

HOW YOU WILL RECEIVE NOTICES IN THE CLARK FORK-PEND OREILLE RIVER BASIN WATER SYSTEM ADJUDICATION

All documents filed in the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication, other than notices of claim, are filed with the court. Notices of claim to water rights filed in the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication are filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). Copies of all documents filed in the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication will not be mailed to all parties (claimants) in the adjudication. Any document filed with the court will be mailed only to those parties who may be directly affected by it.

A monthly docket sheet is prepared by the court, which contains a summary of all documents filed with the court in the previous month and the dates and locations of hearings scheduled for the following three months. The docket sheet will be filed with the district court clerk in each county within the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication. Copies of a monthly docket sheet may be obtained from any of the offices of IDWR; a small fee may be charged to cover the cost of mailing and/or copying. If you wish to receive an annual subscription of the docket sheet printed each month, you should mark the appropriate place on your notice of claim form. You will be charged a small annual subscription fee by the court to cover the cost of copying and mailing. The docket sheet is also available on the court's web site at:

<http://www.srba.idaho.gov/KRBA20.HTM>

Copies of any document listed on the docket sheet may be obtained from any of the IDWR offices or the court and a small fee may be charged to cover the cost of mailing and/or copying the document.

Copies of all notices of claim filed with IDWR will be available for inspection at all IDWR offices. You may also obtain copies of the notices of claim filed by other claimants, but you may be charged for the cost of copying and mailing. A claimant will not be charged for a copy of his or her own notice of claim, and a person who acquires property with water rights for which a notice of claim was filed will not be charged for a copy of the notice of claim filed by the previous owner.

After the notices of claim have been reviewed, the director will prepare and file a Director's report with the court that will contain the Director's recommendations as to each water right claimed under state law and a copy of each federal reserved water right claimed. A Director's report will be prepared for all claims filed in the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication. When this report is filed with the court, you will be mailed a notice informing you that the report has been filed. The notice will be sent to the most recent address shown by IDWR's files. Attached to the notice will be a copy of those portions of the report describing the water rights you have claimed. If you do not agree with the way your water right is described, you may file an objection to the report with the court. You can also file an objection if you disagree with the way another claimant's water rights are described, and the notice will tell you where a copy of the full report is available for inspection. The notice will tell you when and where to file your objection.

It is very important that you inform IDWR in writing of any change in your address. This is to make sure that you receive the notices affecting your water rights that are to be mailed by IDWR or the court.

If you are acquiring property with water rights within the boundaries of the Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Water System Adjudication in Idaho (either by purchase, gift, inheritance, or other means), it is very important that you inquire of IDWR whether a notice of claim has been filed. If you fail to file a required notice of claim for a water right, that water right may be determined to no longer exist.

If a notice of claim has been filed, it is very important that you file a written notice of change in ownership with IDWR. You may contact IDWR regional offices or the IDWR web site <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov/> for change of ownership forms. The notice of change in ownership form must be accompanied by evidence of the ownership of the property. Again, this is to make sure that you receive the notices affecting your water rights that are to be mailed by IDWR or the court.