

**Idaho Water Adjudications –
Monthly Informational Meeting
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for the Idaho Department of Water Resources
November 18, 2025**



Salmon River, east of Riggins, ID
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

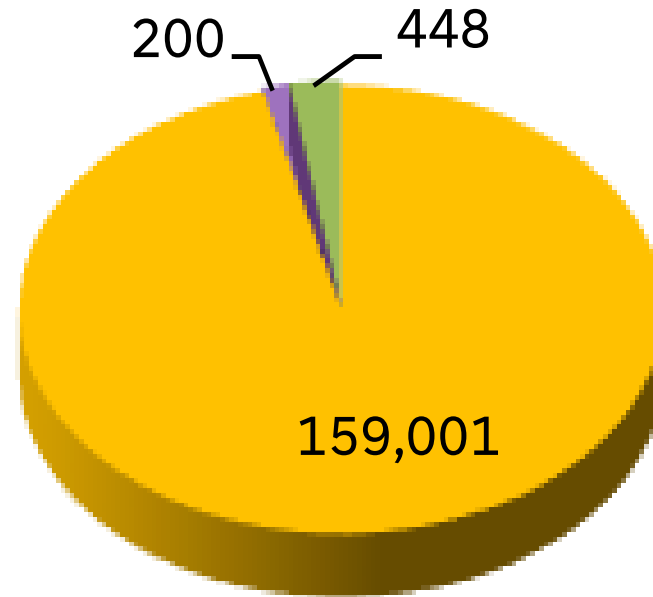
- Snake River Basin Adjudication
- Coeur d'Alene – Spokane River Basin Adjudication
- Palouse River Basin Adjudication
- Clark Fork – Pend Oreille River Basins Adjudication
- Bear River Basin Adjudication
- Kootenai River Basin Adjudication
- Other General Matters

SRBA



*A herd of elk in the Big Wood River on the Sawtooth Scenic Byway
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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF NOVEMBER 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
22	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.
24	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al.	7/18/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.
5	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406	7/31/2025	IDWR needs to publish notice.

WAITING FOR IDWR TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Affidavit Filed	Next Step
1	Albano	29-14557	11/6/2025	IDWR to submit Notice of Examination

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
5	Casa Del Norte, LP	37-23474, 61-12361, 61-12362, 61-12363, 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	37-23475, 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

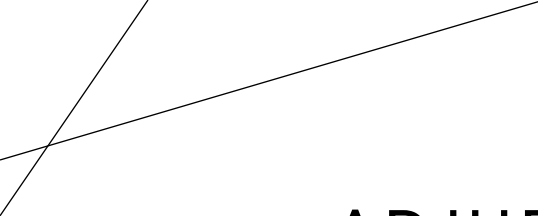
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PARTIAL DECREE ISSUED

Count	Claimant	Subcase #(s)	Partially Decreed

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.

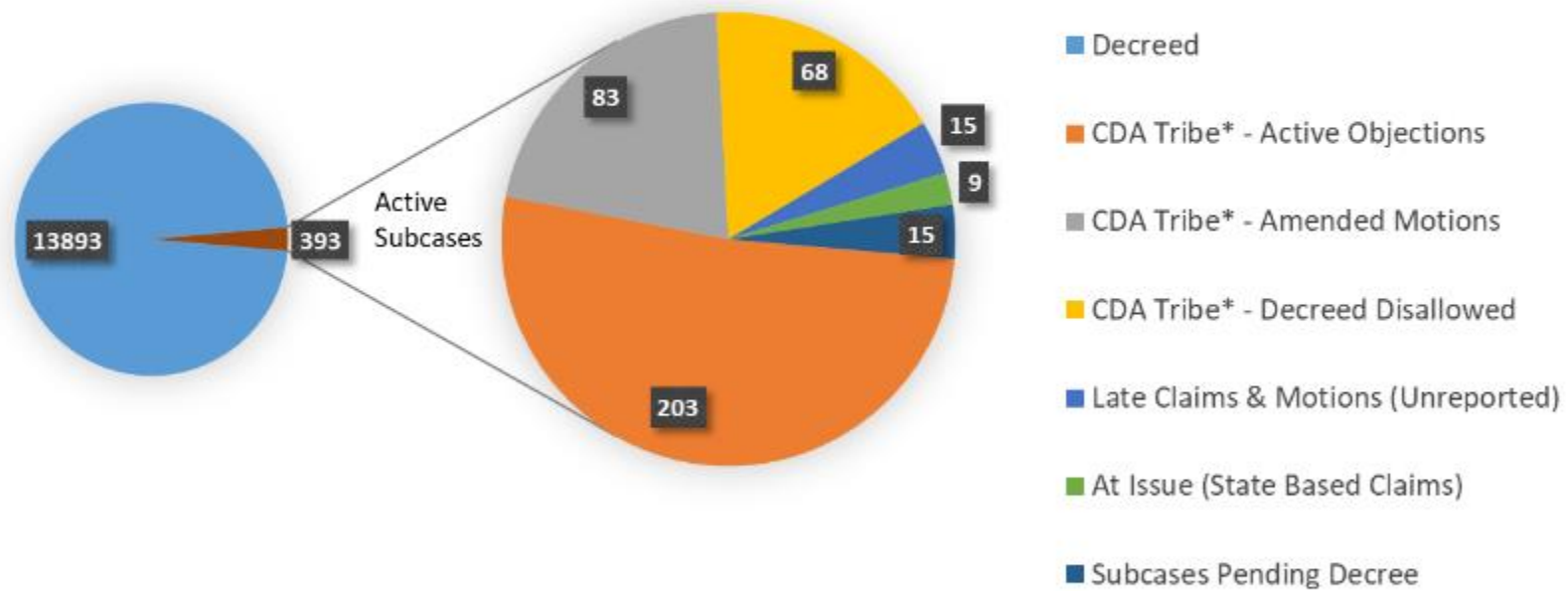
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Kelso Lake

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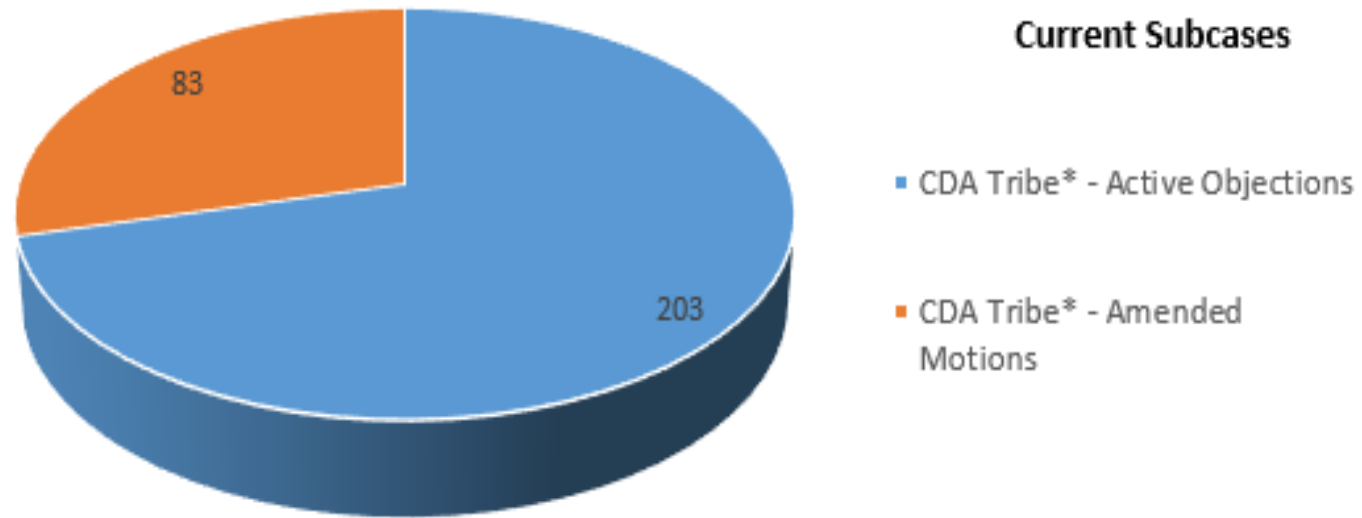
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**United States of America as trustee on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation*

