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IDWR to host claims-taking and information workshops at the Bonner County Fairgrounds on Sept. 22-24 for the Kootenai River Basin Adjudication

BONNERS FERRY - (Sept. 15, 2026) – The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) will host claims-taking and information workshops at the Exhibit Hall, Boundary County Fairgrounds, on September 22-24, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., to assist water users with filing their claims and answer questions.

(Initially, the workshop location was scheduled to be at the Valley Event Center at the fairgrounds, but that has been changed to the Exhibit Hall.)

Last month, IDWR mailed approximately 5,500 commencement notices to property owners in the far northeast corner of the state, soliciting water right claims for the Kootenai River Basin Adjudication.

Once the water right claims have been filed, IDWR officials will review the claims and make recommendations to the court. A district court judge will review the recommendations and issue a final decree, confirming the elements of all water rights in the Kootenai River Basin, including all surface water and ground water sources.

A Notice of Claim is required for all water uses, using forms provided by IDWR or online at www.idwr.idaho.gov. Water users should bring a description of the property with Township, Range, Section and Quarter-Quarters, or the county parcel number.

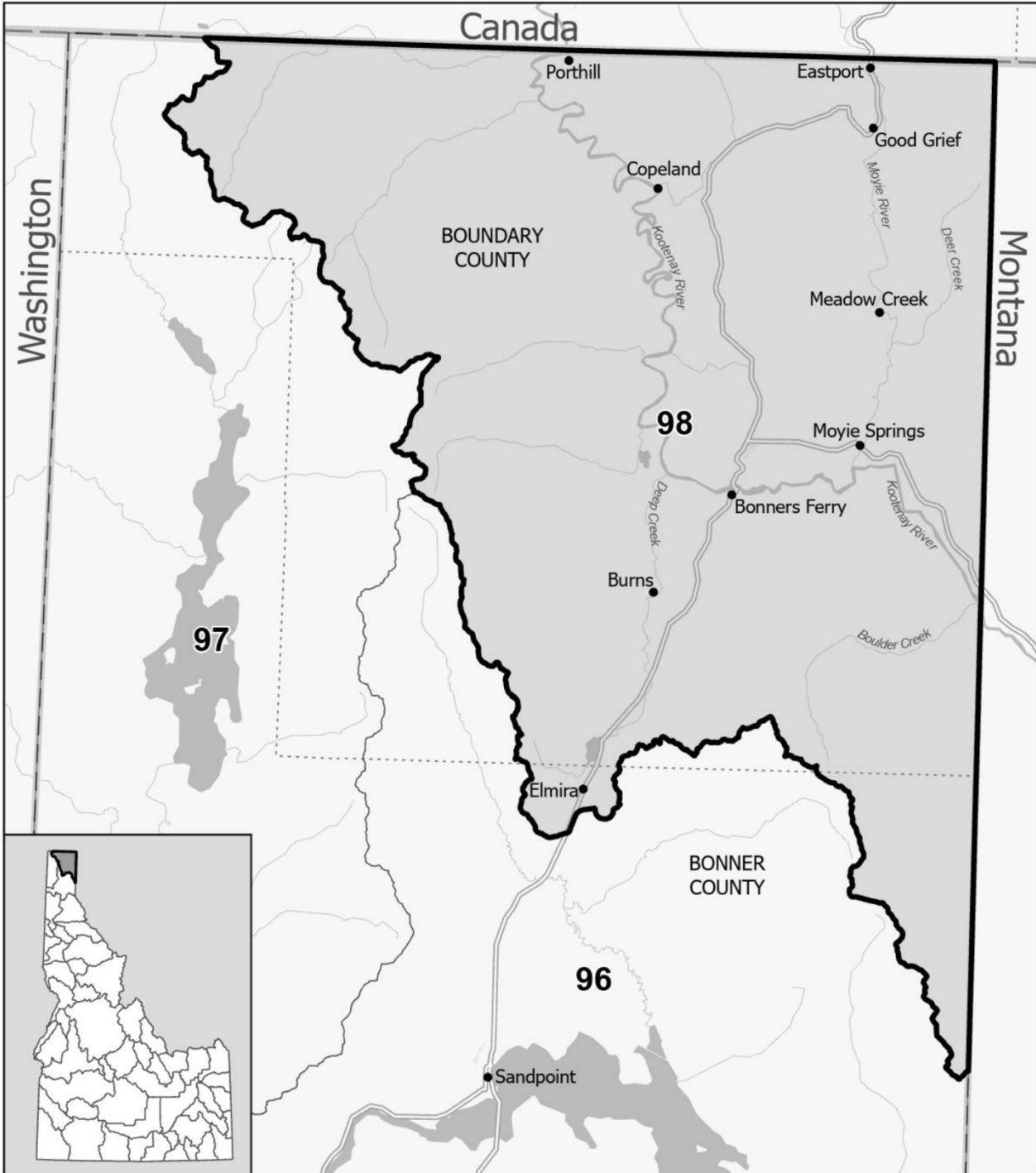
Owners of small domestic and/or stock water rights may choose to file a claim now or wait until later in the process. Filing a claim for small domestic and/or stock water use may be deferred, but IDWR officials recommend filing a claim for those water uses to save time and money. A one-time \$25 claim filing fee applies to domestic and stock water rights.

Water users who receive all of their water from a city, an irrigation district, water utility district, or a company are not required to file a claim for that water. A water delivery organization that holds legal title to water rights typically files claims for the water used by all its customers or patrons.

For more information, contact the IDWR Northern Region office, 208-762-2800.

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Kootenai River Basin Water System



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