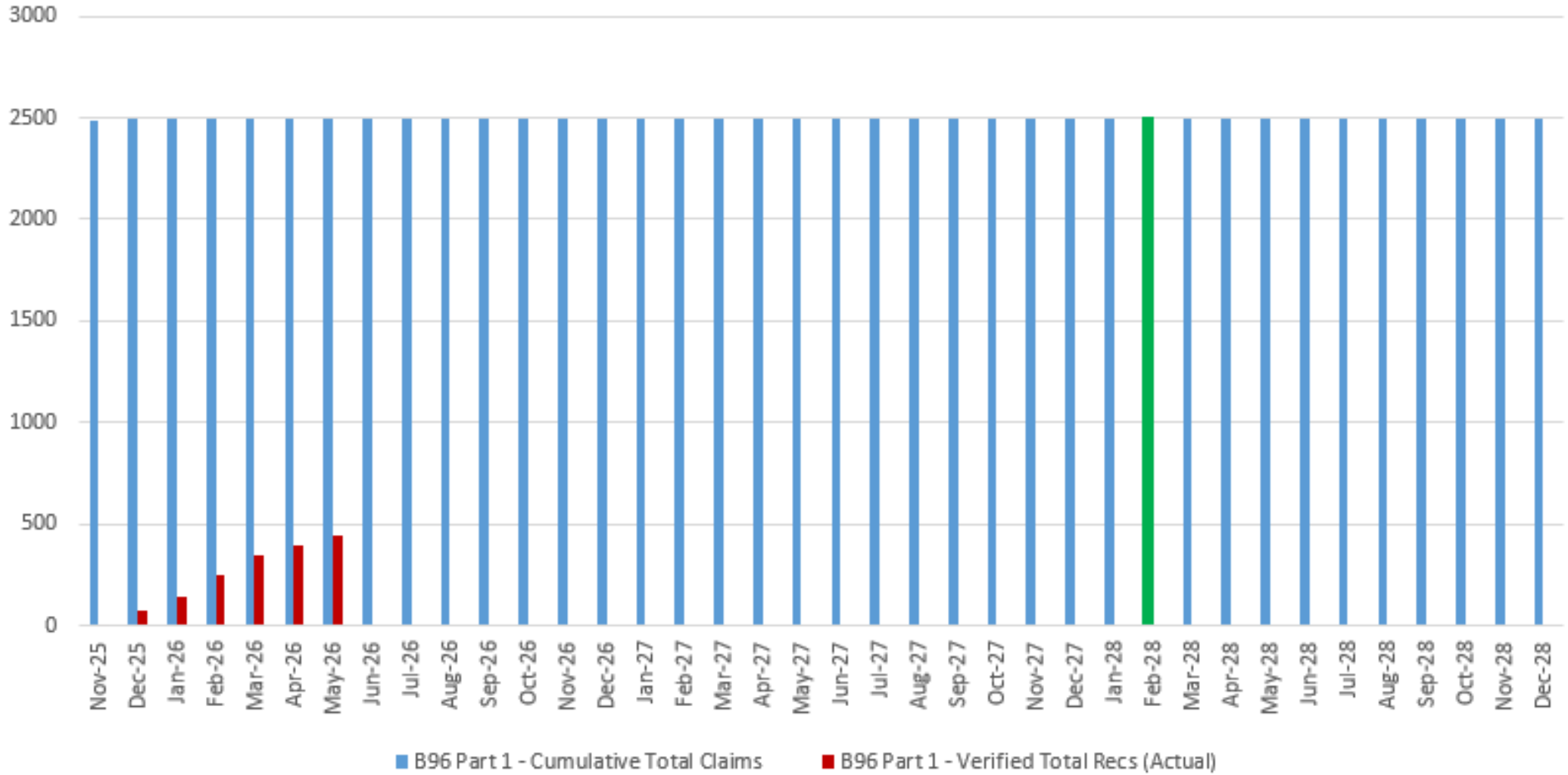
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DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHT CLAIMS