As of 11/1/2025

CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



Coeur d'Alene River by St. Maries, ID
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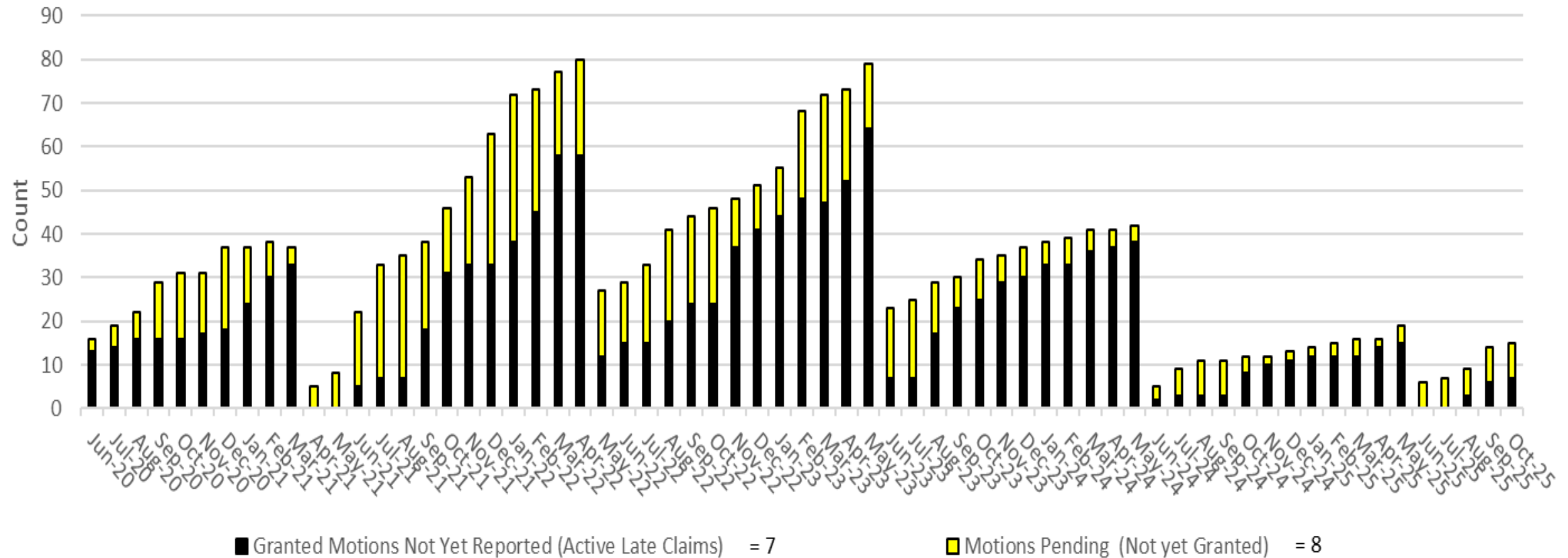
Coeur d'Alene Lake claims

- Settlement negotiations are ongoing.
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for December 3, 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



