

**Idaho Water Adjudications –
Monthly Informational Meeting
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for the Idaho Department
October 21, 2025**



DISCUSSION ITEMS

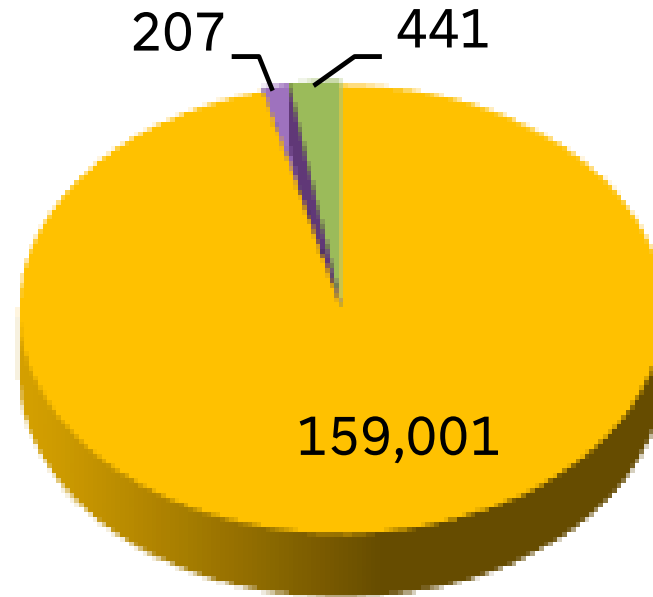
- Snake River Basin Adjudication
- Coeur d'Alene – Spokane River Basin Adjudication
- Palouse River Basin Adjudication
- Clark Fork – Pend Oreille River Basins Adjudication
- Bear River Basin Adjudication
- Kootenai River Basin Adjudication
- Other General Matters

SRBA



South Fork of the Snake River
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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF OCTOBER 7, 2025



■ 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	Bieker	86-12178	9/9/2024	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit
27	Casa Del Norte, LP	61-12368, et al.	1/28/2025	IDWR to publish notice.
1	Johnson	86-12185	2/18/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit.
1	Lyke	63-35673	3/17/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit.
1	Fischer	84-12331	6/2/2025	Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit.
38	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23270, et al.; 61-12365, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	7/18/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.
8	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23274, et al.; 61-12373, et al.	7/31/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.
1	Albano	29-14557	9/29/2025	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
2	Normandie LLC	65-24159, 65-24308	1/16/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
3	Forever Ranch II, LLC	65-24332, 65-24333, 65-24334	1/23/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	Lanman	85-15876	1/28/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
1	DeBonis	67-15483	1/30/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
7	Casa Del Norte	37-23474, 61-12361 thru 61-12364, 61-12367, 61-12240	3/16/2026	IDWR to Submit DR
3	Indian Meadows Ranch	55-14053, 55-14054, 55-14056	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	37-23474, et al.	09/07/2026	IDWR to Submit DR

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
3	Bingham	25-14553, 25-14554, 25-14555	8/15/2025	Objection deadline 10/14/2025 Response deadline 12/15/2025

AWAITING PARTIAL DECREE

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	Hearing on Uncontested
1	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 (<i>formerly Collett</i>)	55-14030 et al.	1/14/2022	3/14/2022
2	Gallant	67-15211, 67-15212	6/8/2022	5/24/2019*
2	Gallant	67-15208, 67-15209	6/8/2022	8/8/2022
14	Williams	29-14388 thru 29-14397, 61-12467 thru 61-12470	5/22/2023	7/25/2023*

*Objection to the claim filed before Director's Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS WITH EXECUTED SF5S

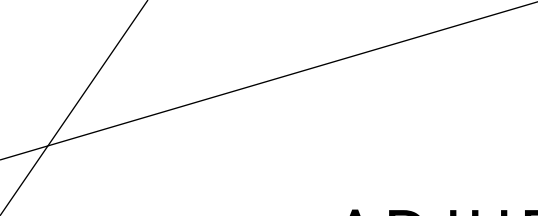
Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	DR Filed	SF5 Filed Date	SMRR Filed Date

PARTIAL DECREE ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Partially Decreed
27	Hood	67-15263 thru 67-15289	8/7/2025

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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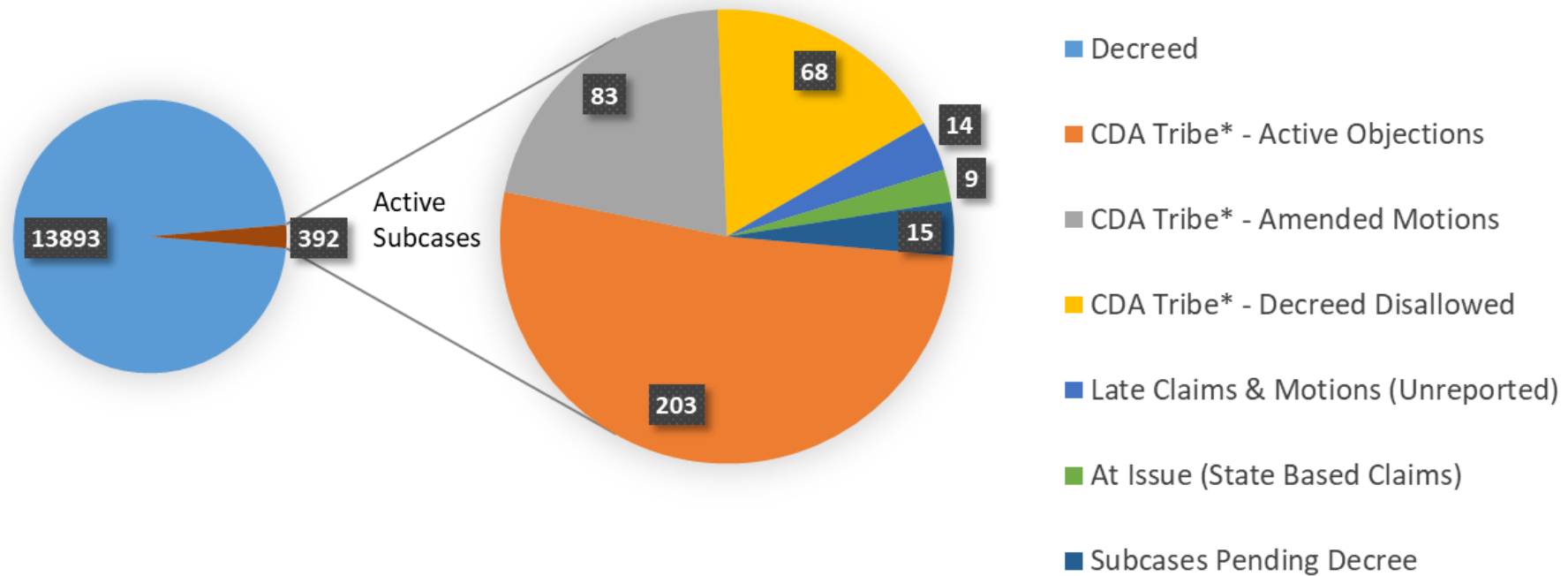


