



Idaho Water Adjudications – Monthly Informational Meeting

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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

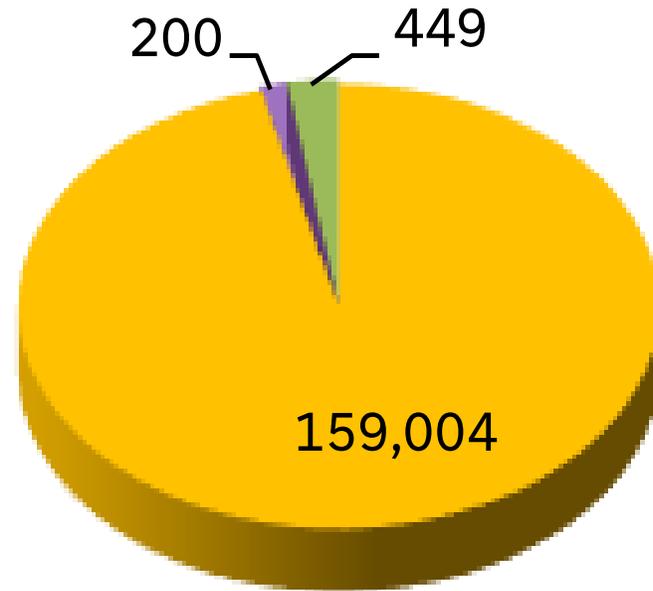


SRBA

Teton River

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SRBA SUMMARY AS OF MARCH 9, 2026



■ 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 | Casa Del Norte - 5 | 63-35008 | 7/18/2025 | Waiting on Claimant to file Affidavit |

WAITING FOR IDWR TO SUBMIT NOTICE OF EXAMINATION

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | Affidavit Filed | Next Step |
|-------|------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 23 | Casa Del Norte, LP – 2 | 37-23270, et al.; 61-12366, et al.; 63-35004, et al. | 1/30/2026 | IDWR to submit Notice of Examination. |
| 5 | Casa Del Norte, LP – 3 | 37-23274, 37-23275, 37-23276, 61-12377, 61-12406 | 1/30/2026 | IDWR to submit Notice of Examination. |
| 22 | Casa Del Norte, LP – 4 | 61-12368, et al. | 1/30/2026 | IDWR to submit Notice of Examination. |
| 3 | Conner | 57-12120, 57-12132 - 12133 | 2/24/2026 | IDWR to submit Notice of Examination |

AWAITING DIRECTOR'S REPORT BY IDWR

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | Director's Report Due | Next Step |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Animals Trust | 63-35660 | 4/23/2026 | 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 - 6 | 37-23475, et al. | 09/07/2026 | IDWR to submit DR |
| 1 | Albano | 29-14557 | 12/15/2026 | IDWR to submit DR |
| 1 | Johnson | 86-12185 | 12/15/2026 | IDWR to submit DR |
| 1 | Bieker | 86-12178 | 12/21/2026 | IDWR to submit DR |
| 1 | Lyke | 63-35673 | 1/12/2027 | IDWR to submit DR |
| 1 | Fischer | 84-12331 | 2/1/2027 | IDWR to submit DR |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | DR Filed | Hearing on Uncontested |
|-------|---------------------------|---|------------|---|
| 1 | Dubonis | 67-15483 | 11/24/2025 | Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026 |
| 3 | Forever Ranch II, LLC | 65-24332, 65-24333, 65-24334 | 11/24/2025 | Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026 |
| 3 | Indian Meadows Ranch, LLC | 55-14053, 55-14054, 55-14056 | 11/24/2025 | Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026 |
| 1 | Lanman | 85-15876 | 11/24/2025 | Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026 |
| 1 | Normandie, LLC | 65-24308 | 11/24/2025 | Objection deadline 1/23/2026 Response deadline 3/24/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 4/21/2026 |
| 5 | Casa Del Norte - 1 | 37-23474, 61-12361, 61-12362, 61-12363, 61-12440 | 3/3/2026 | Objection deadline 5/4/2026 Response deadline 7/16/2026 Hearing on Uncontested 9/15/2026 |

DIRECTOR'S REPORT ISSUED WITH OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | DR Filed | Objection Filed |
|-------|------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|
| 47 | Pioneer Power LLC | 55-14030 et al. | 1/14/2022 | 3/14/2022 |
| 1 | Gallant | 67-15208 | 6/8/2022 | 8/8/2022 |
| 1 | Chandler (fka Gallant) | 67-15209 | 6/8/2022 | 8/8/2022 |
| 2 | Chandler (fka Gallant) | 67-15211, 67-15212 | 6/8/2022 | 5/24/2019* |
| 14 | Williams | 29-14388 thru 29-14397, 61-12467 thru 61-12470 | 5/22/2023 | 7/25/2023* |
| 1 | Normandie LLC | 65-24159 | 11/24/2025 | 1/20/2026 |

AWAITING PARTIAL DECREE

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | DR Filed | Hearing on Uncontested |
|-------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| 1 | Chandler (fka Gallant) | 67-15210 | 6/8/2022 | Referred to Special Master Booth, tracking with objected subcases |

*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 |
|-------|----------|--------------|----------|----------------|-----------------|
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PARTIAL DECREE ISSUED

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | Partially Decreed |
|-------|----------|--------------|-------------------|
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DISMISSED

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | Date Dismissed |
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SUBCASE 00-92095
ADJUDICATION OF DEFERRED DE MINIMIS DOMESTIC
AND STOCKWATER CLAIMS