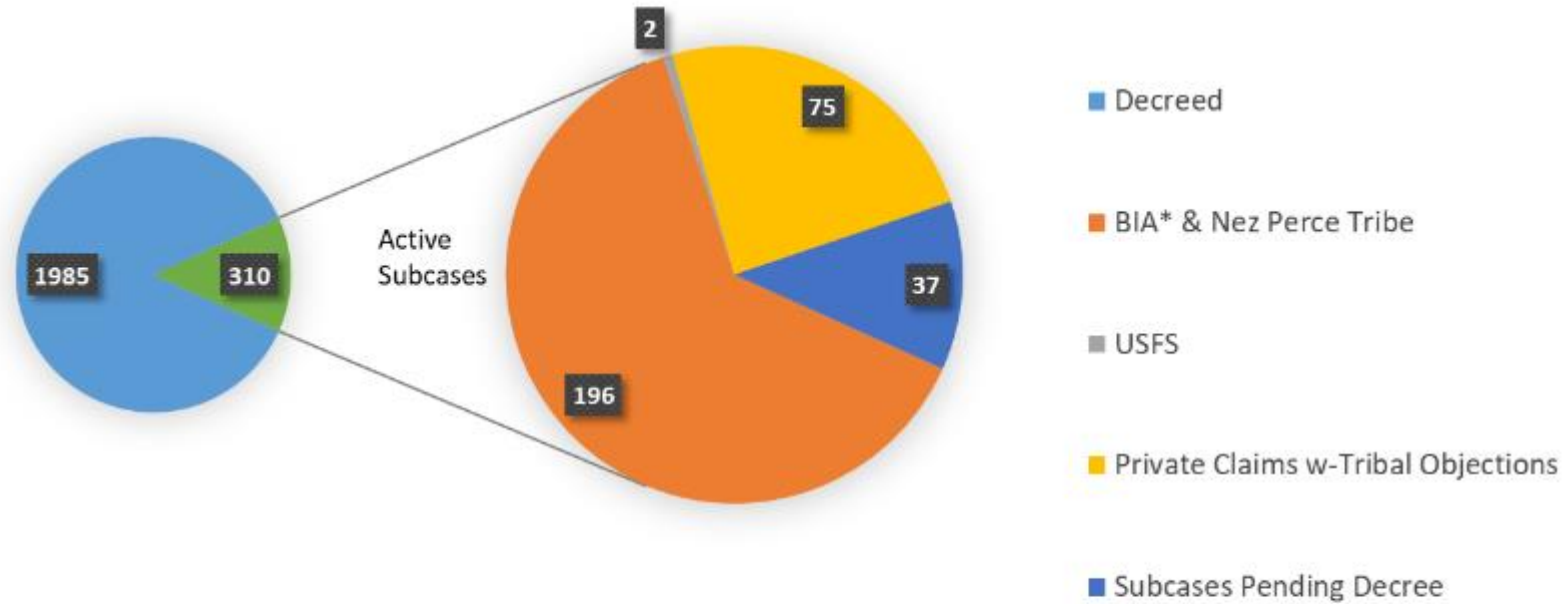
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Near Tensed, Idaho
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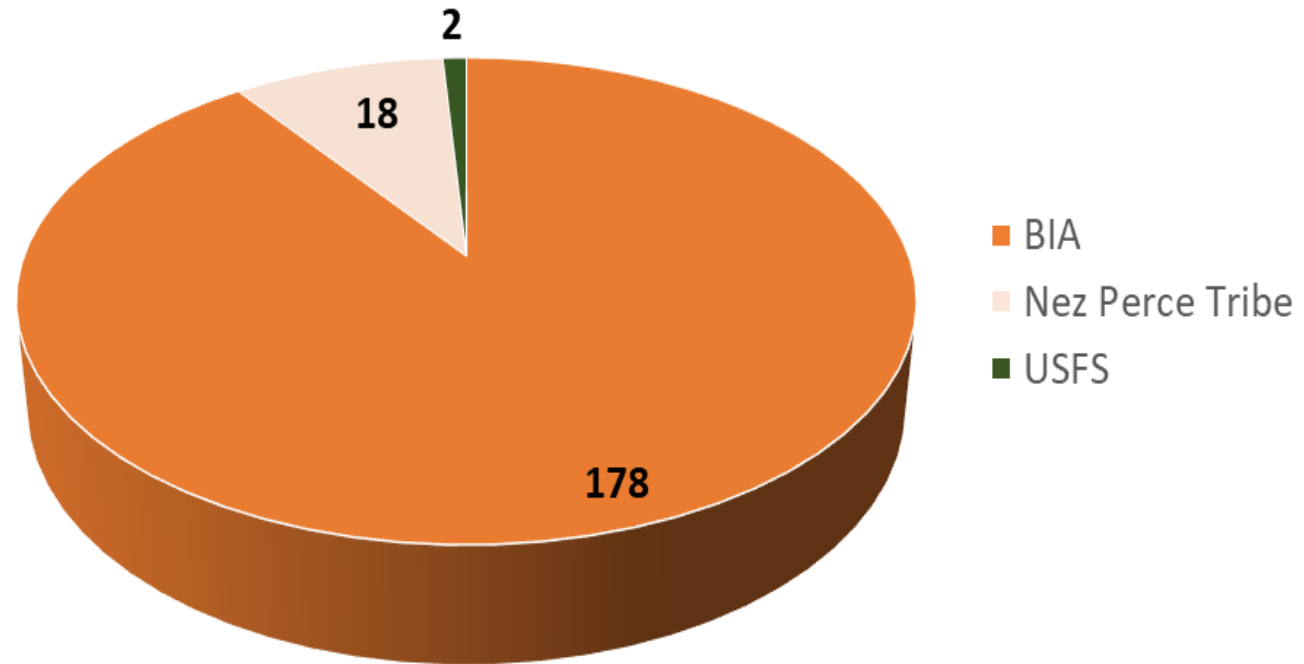
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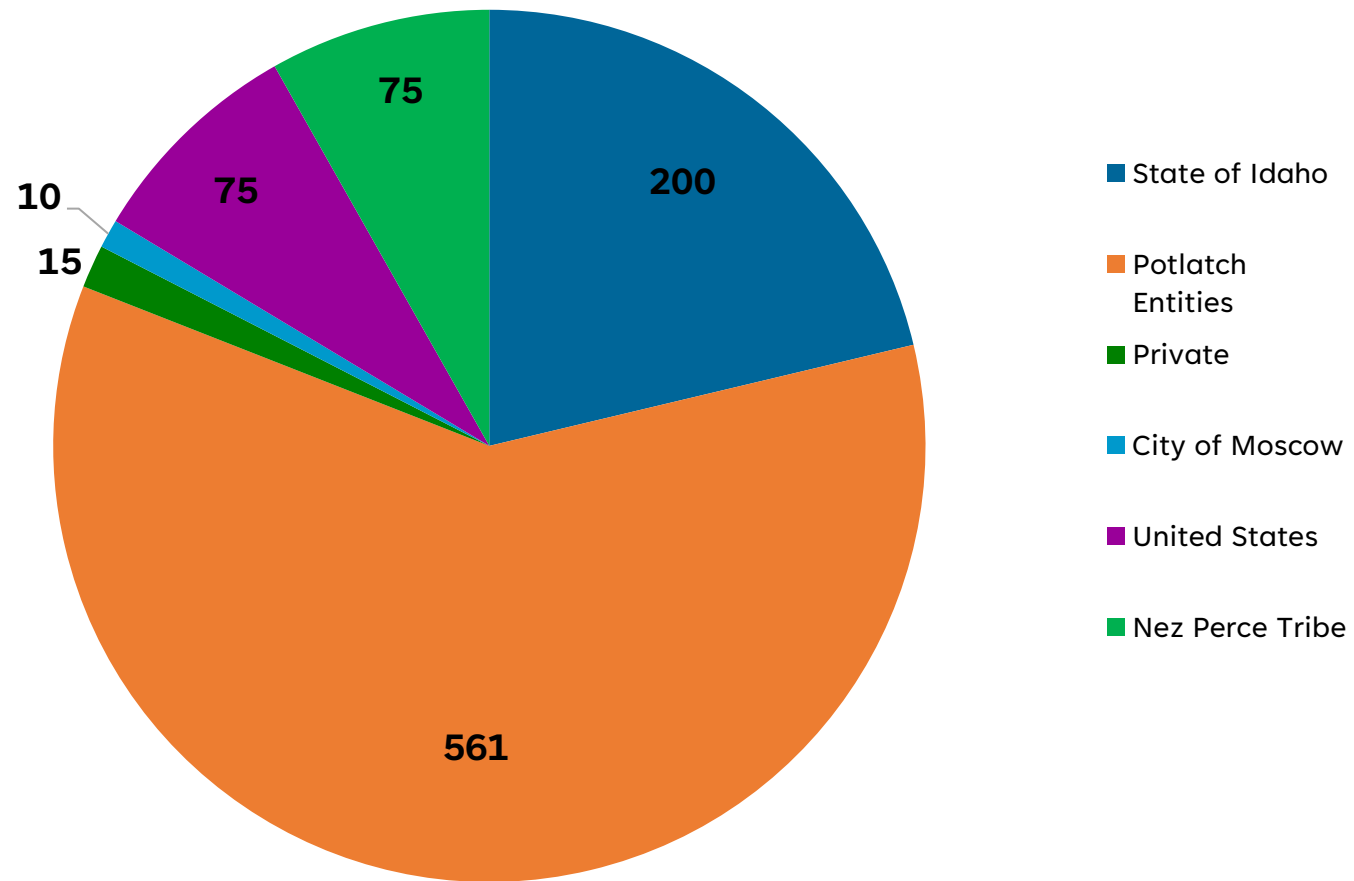
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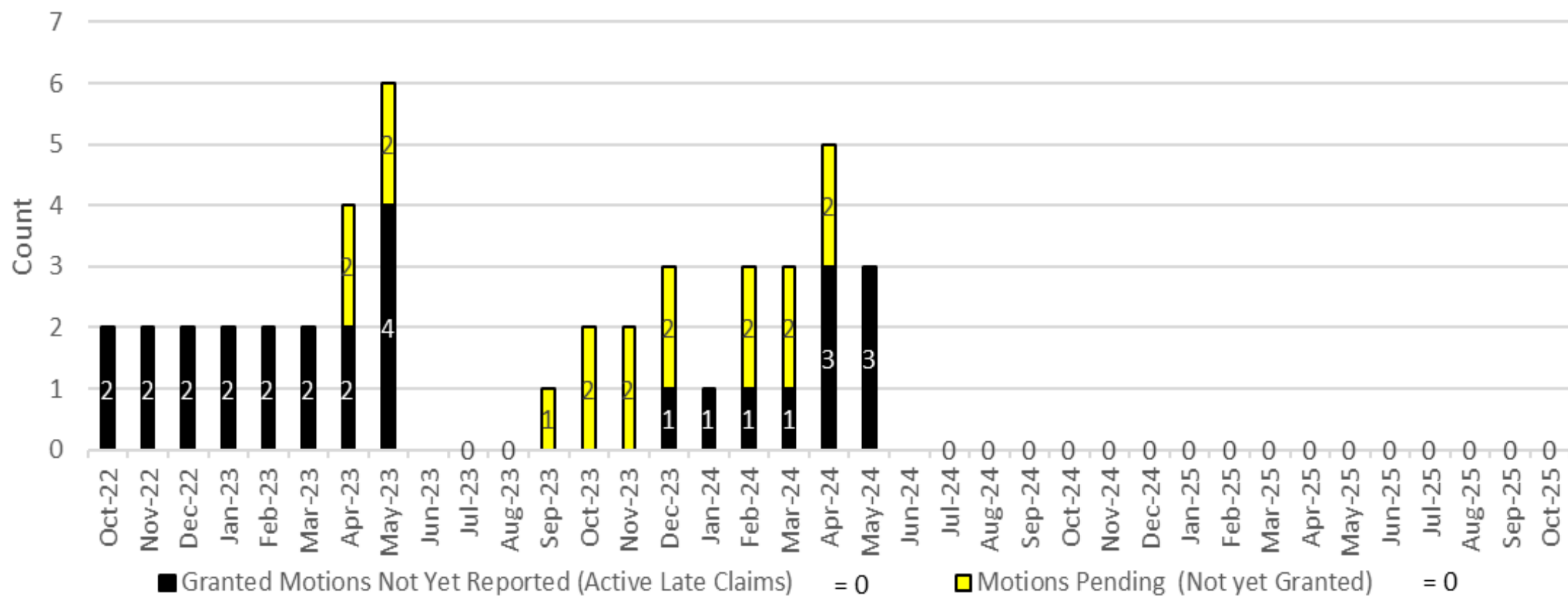
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PRBA OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS



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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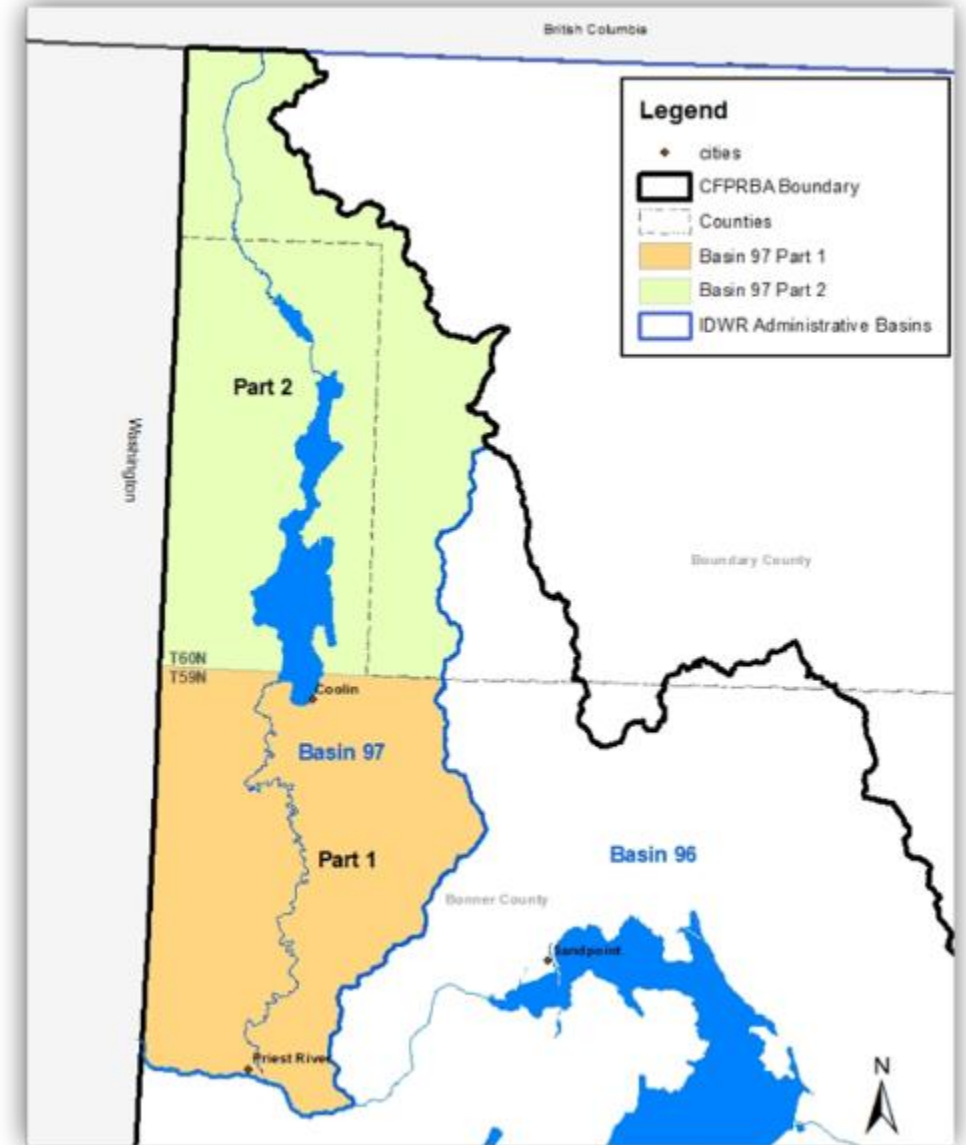
CFPRBA



*Fry Creek in Bonners Ferry, ID
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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