- 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

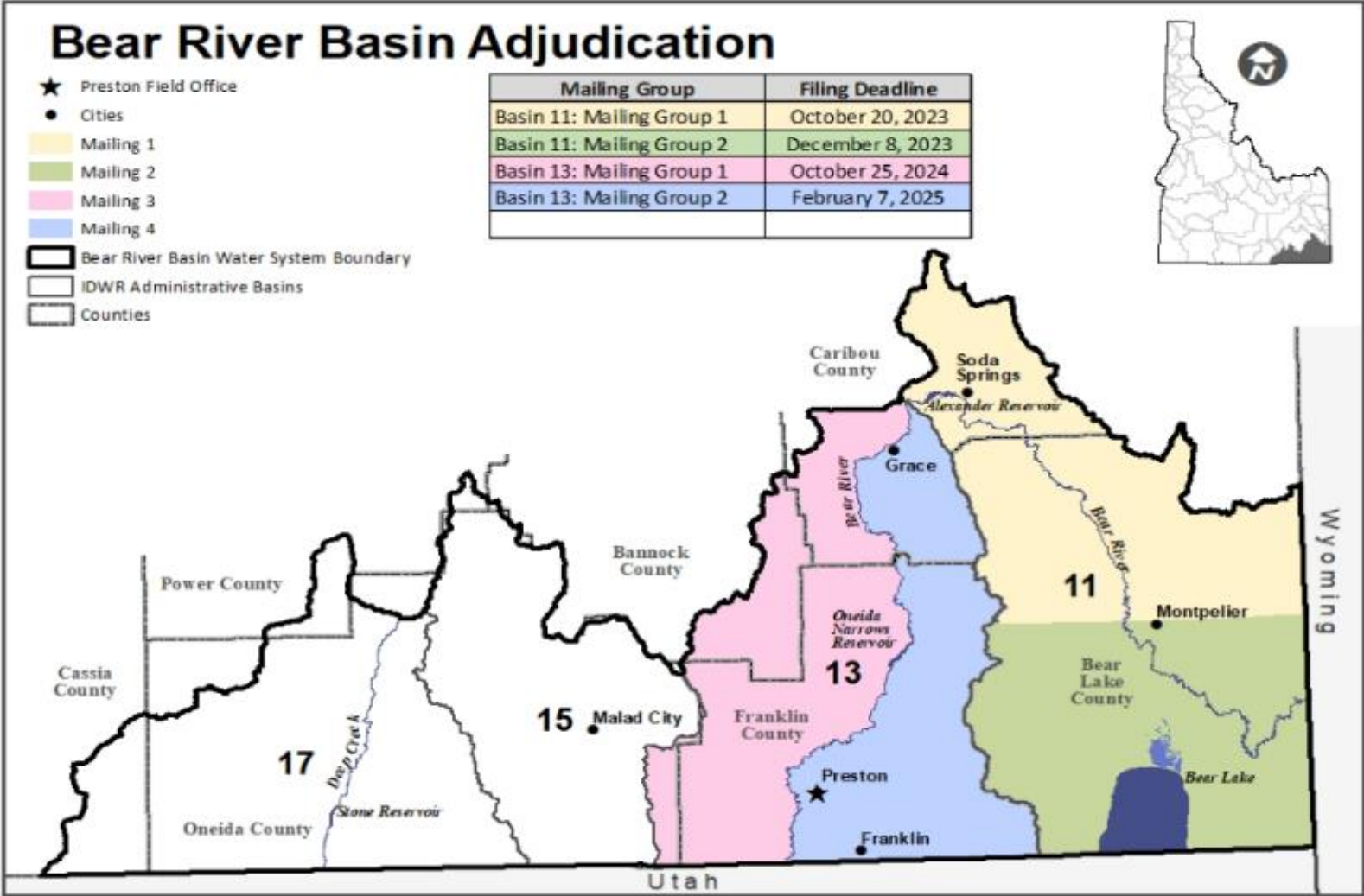




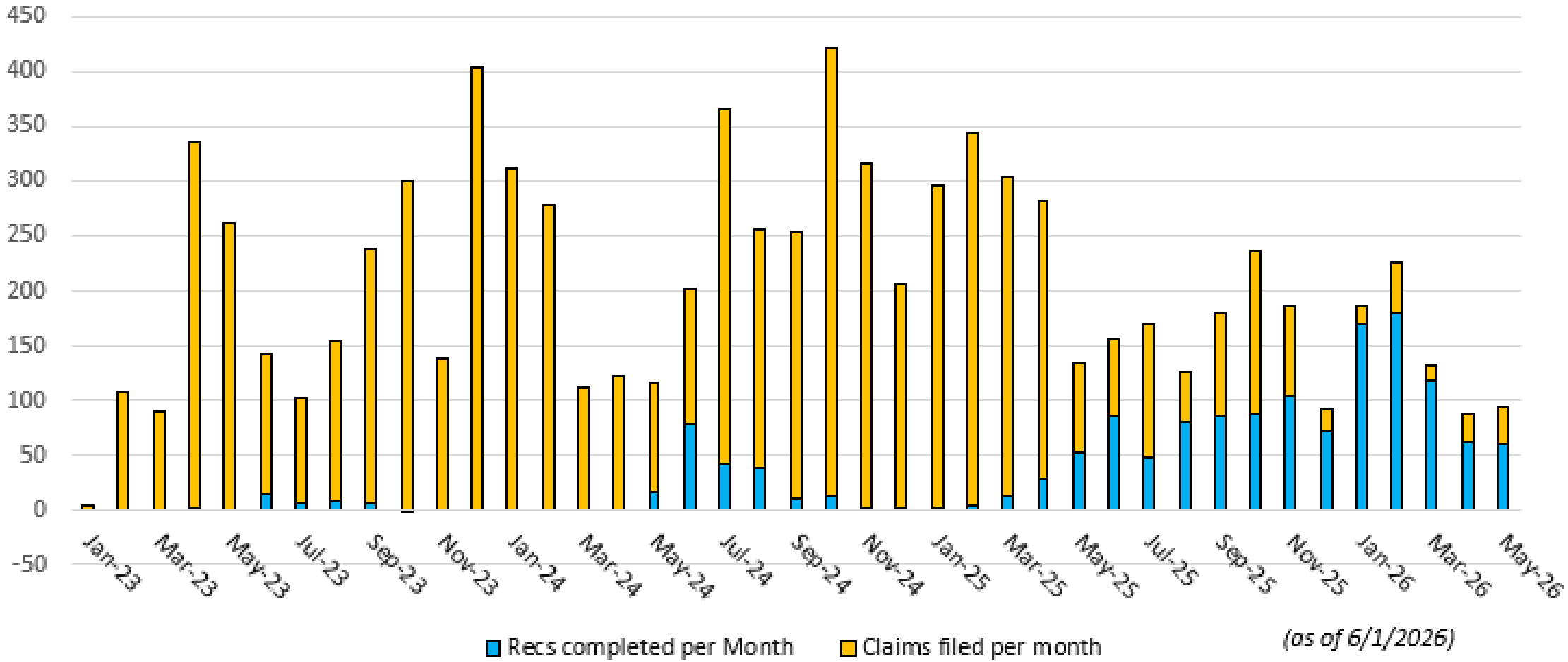
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Basin 11, Part 1 Beneficial Use Exams near Liberty, ID