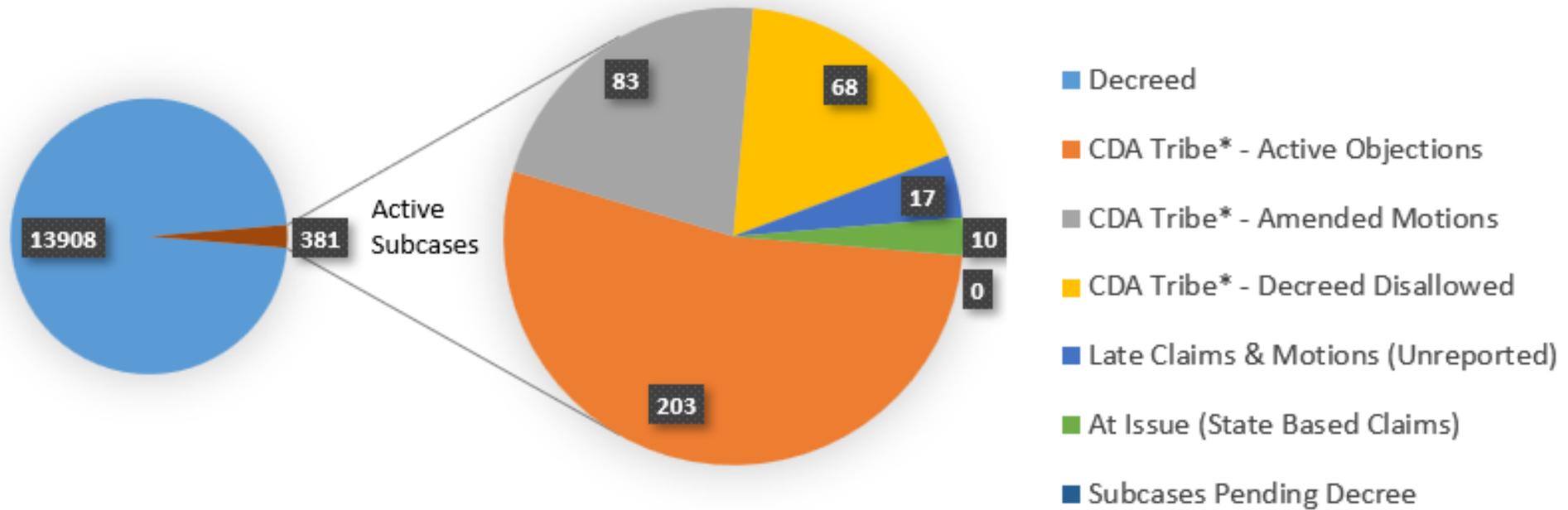
- Pursuant to Judge Wildman's January 22, 2024 Stay Order, this subcase is stayed pending resolution of *U.S. v. Idaho* in the Federal Courts.

CSRBA



*Clearwater River near Lenore, ID
Photo Credit: Scott Potter, Northern Region*

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 3/1/2026

CSRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS

On March 5, 2026, the United States, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, State of Idaho, and 15 other signatories executed the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement at a signing ceremony in the Borah Courtroom in Boise.

The Settlement Agreement is supported by more than 300 stakeholders who have claims or objections in the CSRBA. The Settlement Agreement fully resolves all the Tribe's federal reserved water rights. The parties have been working toward resolution since the federal reserved claims were filed in 2014.

From left to right: Tribal Council Member Ernie Stensgar, Governor Brad Little, Chairman Chief J. Allan, and Attorney General Raul Labrador.



Photo Credit: Lacey Rammell-O'Brien, OAG

BASIN 95 PART 1

SUBCASES FOR WHICH OBJECTIONS ARE UNRESOLVED



Lake Pend Oreille at Bayview, ID

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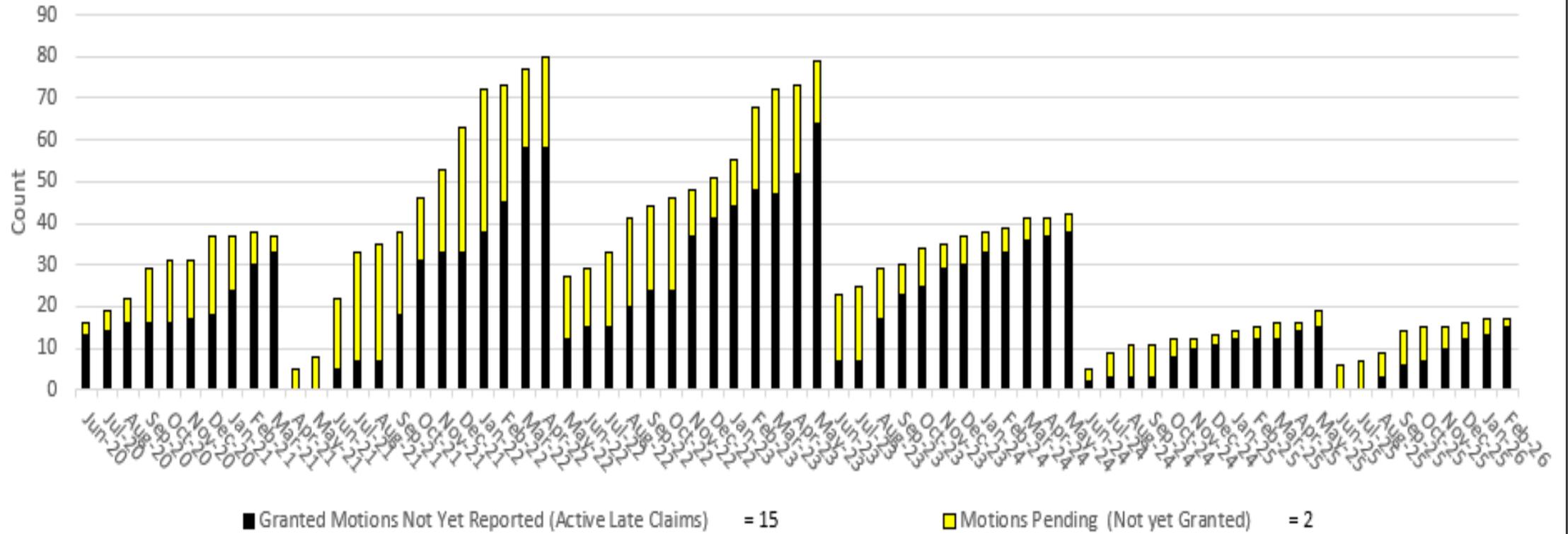
Coeur d'Alene Lake claims

- SF5s are executed – parties working through the best way to file with the larger global settlement.
- Next status conference for the state-based lake claims is scheduled for April 1, 2026.