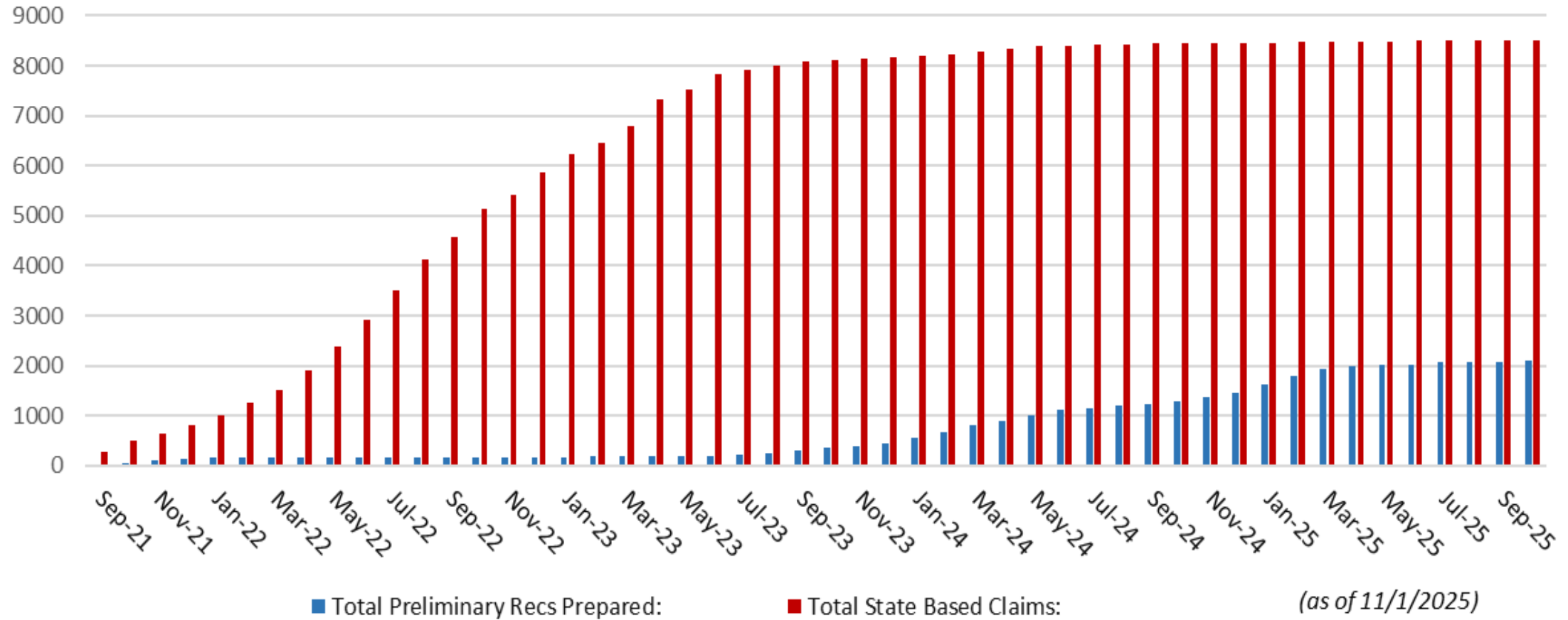
BASIN 97, PART 2

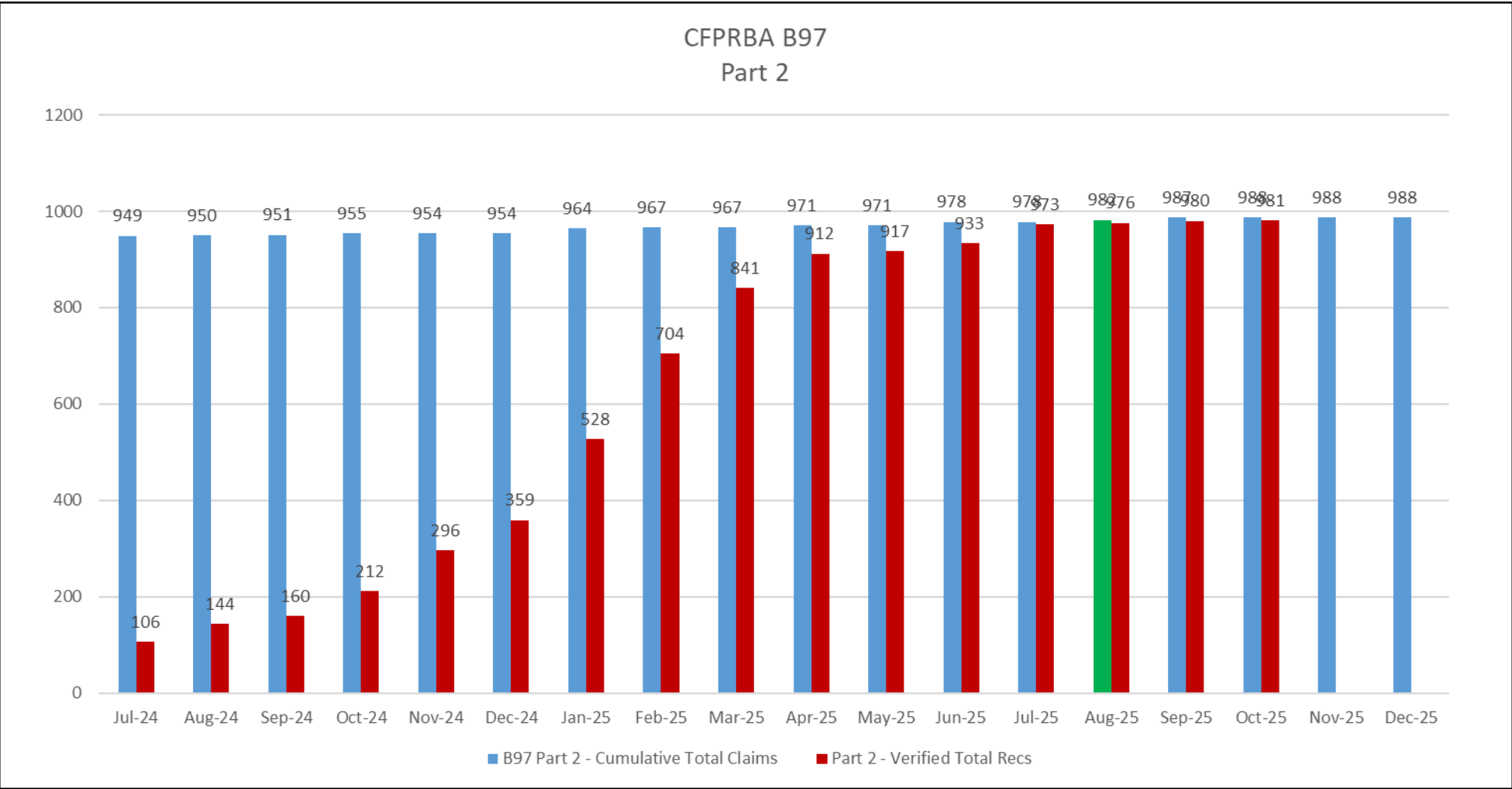
- The Preliminary Director's Report for Basin 97, Part 2 was mailed on August 11, 2025 (978 recommendations)
- Anticipated date of Director's Report mailing is mid-December 2025.