Rathdrum Creek

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CSRBA Summary

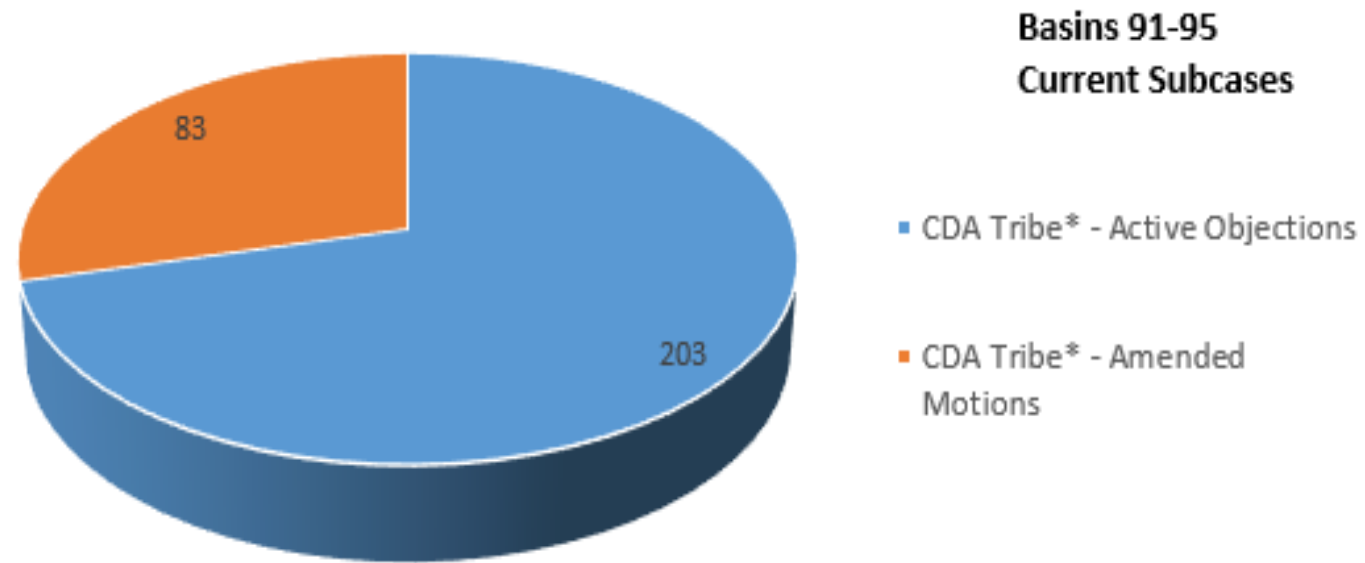
All Subcases



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

As of 10/1/2025

CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



Coeur d'Alene River in Cataldo, ID
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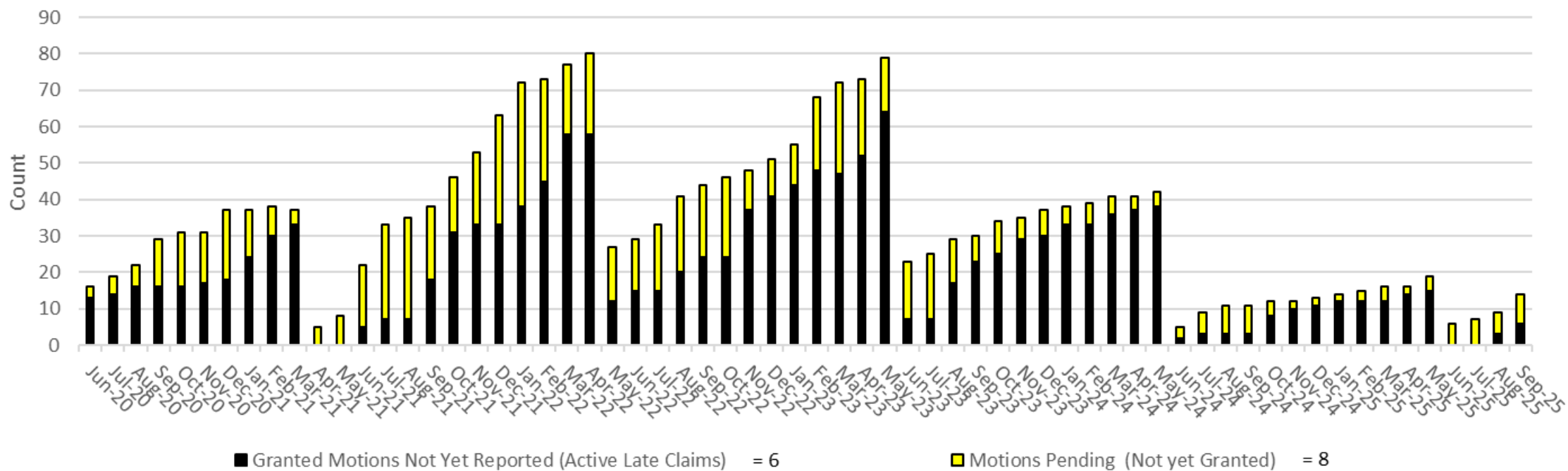
Coeur d'Alene Lake claims

- Settlement negotiations are ongoing.
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for October 22, 2025.
- Deadline to file SF5s in the Avista and Governor's water rights set for October 29, 2025.

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	• Deadline to File Motions for Summary Judgment – December 12, 2025 • Responses Due – January 9, 2026 • Replies Due – January 23, 2026 • Hearing on Motions for Summary scheduled for January 30, 2026