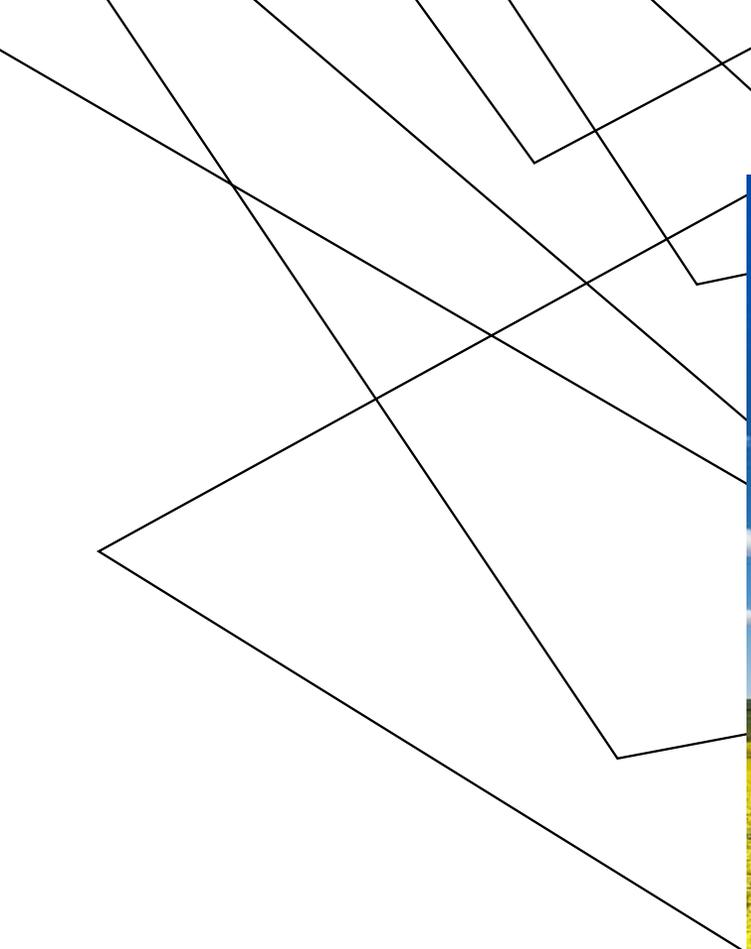
ACTIVE LATE CLAIM SUBCASES

| Count | Claimant | Subcase #(s) | DR Filed | Status |
|-------|---|--------------|----------|---|
| 1 | "Chilco Lake Users" – lead claimant name: Curtis Carney | 95-18274 | 06/15/23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hearing on Motions for Summary Reset for March 31, 2026 |

CSRBA Late & Misc Claims