St. Joe River – St. Maries, ID
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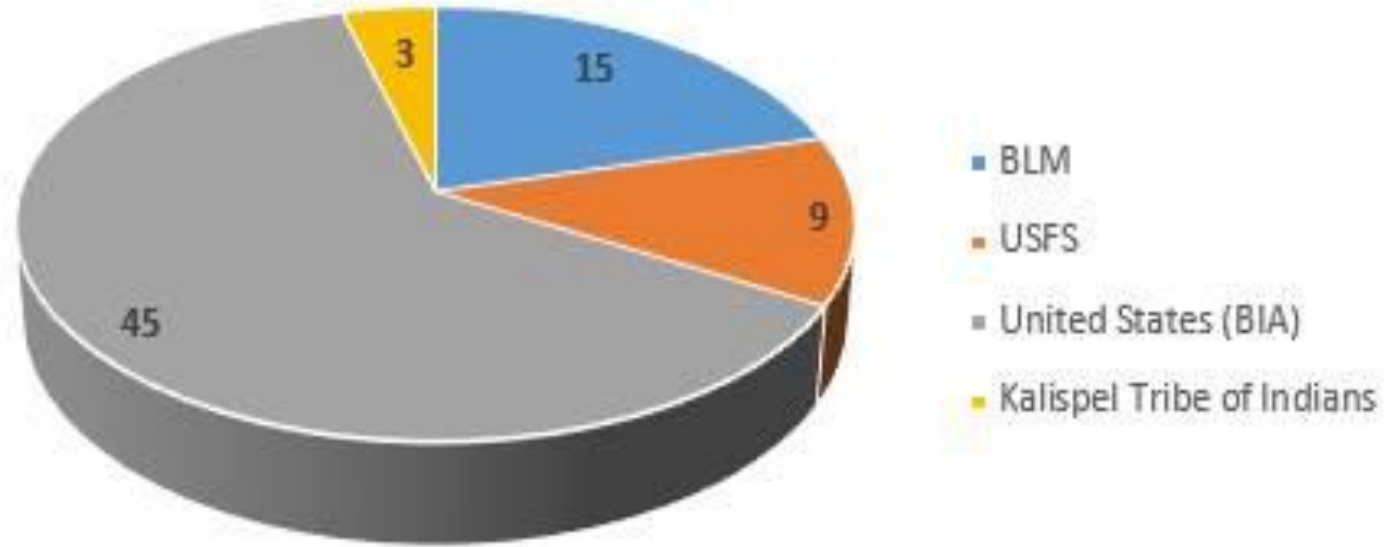
Clark Fork-Pend Oreille River Basin Adjudication (CFPRBA) Status Update





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CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



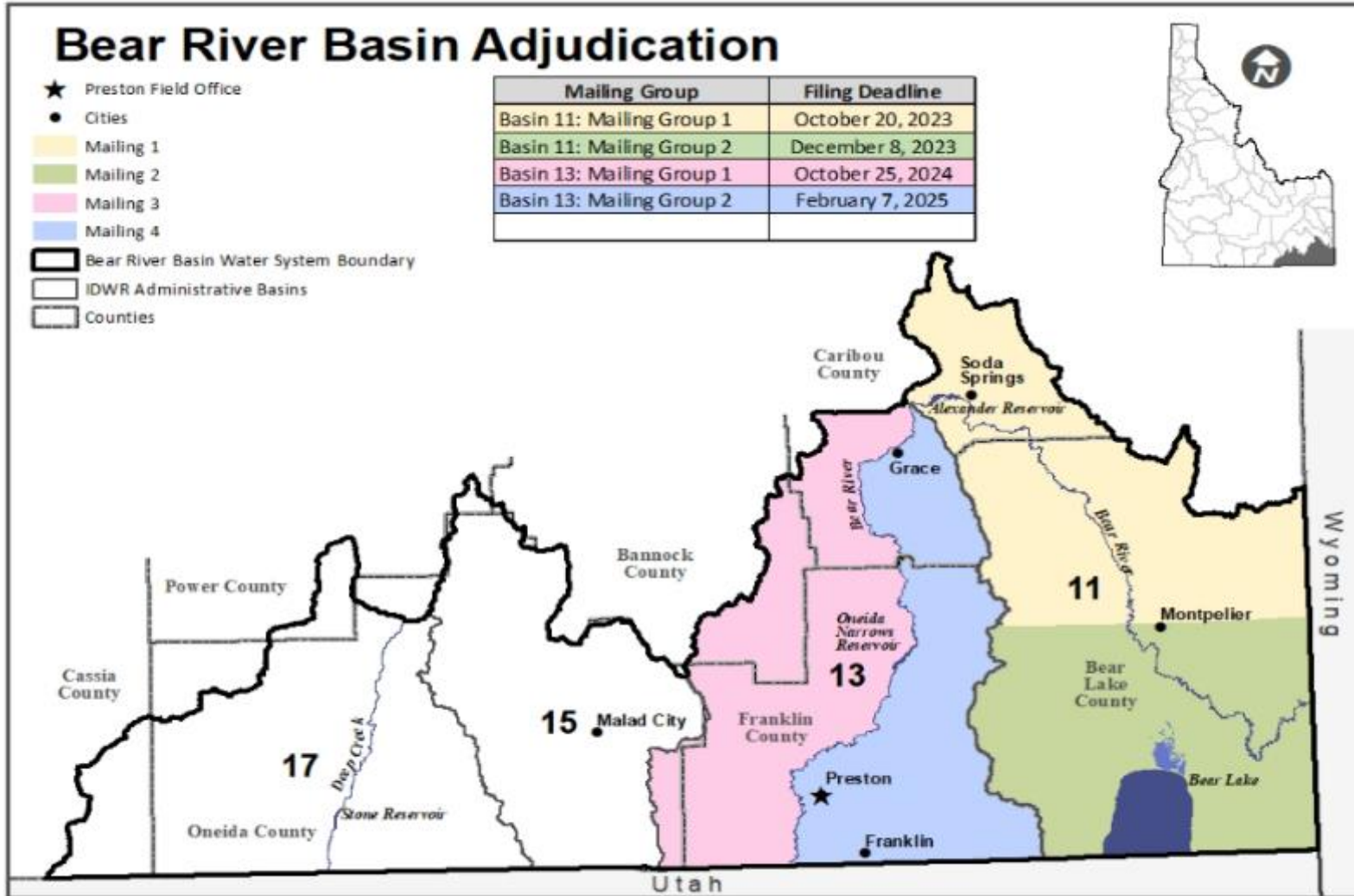
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Gentle Valley in Basin 13