CSRBA Late & Misc Claims

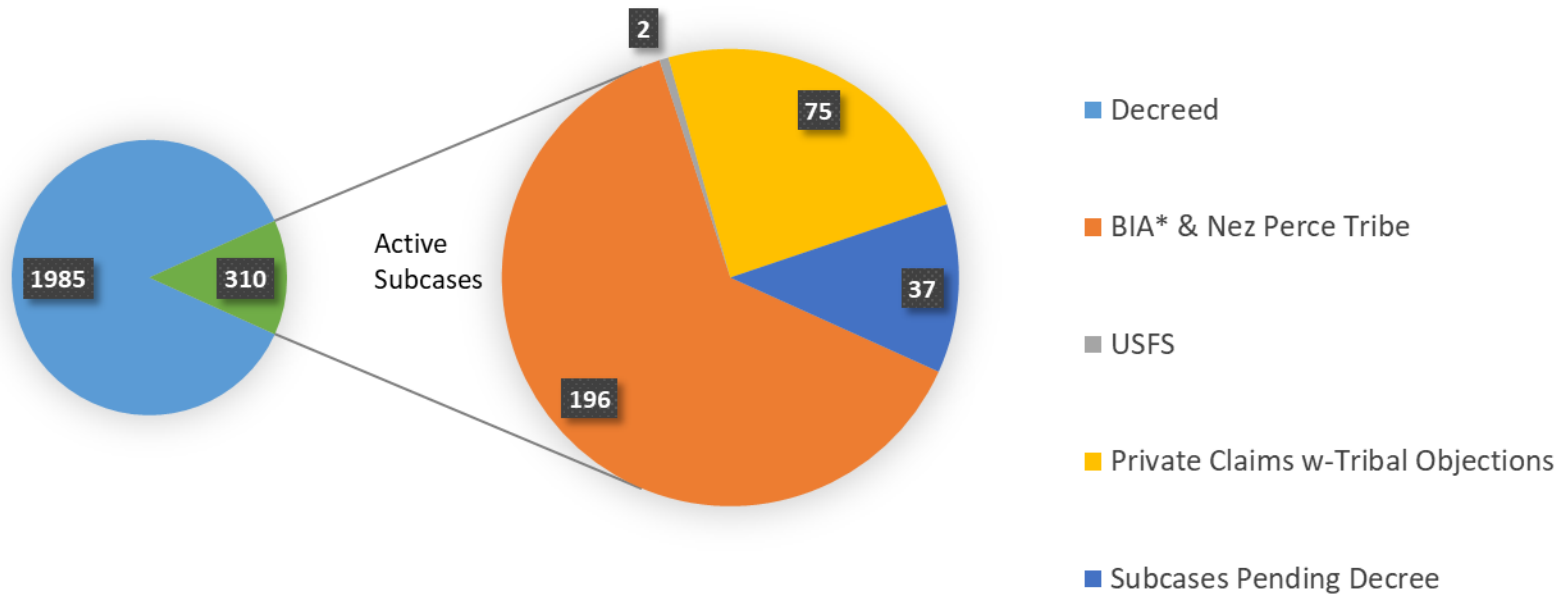


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*Photo taken below Moscow near the old Genesee Road
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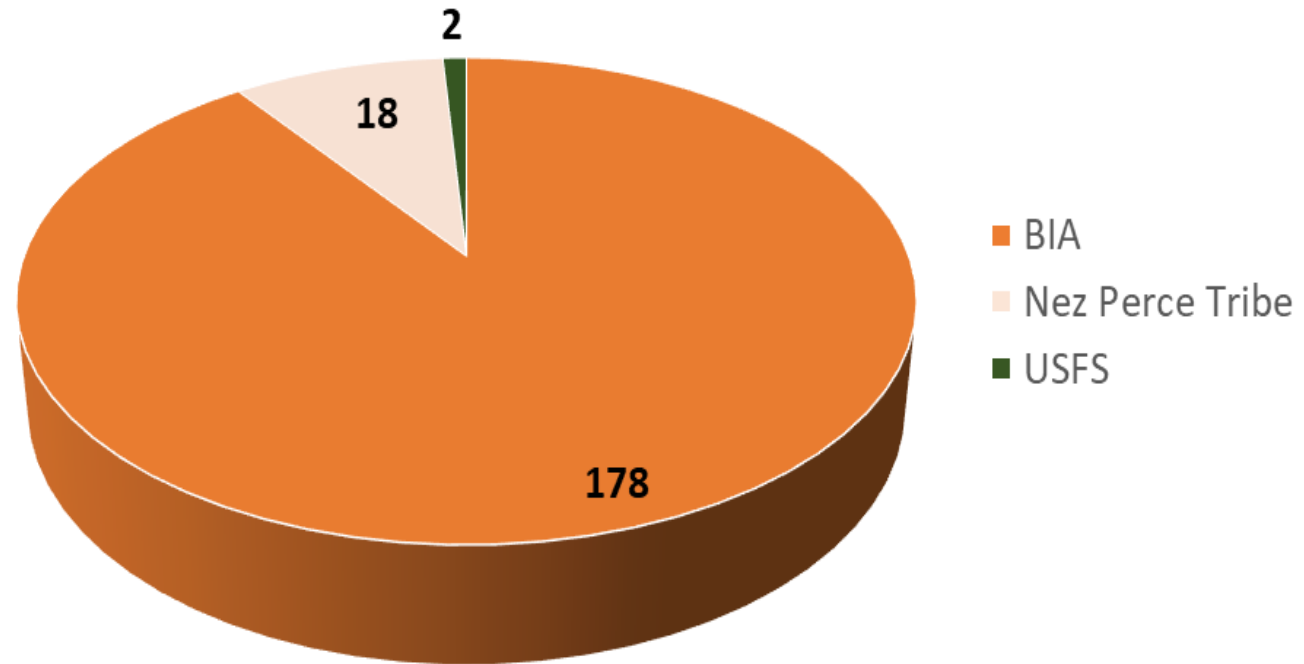
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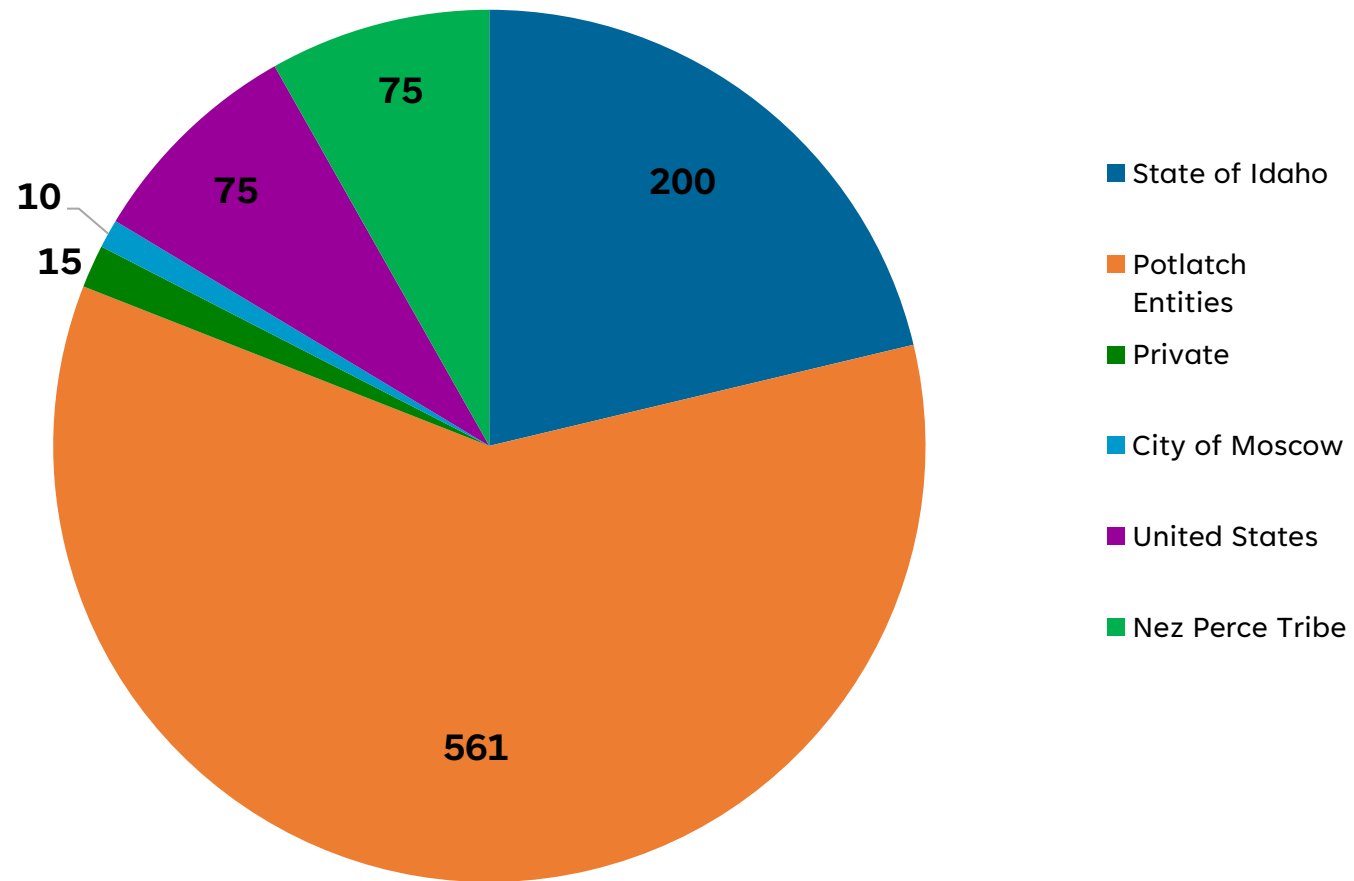
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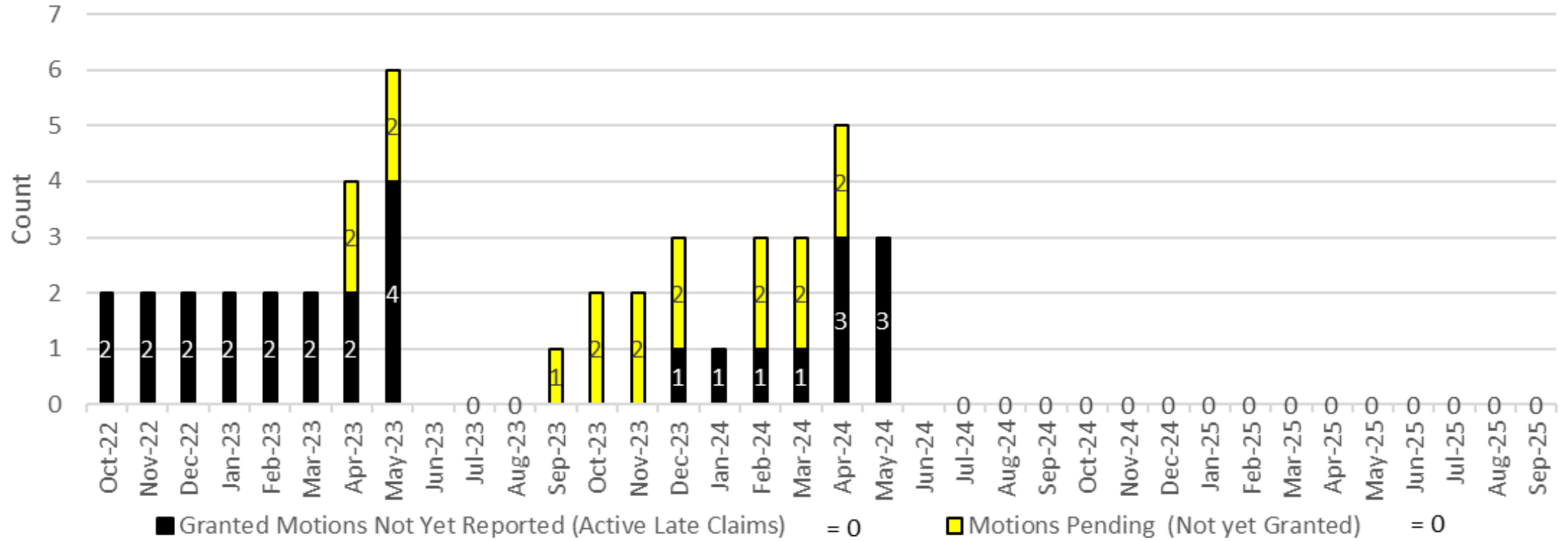
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PRBA OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS