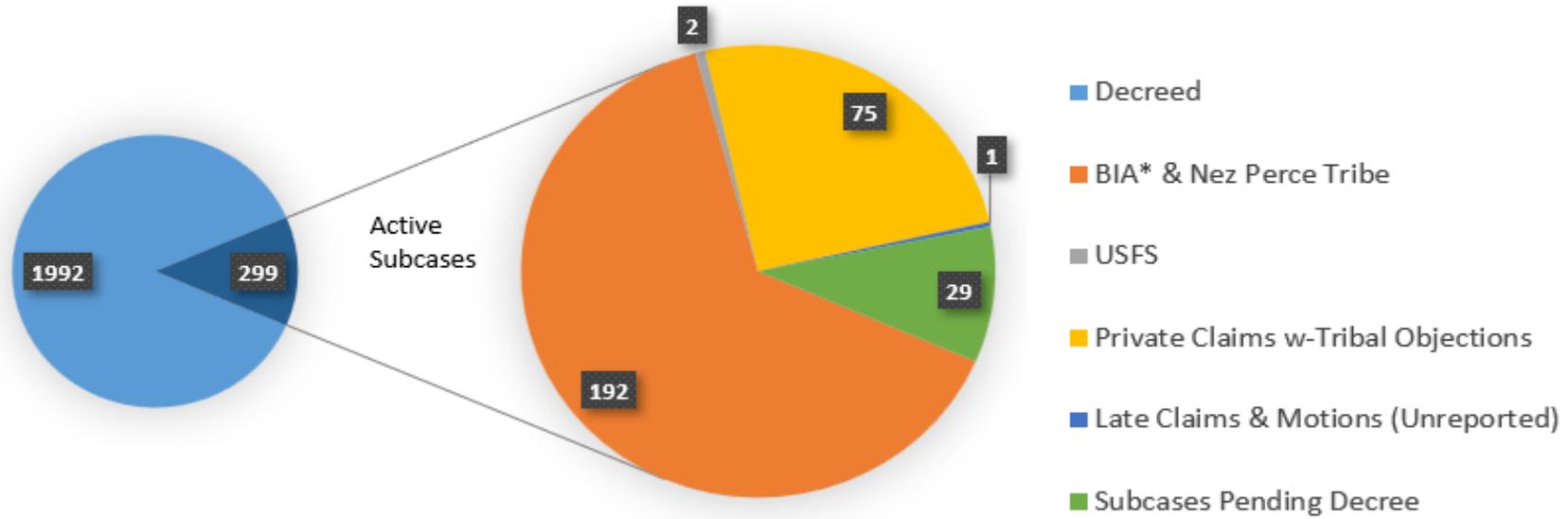
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Rapeseed Field, Tensed, ID
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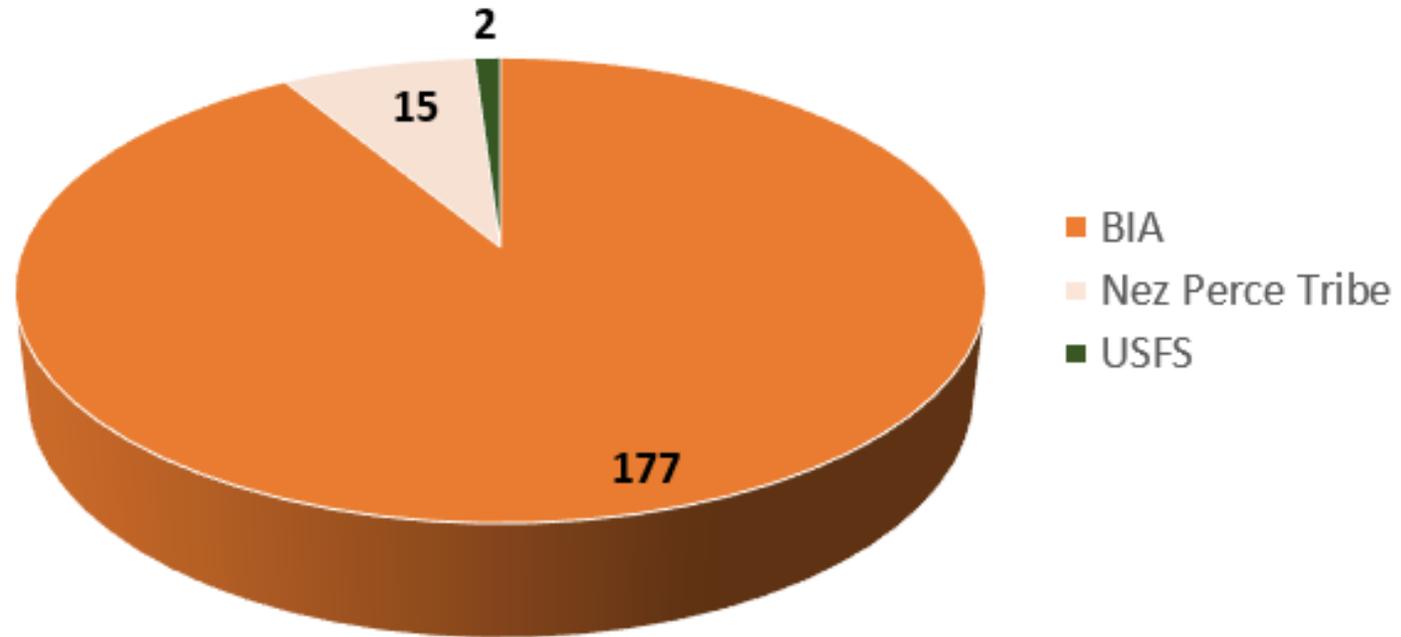
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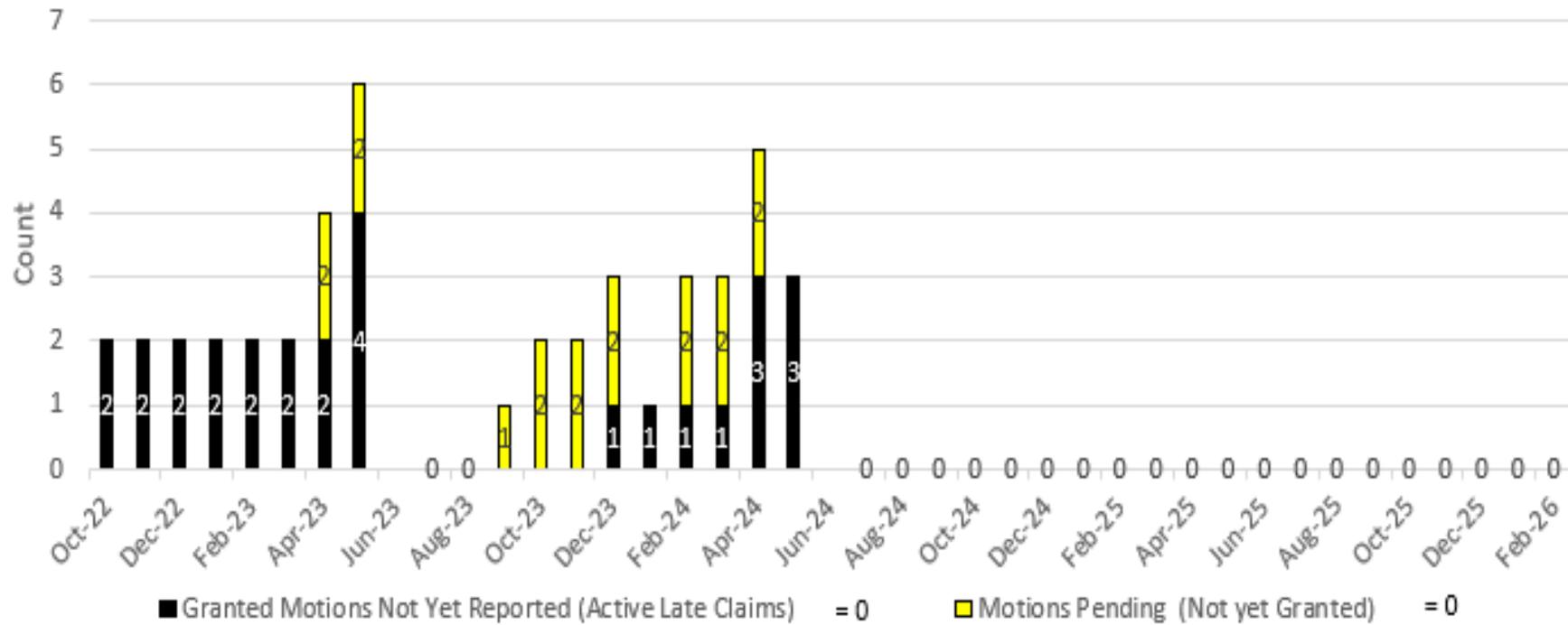
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PRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