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COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS



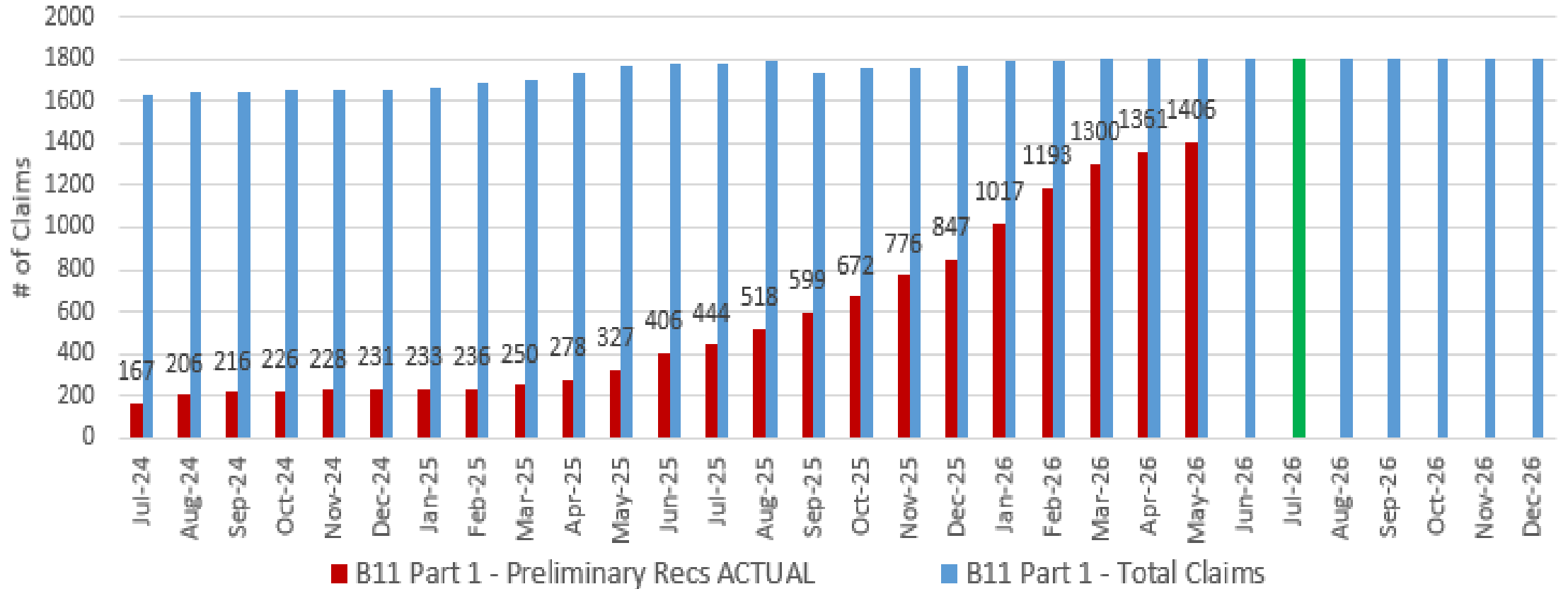
Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