All the remaining outstanding objections are to claims filed by private parties with a spring source, or to the corresponding federal reserved claims.

PRBA Late & Misc Claims



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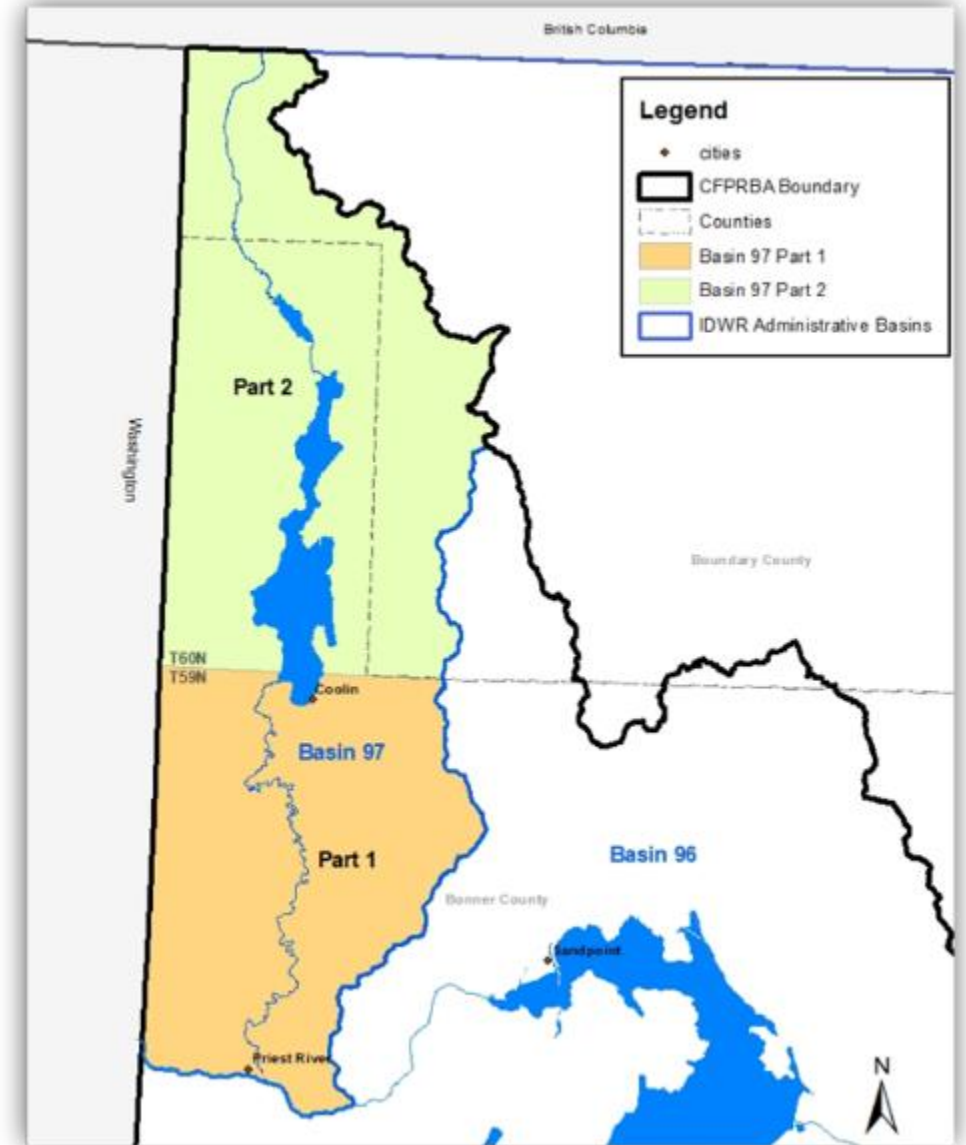
CFPRBA



*Photo taken looking down at Lake Pend Oreille near Hope, ID
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

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 = January 20, 2026
- There are 1,087 claims pending in the CFPRBA