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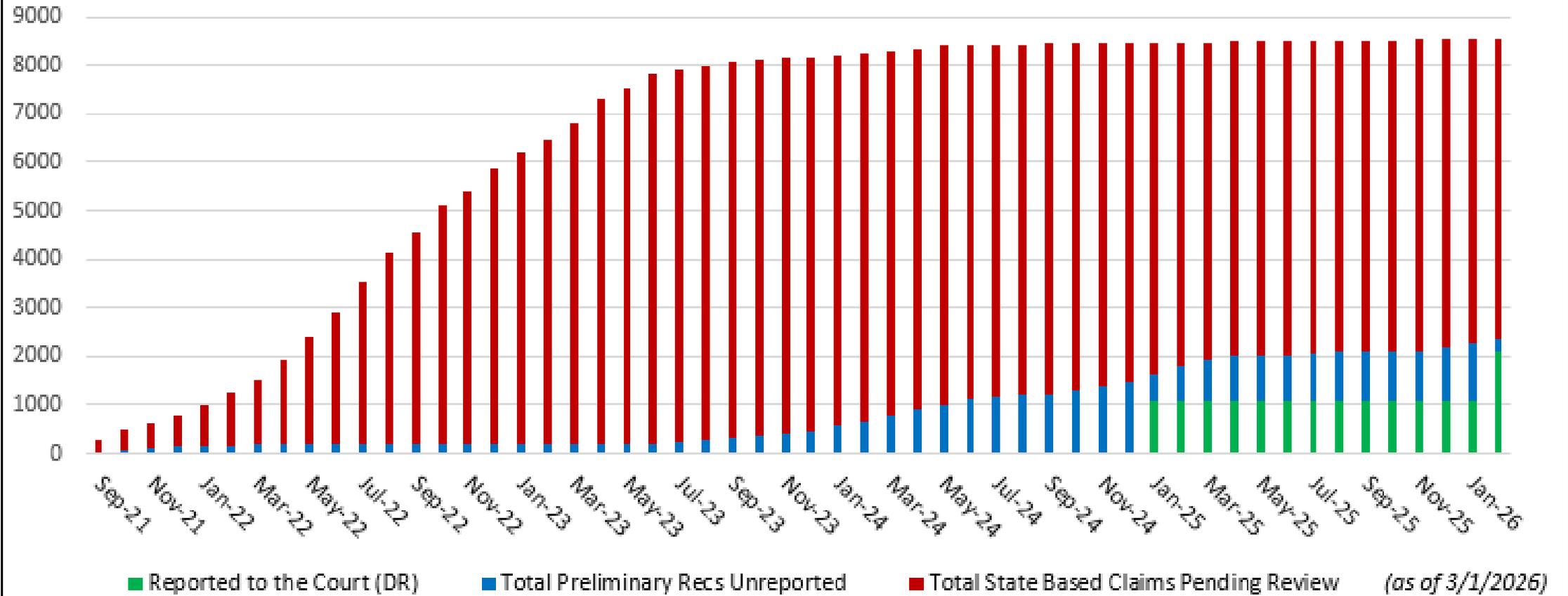
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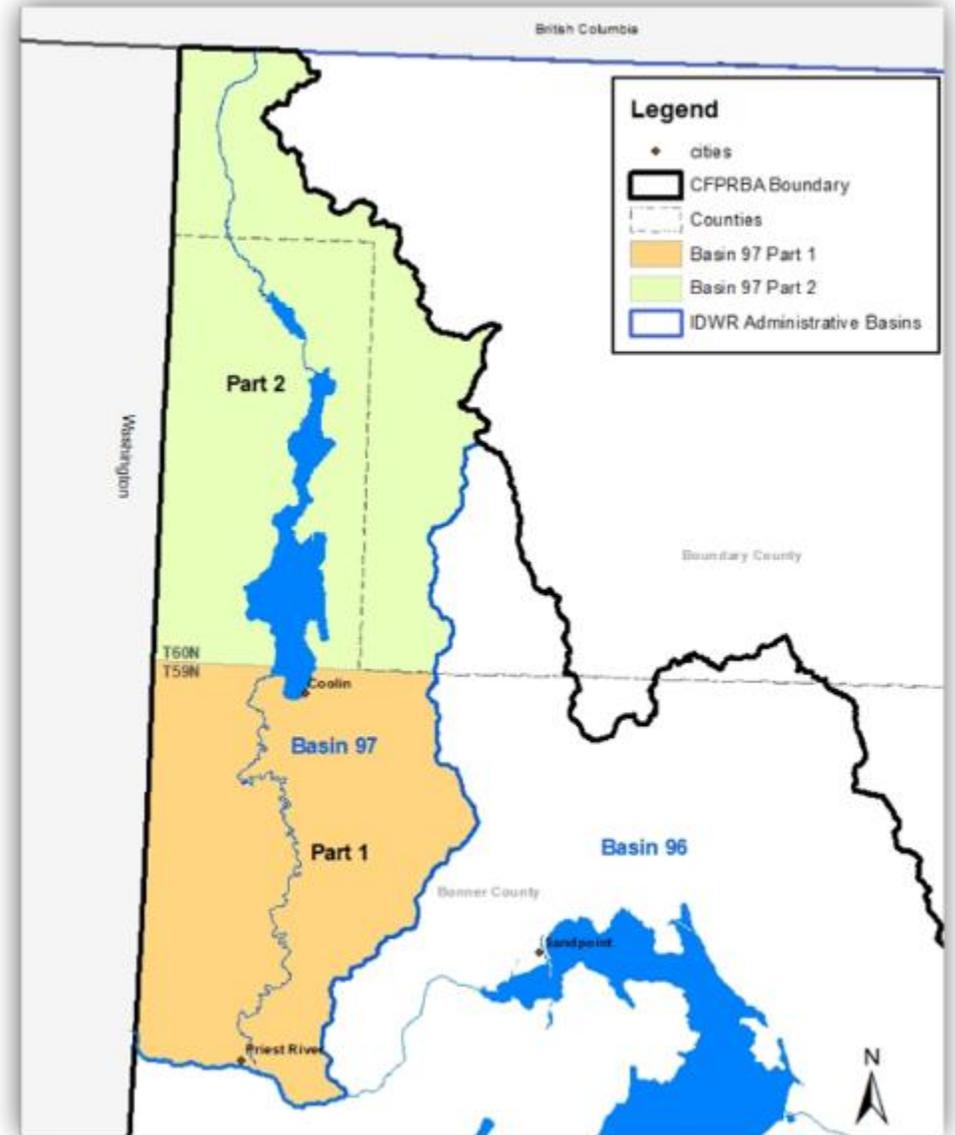
*Pend Oreille River near Priest River, ID
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