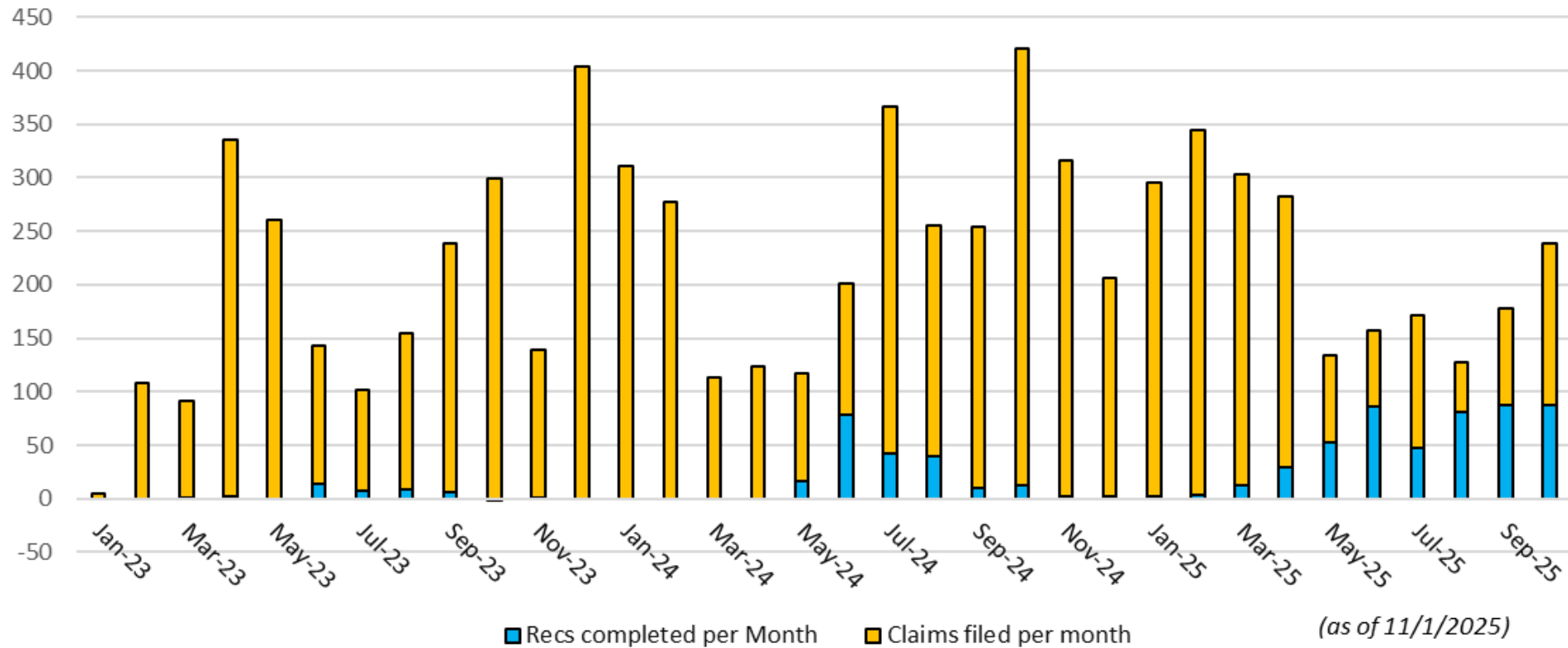
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COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS

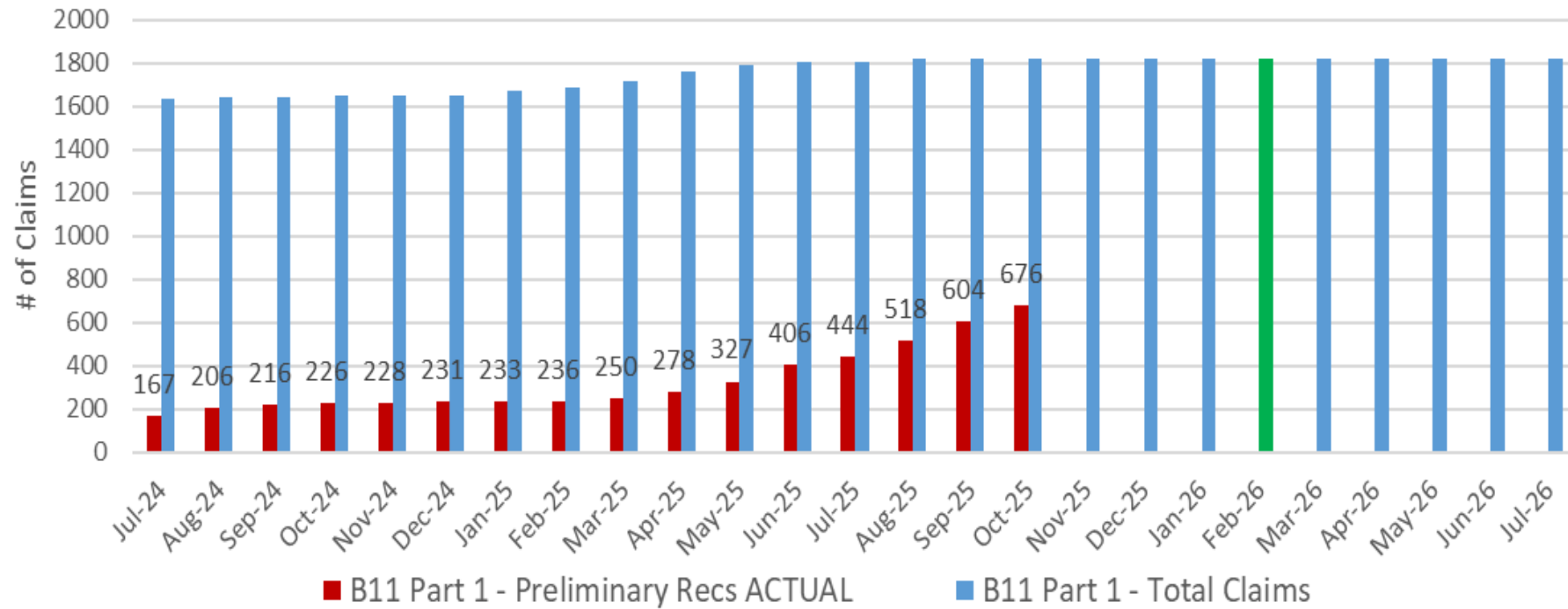


- Second Round Service letters for Basin 13 were mailed June 23, 2025
- Claim filing deadline is October 31, 2025
 - Bannock
 - Caribou
 - Franklin
 - Oneida

Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations

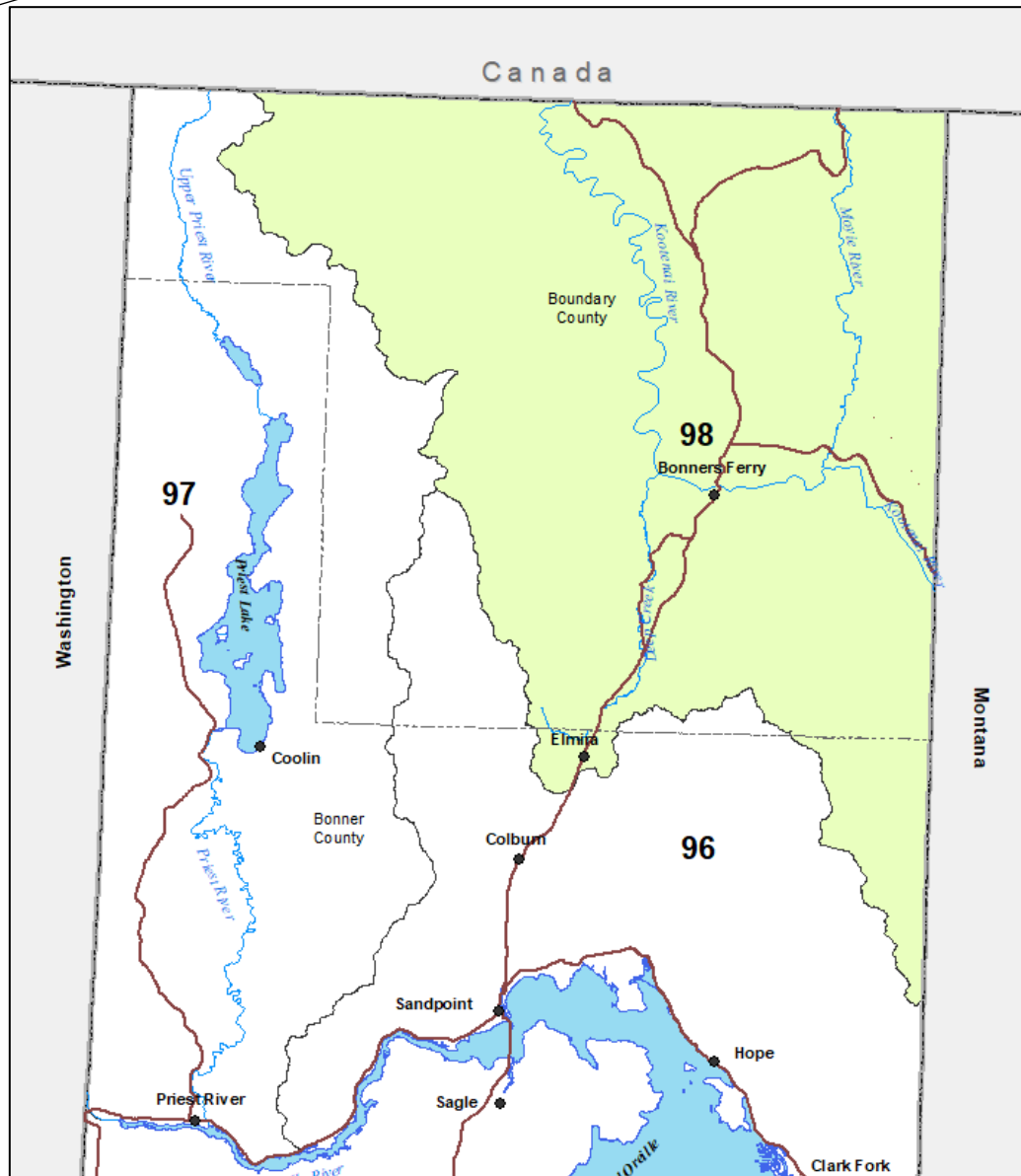


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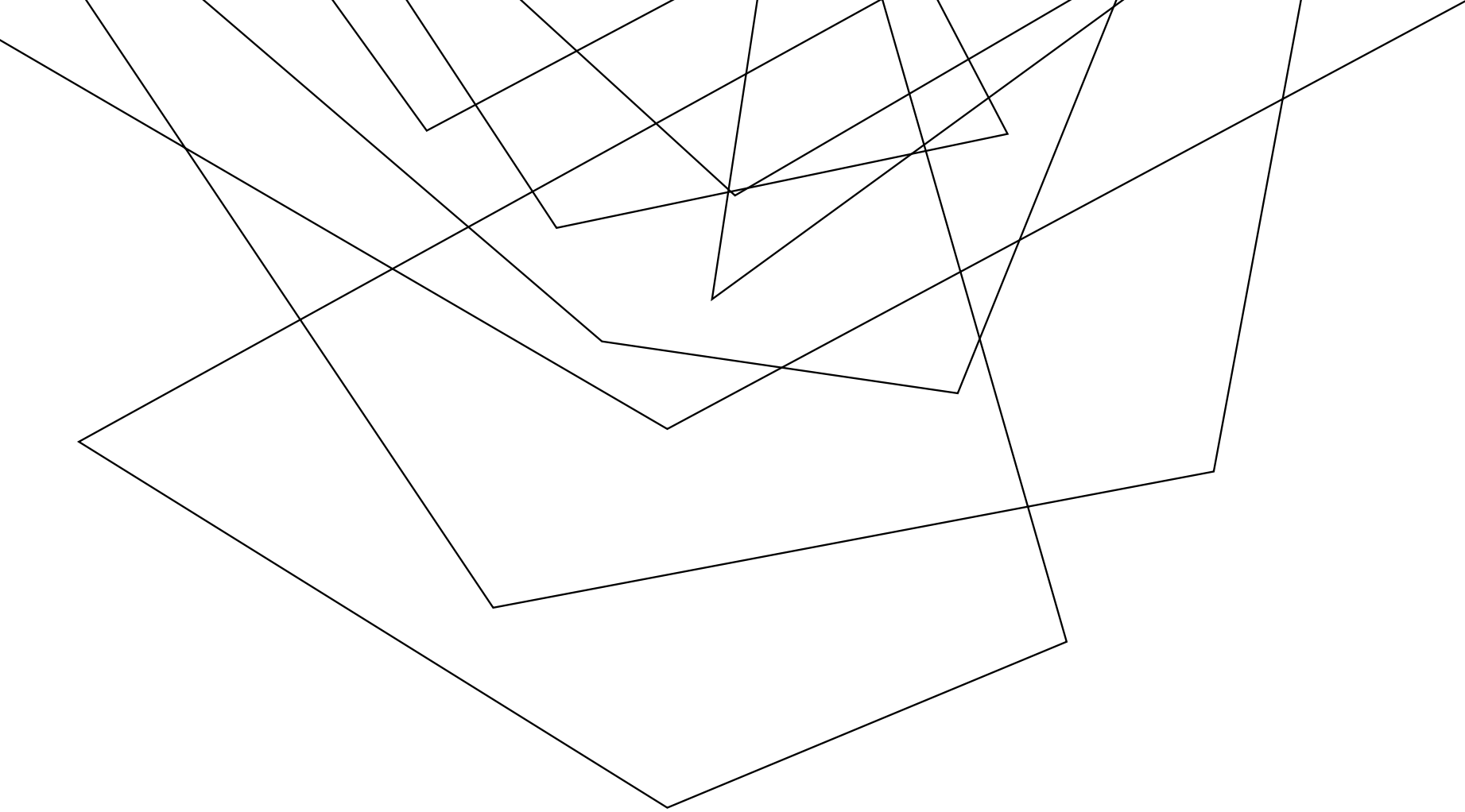
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*Charcoal Burner Mushroom – edible, raw or cooked.
Photo courtesy of Michael Thompson, Northern Region*



BASIN 98 UPDATES

- *Petition to Commence Kootenai River Basin Adjudication* filed on January 3, 2025.
- October 21, 2025, unopposed motion to stay commencement filed by the United States.
- October 22, 2025, order granting the motion for stay and vacating the commencement hearing scheduled for November 18, 2025, issued by Judge Wildman.
- Counsel for the United States shall notify the Court as soon as Congress has appropriated funds for the Department of Justice.



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



May 2013



Congratulations and goodbye to Deputy Attorney General Meghan Carter who has accepted a position with the law firm Skinner Fawcett LLP.

Her last day with the Department will be in December.

QUESTIONS?



*German Alps
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