BASIN 97, PART 2

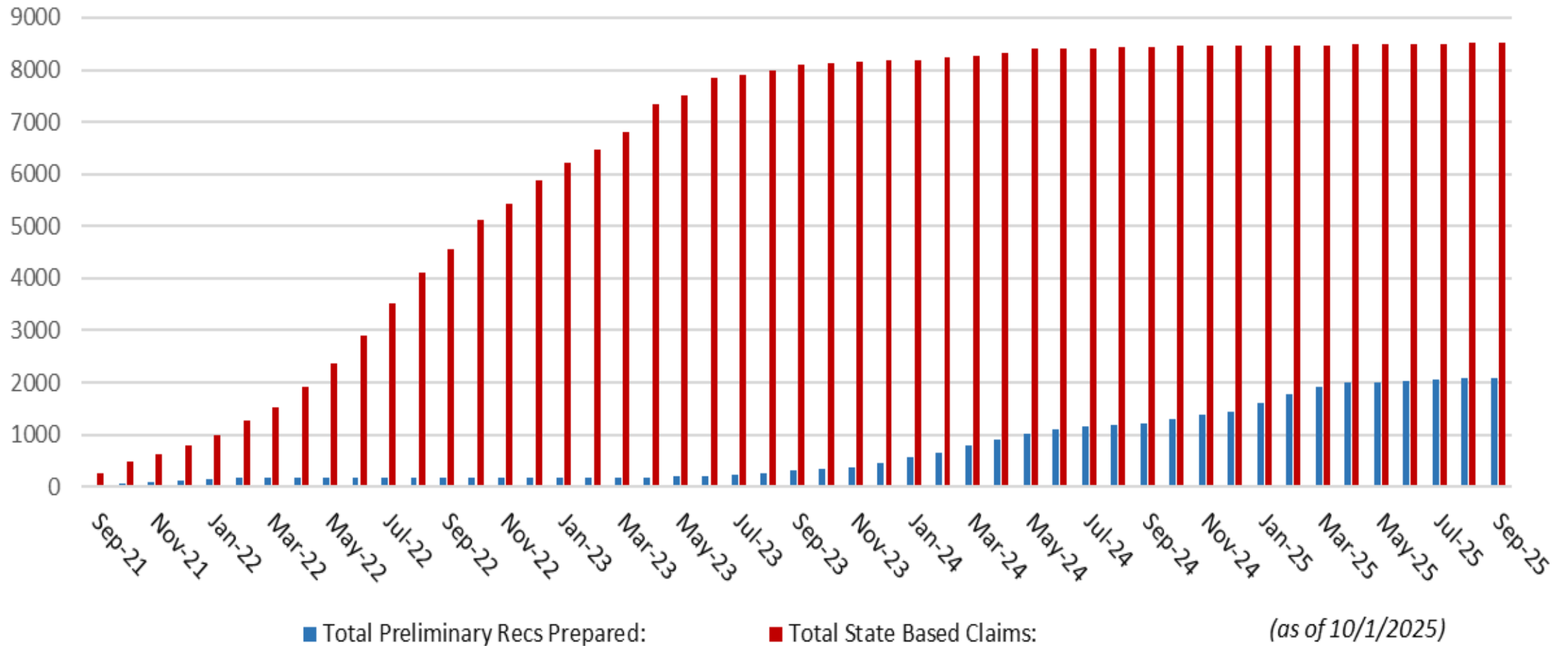
- The Preliminary Director's Report for Basin 97, Part 2 was mailed on August 11, 2025 (978 recommendations)
- Notice of Error meetings regarding Basin 97, Part 2 Preliminary Director's Report were held on September 9-10, 2025, in Coolin, ID.