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



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 = June 16, 2026**
- There are 1,087 claims pending in the CFRBA
- Next round of Initial Hearings are scheduled for early April



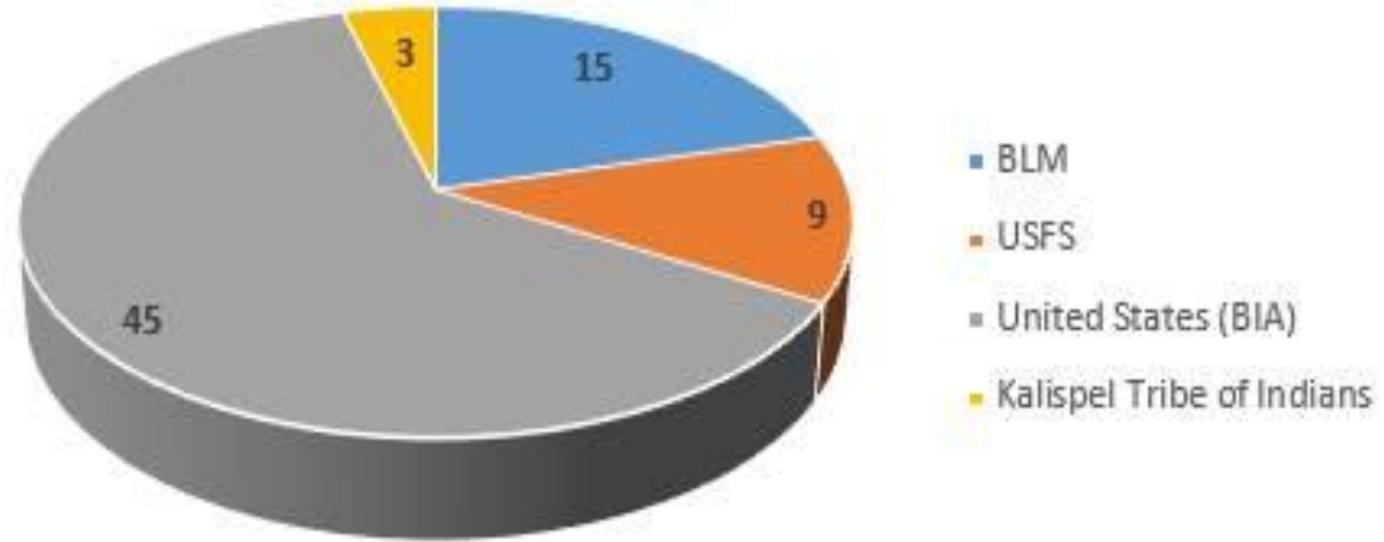
BASIN 97, PART 2

- The Director's Report State-based claims for Basin 97, Part 2 was mailed on January 16, 2026 (995 recommendations)
- Deadline for objections is May 22, 2026.
- Response deadline is July 21, 2026.
- Hearing on Uncontested is scheduled for December 15, 2026.