(as of 6/1/2026)

BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1

Verified Recommendations



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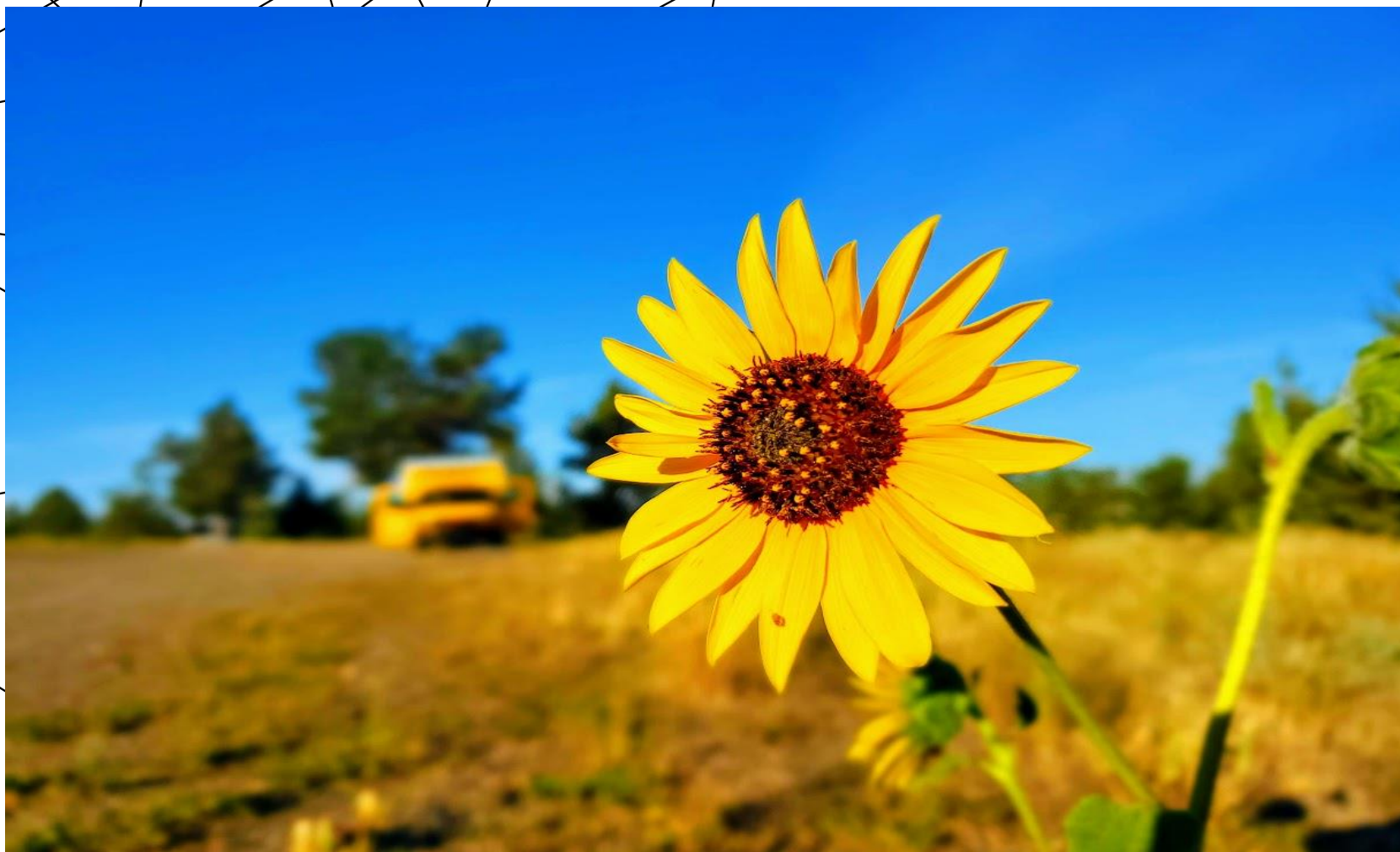