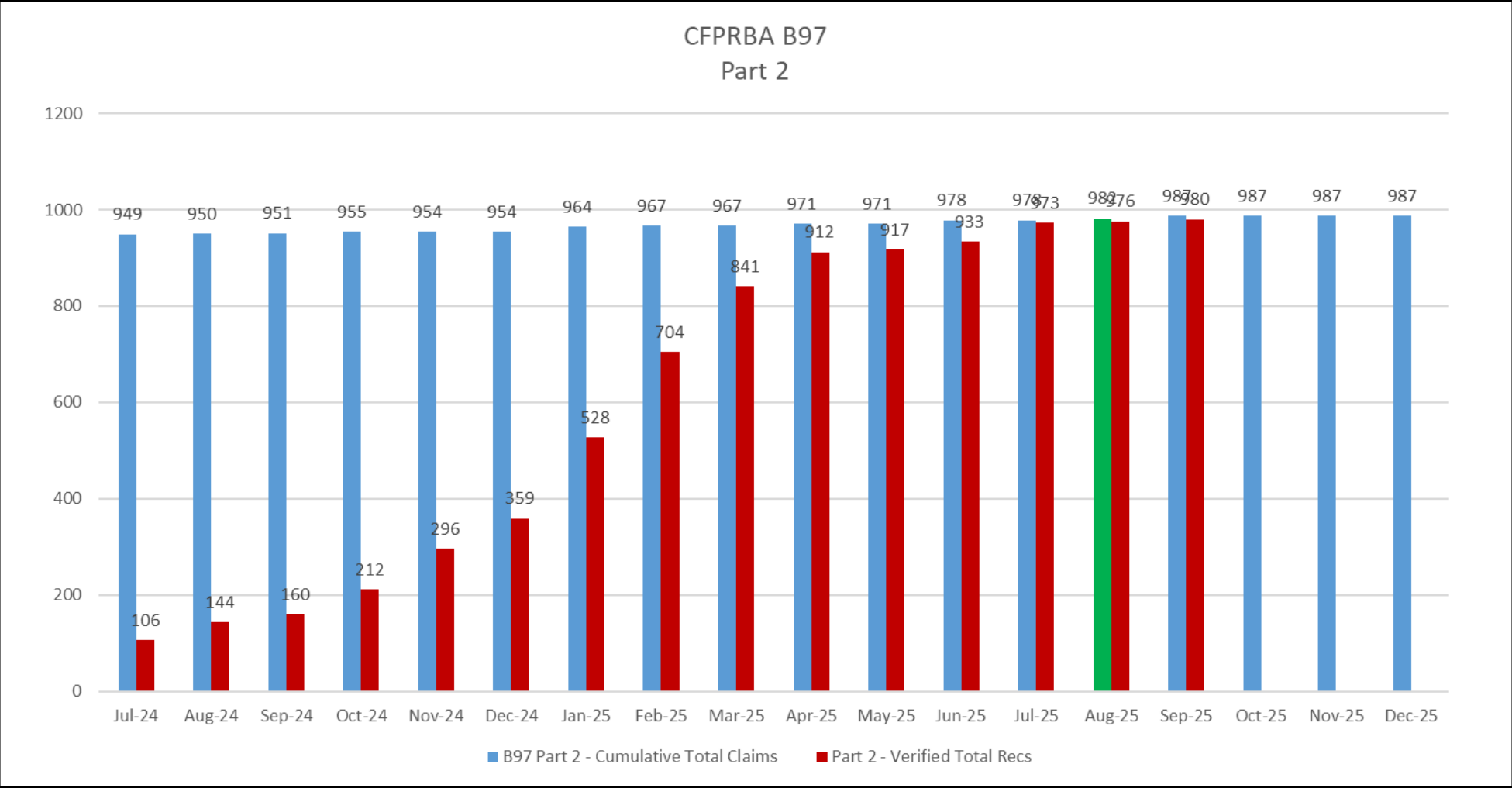


Kelso Lake near Athol, ID

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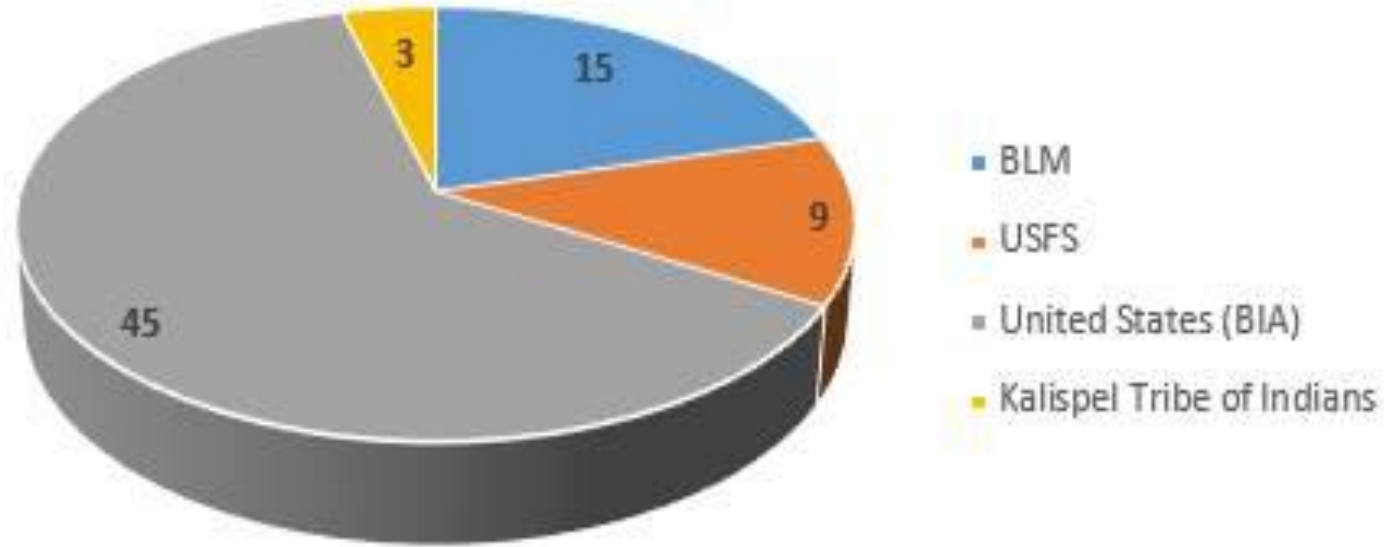
Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update





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CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



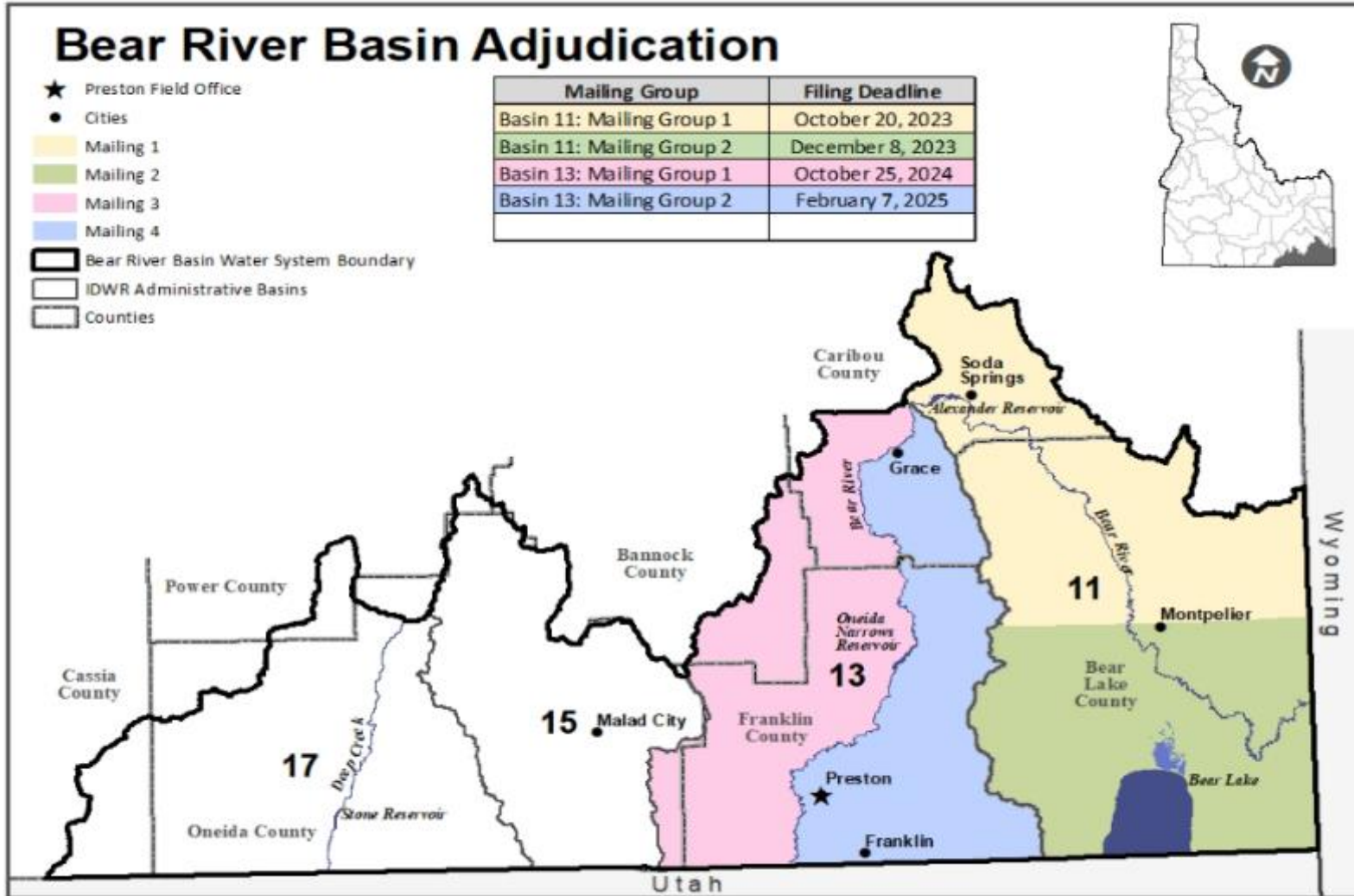
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Flume near Preston

