

**NOTICE OF FILING FEDERAL RESERVED
WATER RIGHT AMENDED CLAIMS IN THE
COEUR D’ALENE-SPOKANE RIVER BASIN ADJUDICATION**

INTRODUCTION

Reserved water right claims, based on federal law, and claimed throughout the Coeur d’Alene–Spokane River basin, have been filed in the Coeur d’Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication (CSRBA) with the Idaho Water Adjudications (“IWA”) District Court. These amended claims have been submitted by:

United States of America as trustee for the Coeur d’Alene Tribe of the Coeur d’Alene Indian Reservation (“United States”): 83 claims in 5 categories

On April 1, 2024, the IWA Court issued its *Order Granting Motion to Amend Claims*, allowing the United States to amend federal reserved water right claims filed on behalf of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe. A list containing all amended federal reserved claim numbers is attached.

Why am I getting this mailing?

You are receiving this mailing because you filed one or more claims in the CSRBA which may be affected by the amended federal reserved claims which have now been submitted to the IWA Court. IDWR does not investigate or make recommendations for water right claims based upon federal law. This is your opportunity to review the amended federal reserved claims for any possible impact to your water right claims. These amended claims are available at the IWA courthouse in Twin Falls and at the locations listed at the end of this notice.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING A CLAIM TO COURT

What do I do if I disagree with any federal reserved water right claim?

If you disagree with any element of a claim to an amended federal reserved water right in the CSRBA and want to be heard in court, file an objection with the IWA Court. Objections must be made on the standard objection form (“Standard Form 1”) available from any IDWR office or from the IWA Court. You may also download a copy of the objection form from the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM.

Your objection to any amended federal reserved water right reported in the CSRBA must be **received** by the IWA Court on or before **June 14, 2024**. A copy of the objection must be mailed to the claimant of the amended federal reserved water right claim and the Director of IDWR.

What may happen if I file an objection to a federal reserved water right claim?

If an objection to an amended federal reserved water right claim is filed, the claimant may, but is not required to, file a response to the objection with the IWA Court. The response must be made on the standard response form (“Standard Form 2”) available from any IDWR office or from the IWA Court. The response form may also be downloaded from the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM. The response must be **received** by the IWA Court on or before **July 19, 2024**. A copy of the response must be mailed to the objector to the water right, the claimant of the water right (if different from the objector), and the Director of IDWR.

Can I participate in proceedings on an objection filed by someone else to a federal reserved claim?

If you wish to participate in proceedings on an objection filed by someone else to an amended federal reserved claim, then you may file a response to that objection. As noted above, responses must be made on the standard response form (“Standard Form 2”) available from any IDWR office or from the IWA Court. The response form may also be downloaded from the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM. The response must be received by the IWA Court on or before **July 19, 2024**. A copy of the response must be mailed to the objector to the water right, the claimant of the water right (if different from the objector), and the Director of IDWR.

What do I do if I want to participate in the court case on a claim to a federal reserved right?

If you want to be involved in the court case on a claim to an amended federal reserved right, you must file either an objection or a response by the dates provided in this notice.

What happens if there are no objections to a federal reserved water right claim?

If no objections are filed, an evidentiary hearing on the uncontested amended federal reserved water rights in the CSRBA will be held. A partial decree will be issued following this hearing.

How will I know about the proceedings on a claim to the federal reserved water right to which objections were filed?

A notice will be mailed to you for court dates on the amended federal reserved claim if you filed an objection or a response. You will not receive notice of court dates on any other claims to federal reserved rights for which you did not file an objection or response. Additional information regarding federal reserved water right claims can be found on the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM.

Note: The IWA Court publishes a monthly Docket Sheet listing all objections and responses filed. It does not list court dates for individual water right cases, but provides general information helpful to all participants in the CSRBA.

The Docket Sheet is available at your county courthouse and all IDWR offices, or you may subscribe by contacting the IWA Court or IDWR. The annual subscription fee is \$7.50. The Docket Sheet is also available on the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM.

The register of actions for each federal reserved claim can be found on the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM. The register of actions includes links for viewing and/or downloading the documents identified in the register of actions.

If you have questions about the CSRBA, public information brochures are available at any IDWR office. Maps and aerial photography of the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin, as well as assistance in using the maps and the photography, are available at the IDWR Northern Regional office. You are also welcome to call IDWR at any of its offices or its adjudication hotline at 1-800-451-4129. You may contact the IWA Court, or you may also want to consider contacting an attorney to assist you.

Idaho Water Adjudication District Court

253 Third Avenue North
P.O. Box 2707
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707
(208) 736-3011
<http://www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM>

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Northern Region***

7600 N. Mineral Drive, Suite 100
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815
(208) 762-2800

Benewah County Courthouse

701 College Avenue, Suite 203
St. Maries, Idaho 83861

Bonner County Courthouse

215 South 1st Avenue
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Clearwater County Courthouse

150 Michigan Ave
Orofino, Idaho 83544

Kootenai County Courthouse

451 Government Way
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

Latah County Courthouse

522 S. Adams
Moscow, Idaho 83843

Shoshone County Courthouse

700 Bank St.
Wallace, ID 83873

Idaho Department of Water Resources

322 East Front Street
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098
(208) 287-4800
(800) 451-4129
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Eastern Region***

900 North Skyline, Suite A
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-1718
(208) 525-7161

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Western Region***

2735 Airport Way
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082
(208) 334-2190

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Southern Region***

650 Addison Ave. W., Ste 500
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-5858
(208) 736-3033

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Preston Field Office***

325 E. 600 S., Suite 300
Preston, Idaho 83263-4921
(208) 701-7200

**Idaho Department of Water Resources
*Salmon Field Office***

1301 Main Street
Salmon, Idaho 83467-4453
(208) 742-0658

DEFINITIONS OF THE ELEMENTS OF YOUR WATER RIGHT

RIGHT NUMBER: Your water right is identified by a number assigned by IDWR. The first two digits identify IDWR's administrative basin number; for example, 91, 92, 93, 94 or 95.

NAME AND ADDRESS: Your name and address should appear here. IDWR will use the most recent name and address in its records for the water right.

SOURCE: The name and/or type of the source where you divert your water. For example: "*groundwater,*" "*unnamed spring,*" or "*Common Creek.*"

QUANTITY: The amount of water recommended in either cubic feet per second (cfs) and/or the volume of water in acre feet per year (AFY).

PRIORITY DATE: The date used to determine the priority of your right in relation to other rights using water from the same source.

POINT OF DIVERSION: The legal location where you divert water from its source; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract, or smaller. Other legal descriptions that might be used are government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys, or other survey information.

PURPOSE OF USE: The general category of the type of use you can make of your water. Typical purposes of use include irrigation, domestic, or stock watering.

PERIOD OF USE: The period of time during the year when you can use the water for your right.

PLACE OF USE: The legal location where you use your water right; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract. Other legal descriptions that might be used are government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys, or other survey information.

BASIS OF CLAIM: The method that was used to establish your claim. Examples include prior decree, posted notice, beneficial use (historical) method, license, or permit.

IDWR does not investigate or make recommendations regarding federal law based claims.