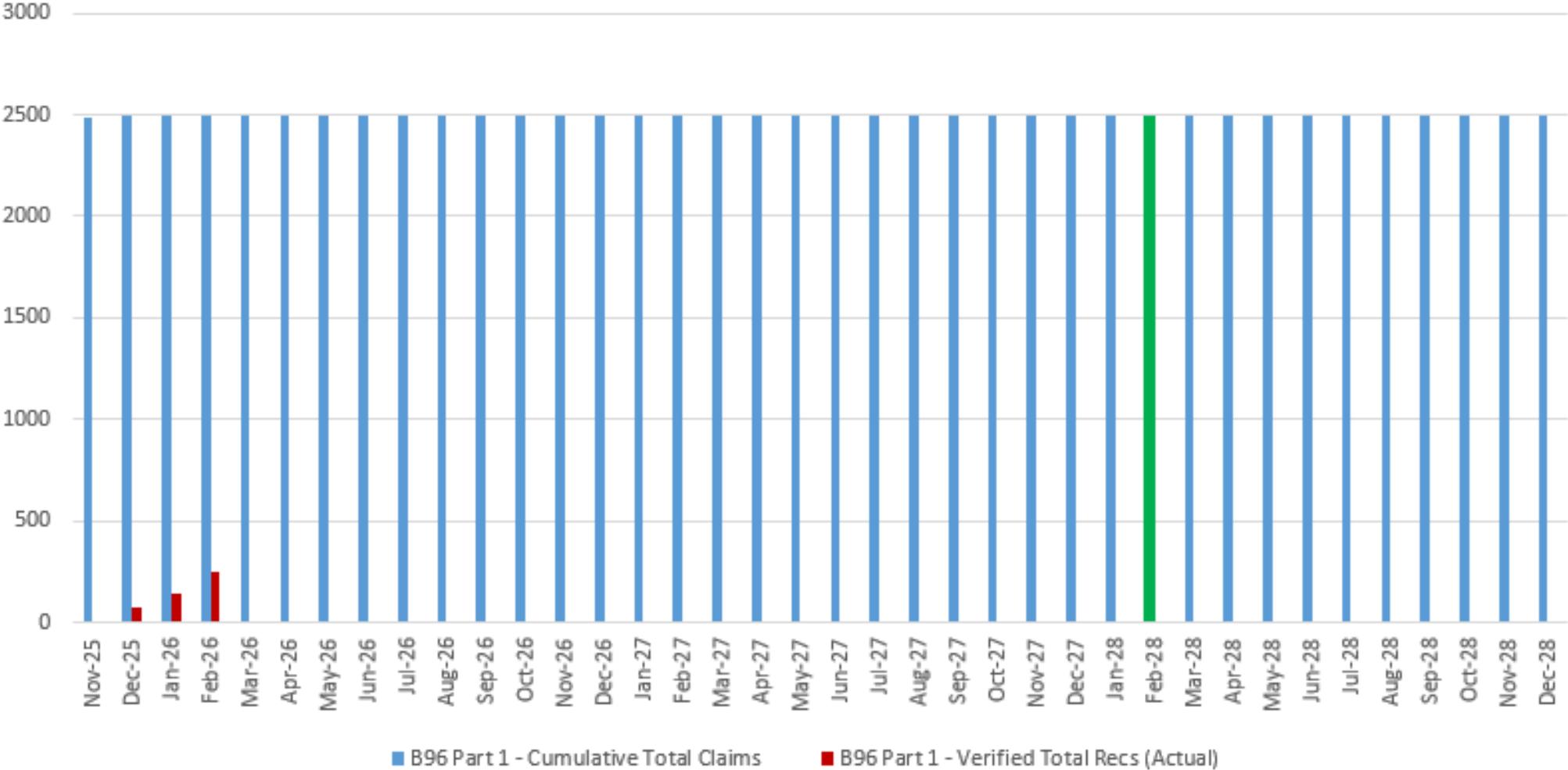


*Clark Fork River
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

CFPRBA FEDERAL RESERVED CLAIMS



CFPRBA B96 Part 1

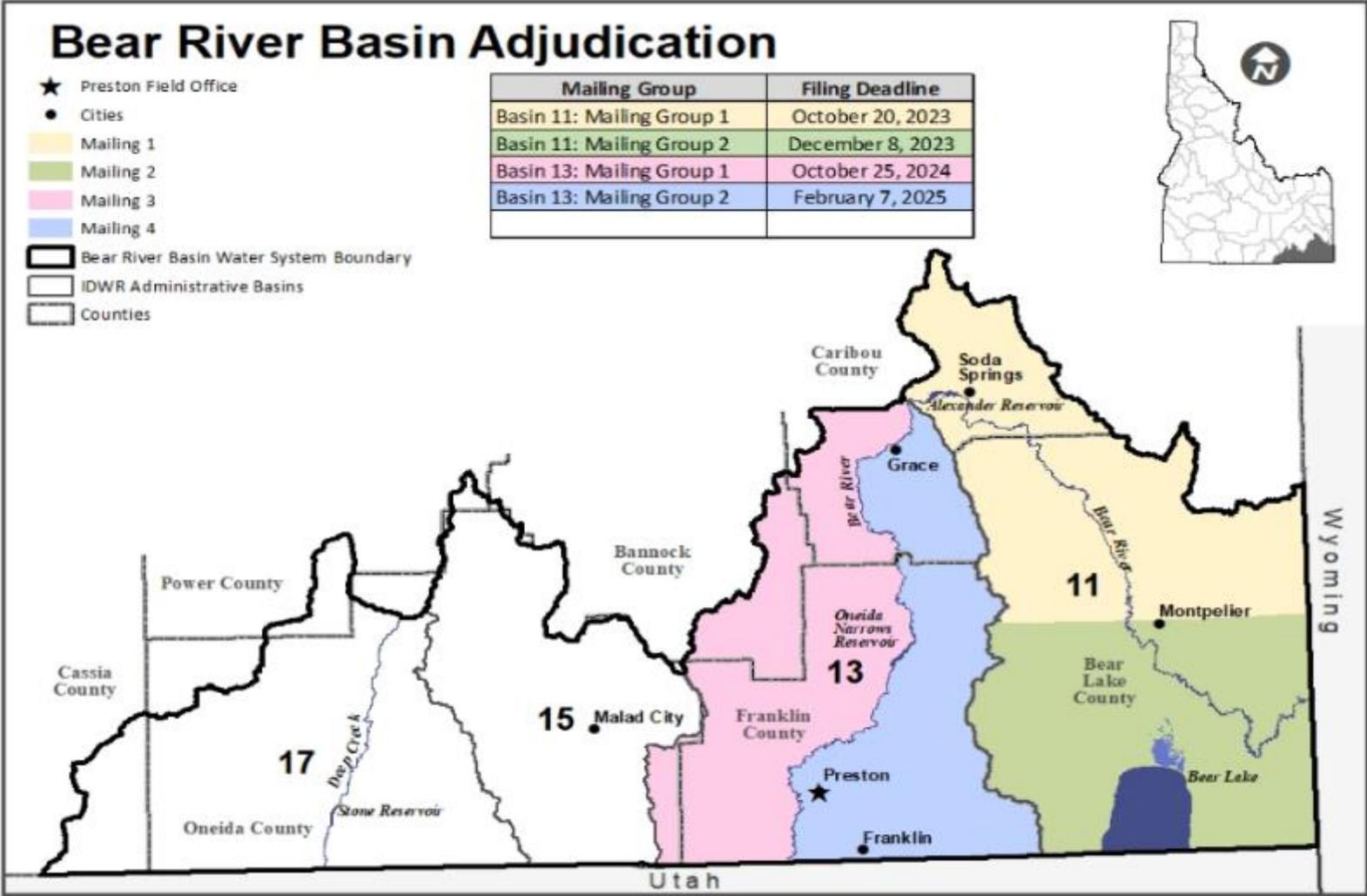


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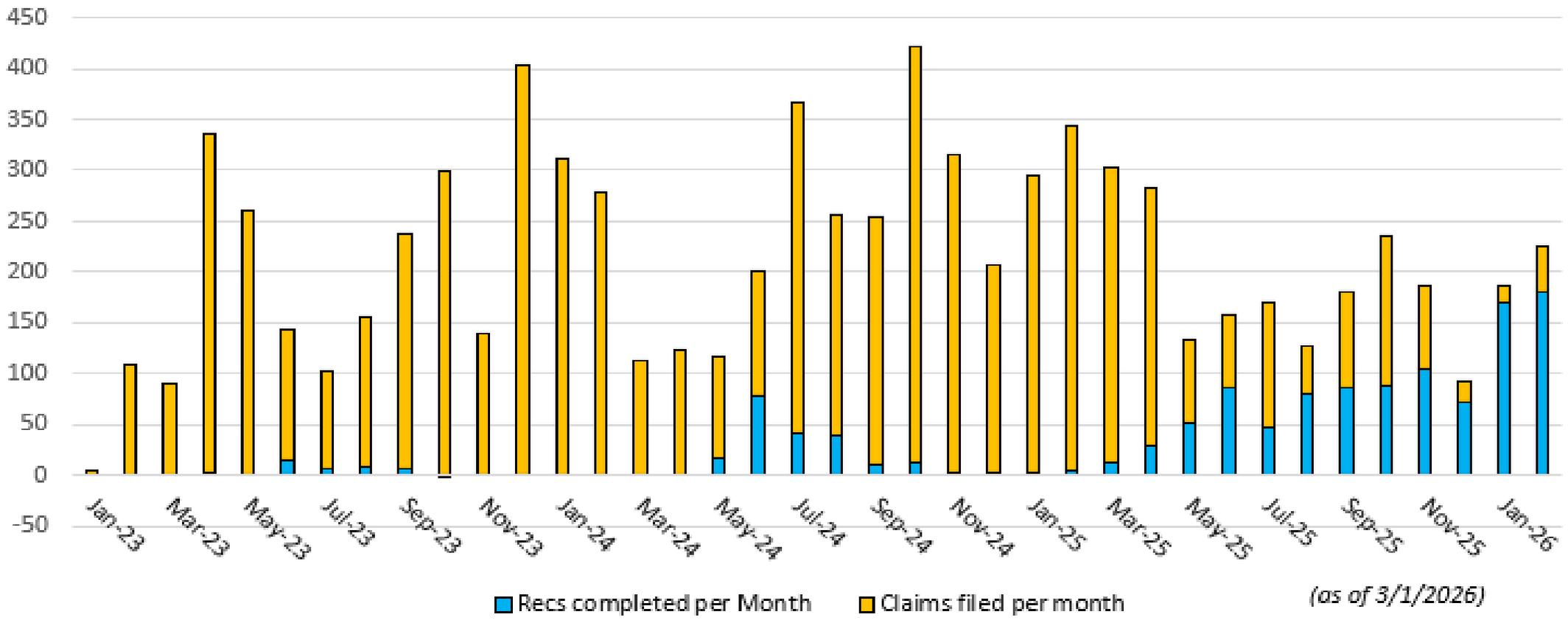