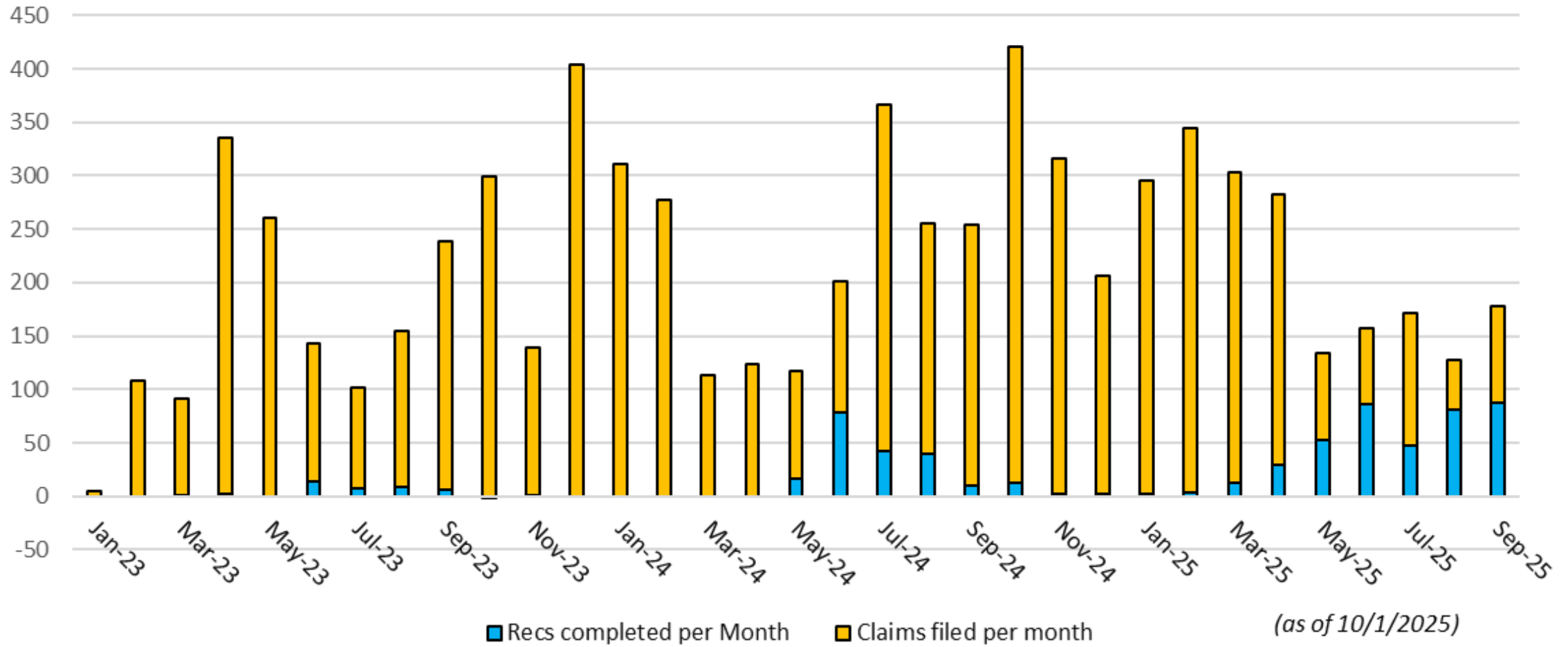
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COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS

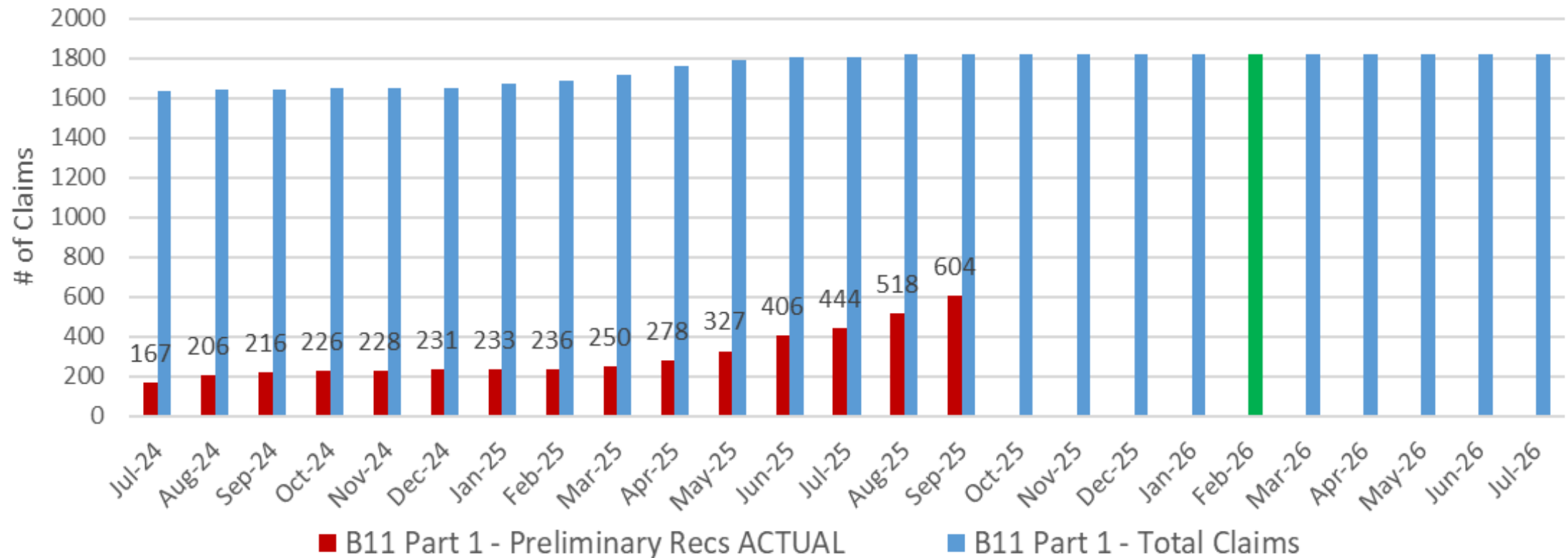


- Second Round Service letters for Basin 13 were mailed June 23, 2025
- Claim filing deadline is October 31, 2025
 - Bannock
 - Caribou
 - Franklin
 - Oneida

Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations



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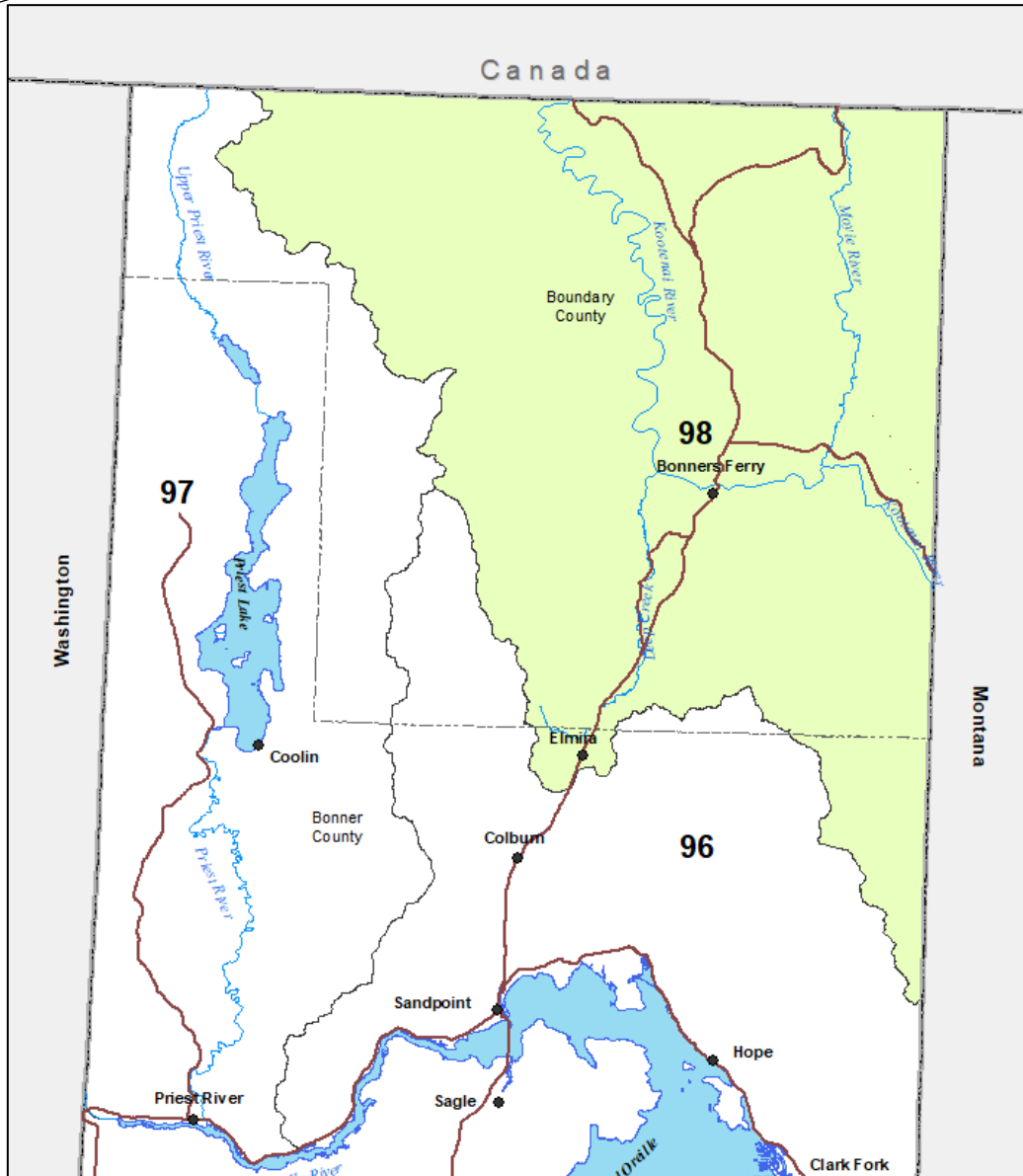


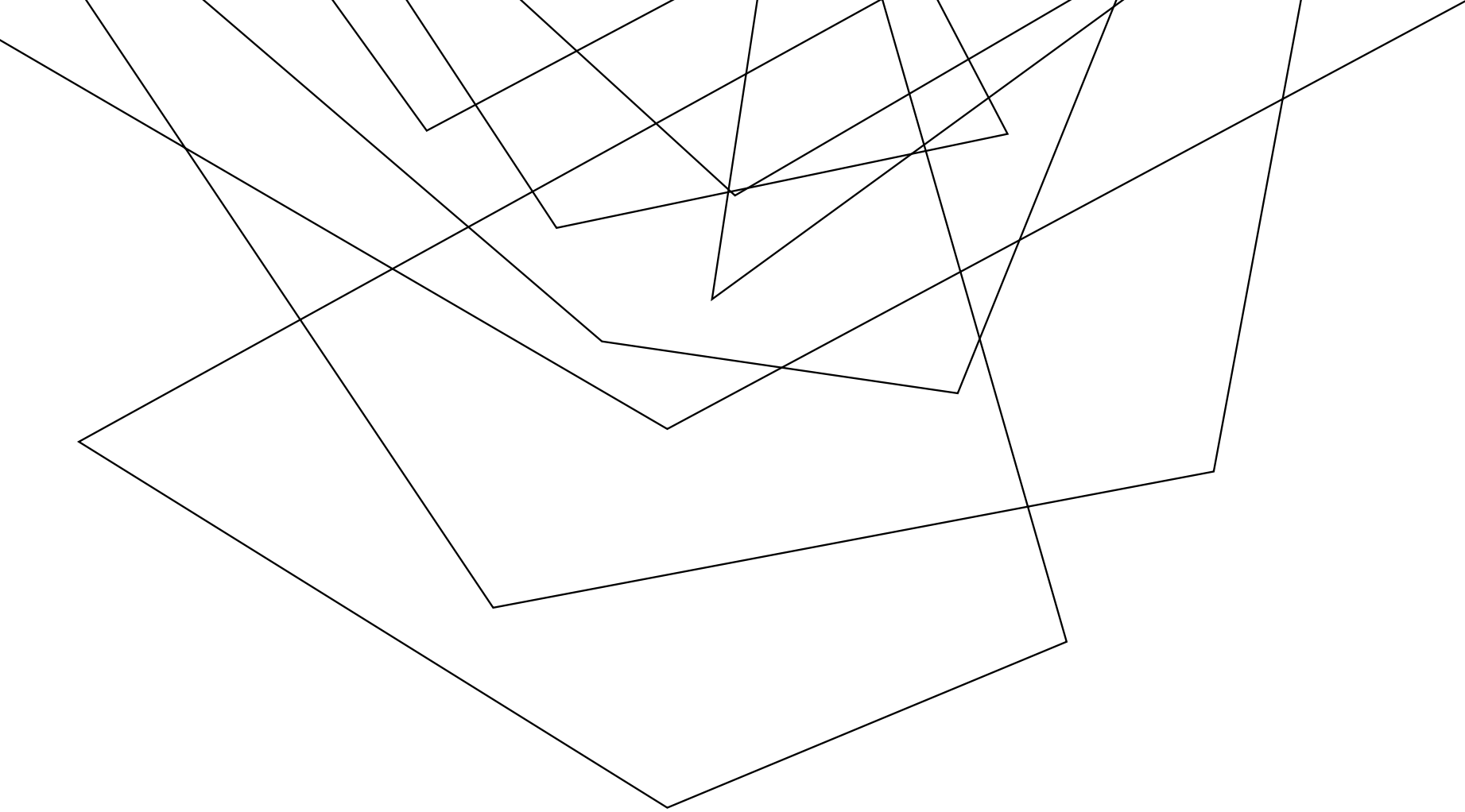
Photo taken above Bonners Ferry

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BASIN 98 UPDATES

- *Petition to Commence Kootenai River Basin Adjudication* filed on January 3, 2025.
- Commencement Hearing scheduled for November 18, 2025.
- IDWR Senior Water Resource Agent Luke Bates continues to hold office hours at the Boundary County Annex Building in Bonners Ferry. These have typically been on the third Wednesday of each month to assist walk-ins with questions about the adjudication, water use, water rights, and more.





OTHER GENERAL
MATTERS

CASES OF INTEREST UPDATES

- City of Idaho Falls, et al. v. Idaho Department of Water Resources
 - CM-DC-2010-001; Ada County Case CV01-23-13238; ISC Case 52102-2024
 - Notice of Appeal filed July 12, 2024.
 - Clerk's Record has been finalized.
 - Briefing completed.
 - Oral Argument was held October 6, 2025, in Boise.

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.
- Ninth Circuit Appellate briefing schedule has been extended with the following new filing deadlines:
 - US' Consolidated First Brief on cross appeal was filed May 30, 2025
 - Idaho's Consolidated Second Brief on cross appeal was due July 30, 2025
 - Intervenor's brief also due
 - US' Consolidated Third Brief on cross appeal was due August 29, 2025
 - Idaho's optional reply brief is due November 19, 2025
 - Intervenor's reply also due

QUESTIONS?



Austrian Alps Stock Tank

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