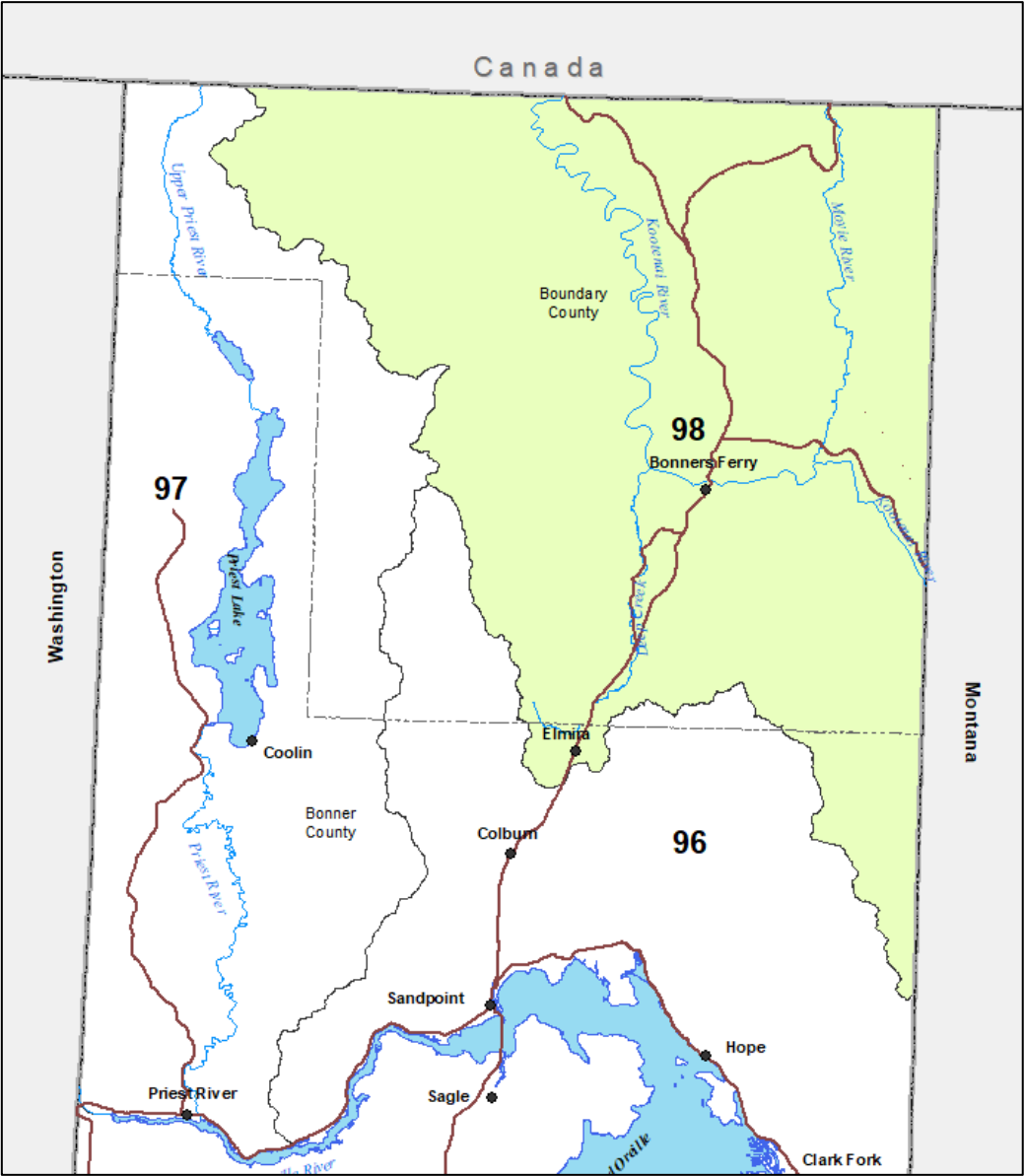
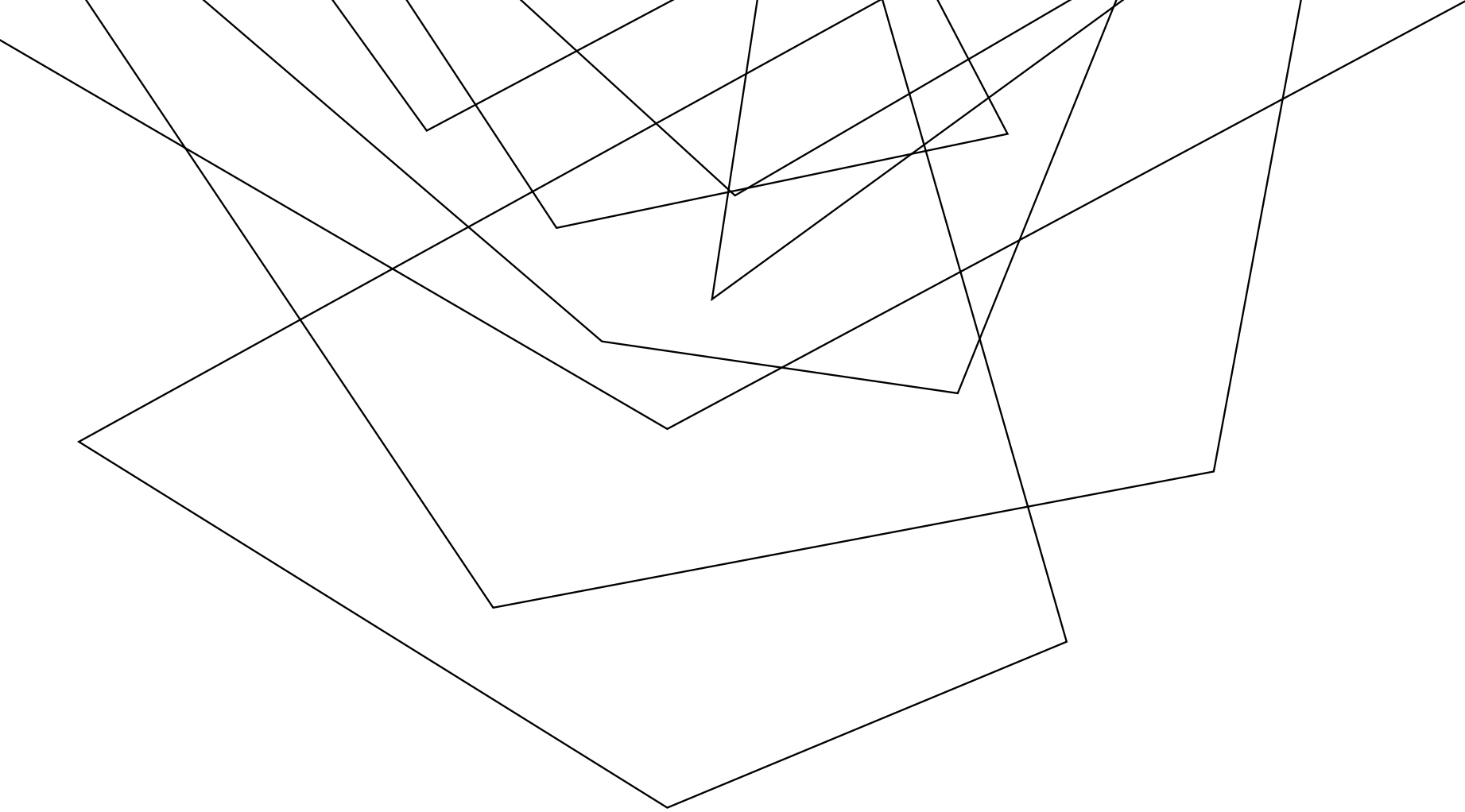


