



Governor Brad Little

Director Mathew Weaver

April 10, 2026

RE: Notice of Hearing – Proposal to Create a New Water District to Administer Ground Water Rights in Basin 41

Dear Water User,

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Department”) proposes to create a new water district to administer ground water rights¹ within Administrative Basin 41 (“Basin 41”). The enclosed notice describes this proposed action, as well as the time and place for a public hearing regarding that proposal. The Department is sending this notice to water users who may be affected by this proposal. You are receiving this notice because Department records indicate you own one or more ground water rights that may be affected by this proposal or because you own a water right currently administered by Water District 41 (“WD41”). A map of the proposed boundaries and proposed water district area is attached to the hearing notice.

Most surface water rights in Basin 41 are already included in WD41, which administers only surface water rights. The Department is not proposing to modify WD41. However, the Department is providing this notice to surface water users currently included in WD41 in the event those users wish to provide testimony on the proposal. For example, if water users in WD41 wish to modify their existing district to include both surface and ground water rights, they should submit their comments at the hearing or in writing as described in the hearing notice.

The Department will also hold a second hearing at this same location on April 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. hearing will address a separate proposal to expand the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer (“ESPA”) Area of Common Ground Water Supply (“ACGWS”) to include tributary basins. Ground water users potentially affected by that proposal will receive a separate notice. Surface water users are not affected by the second hearing and will not receive notice.

For further information regarding this notice or the two hearings scheduled for April 21, 2026, please contact me at 208-736-3033.

Sincerely,

Corey King
Water Resources Supervisor

cc. WD41, Watermaster

¹ Ground water rights for domestic and stockwater uses, as defined by Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A(11), will not be affected or included in the proposed district.

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO**

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED)	
CREATION OF WATER DISTRICT 141,)	NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION,
ROCK CREEK BASIN)	PUBLIC HEARING AND
_____)	WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Idaho Code § 42-604 requires the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (“Director” or “Department”) to divide the state into water districts to distribute water among water right holders for which the priorities of appropriation have been adjudicated by court decree. This includes the authority to create or modify districts for streams and other water sources, including ground water.

Before issuing an order to create or modify a water district, the Director must mail notice to each affected water right holder. The notice must describe the proposed action to be taken, the reasons therefore, the time and place of a hearing to be held concerning the proposed action, and provide a time period within which written comments on the action will be accepted.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Director proposes to create a water district to administer ground water rights in the Department’s Administrative Basin 41 (“Basin 41”), as shown in Attachment A of this notice. The proposed district will administer all ground water rights in Basin 41, except for ground water rights for domestic and stockwater purposes as defined under Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A (11).

REASONS FOR PROPOSED ACTION

Surface water and ground water rights in Basin 41 have been adjudicated by the Snake River Basin Adjudication (“SRBA”) Court, which issued the Final Unified Decree of water rights on August 25, 2014. Water District 41 (“WD41”) currently administers surface water rights in Basin 41. No water district has been created to administer ground water in Basin 41. A water district is necessary for the Director to properly administer ground water rights and uses within Basin 41.

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Department will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed action. The public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

**April 21, 2026 (Tuesday)
5:30 P.M.
Rockland City Hall Council Chambers
135 S Main St
Rockland, Idaho 83271**

Nick Miller of the Department will serve as the presiding officer. The hearing will be held in accordance with the Department’s Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01) and Idaho Code § 42-604.

HEARING PROCEDURES AND COMMENT PERIOD

The purpose of the April 21st, 2026, hearing is to collect information and testimony that will contribute to the record upon which the Director will rely to determine whether creation of a new water district is appropriate as proposed or if an alternative course of action is warranted. It is important that holders of water rights understand the proposed action and participate in the hearing process.

The Department will present information at the hearing regarding the proposed action. Persons attending the hearing will be given the opportunity to comment and provide information regarding the proposed action. Written comments may be submitted to the presiding officer at the hearing or any time before the close of the written comment period on May 4, 2026. Written comments not presented at the hearing should be sent to: Department of Water Resources, c/o Nick Miller, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho, 83720-0098. Written comments may also be submitted electronically by email to file@idwr.idaho.gov

The hearing will be conducted in a facility that meets Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. If special accommodation is needed to attend, participate in, or understand the hearing, please contact the Department at least five days before the hearing.

This notice has been sent to all current owners of ground water rights with an authorized point of diversion within Basin 41, except domestic and stockwater rights as defined in Idaho Code §§ 42-111 and 42-1401A(11). The notice has also been sent to owners of surface water rights currently included in WD41. The proposed district largely overlaps geographically with WD41, so the Director has also provided notice to those users and invites their input on the proposed action.

If you have questions concerning this notice, please call Corey King at the Department's Twin Falls Regional Office at (208) 736-3033.

DATED this 10th day of April, 2026.



Nick Miller
Presiding Officer

Attachment A Proposed Boundary for WD141