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BASIN 98 UPDATES

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





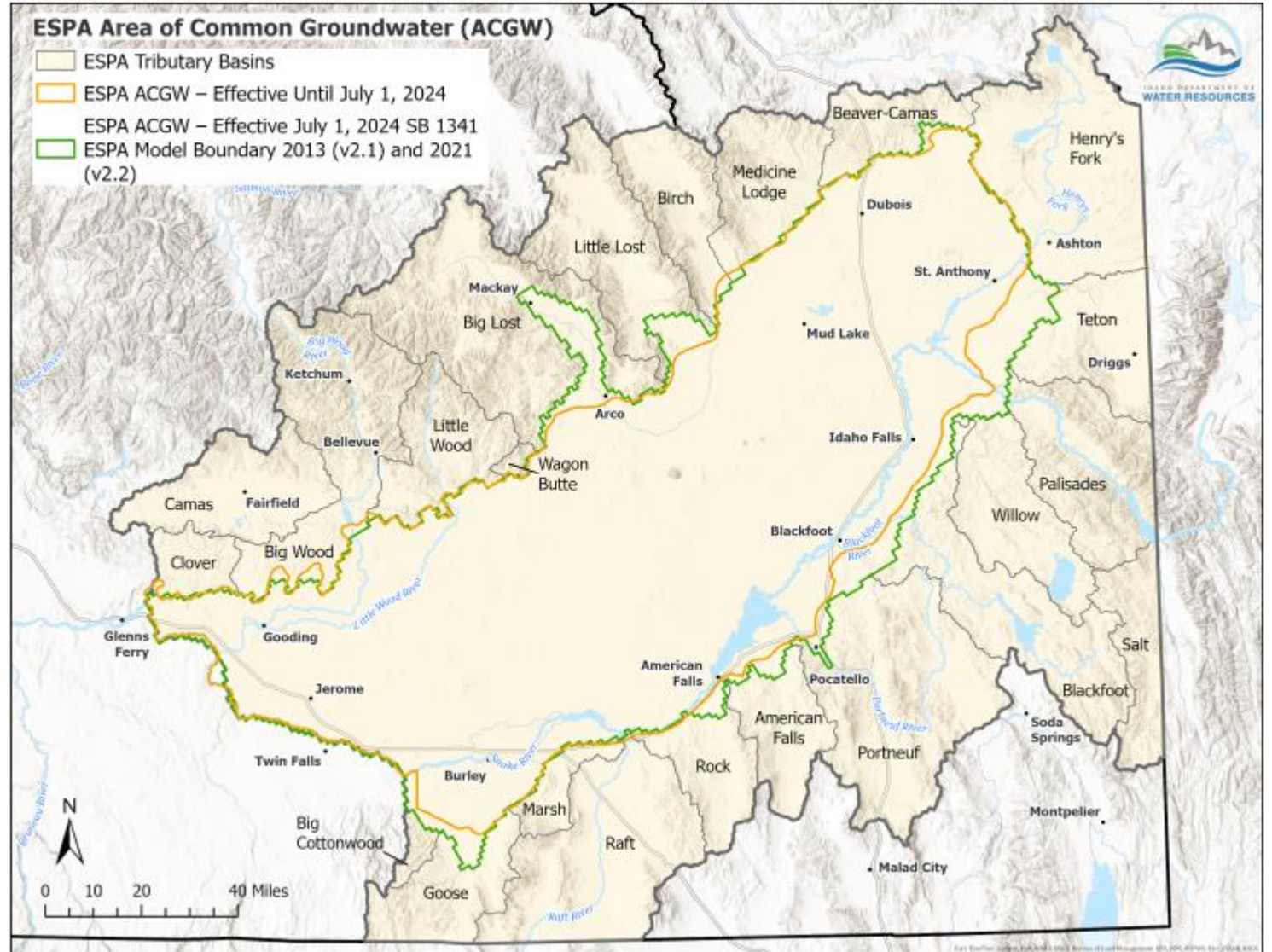
**OTHER GENERAL
MATTERS**

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 →



QUESTIONS?



*In the hills near Hauser Lake
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