*Black Canyon Gorge, Grace, Idaho
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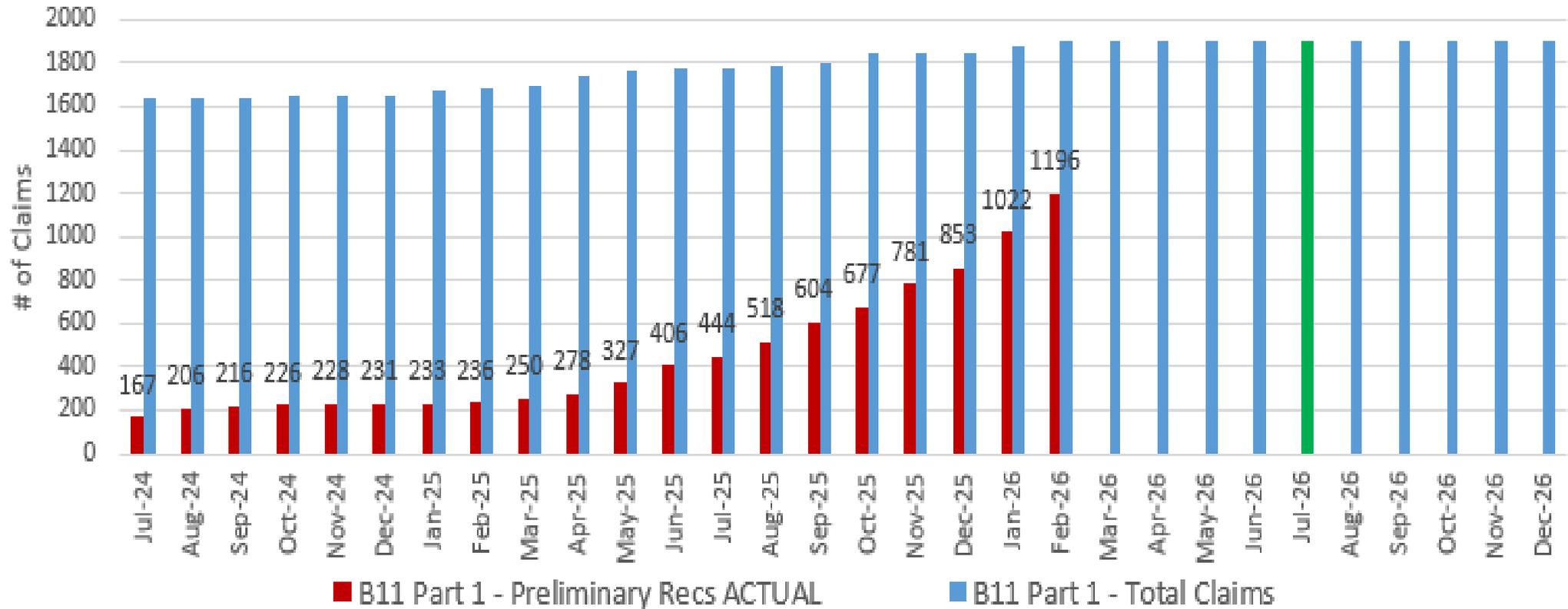
COMMENCEMENT NOTICE MAILINGS



Bear River Basin Adjudication (BRBA) Monthly Claims



BRBA - Basin 11 Part 1 Verified Recommendations



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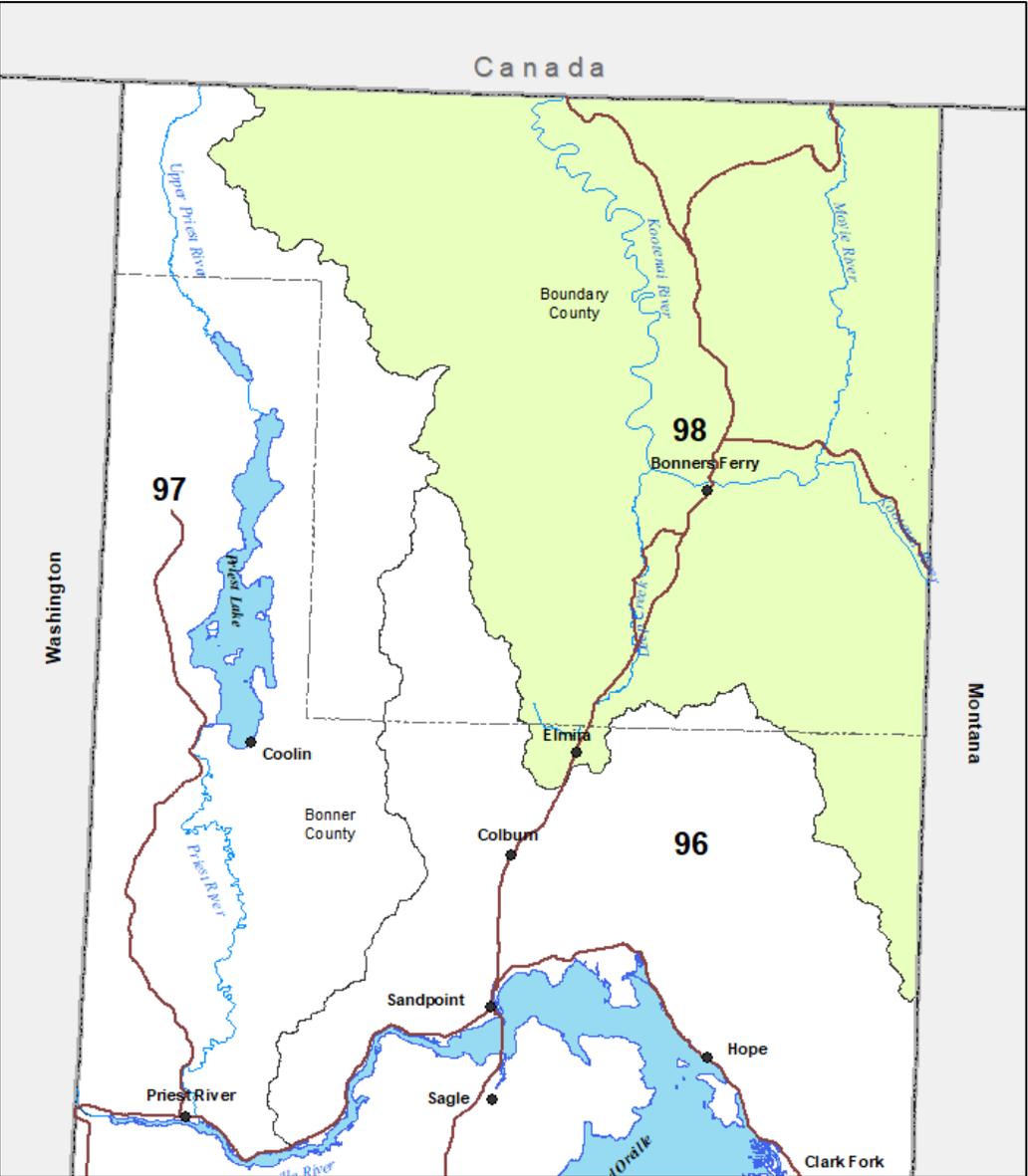
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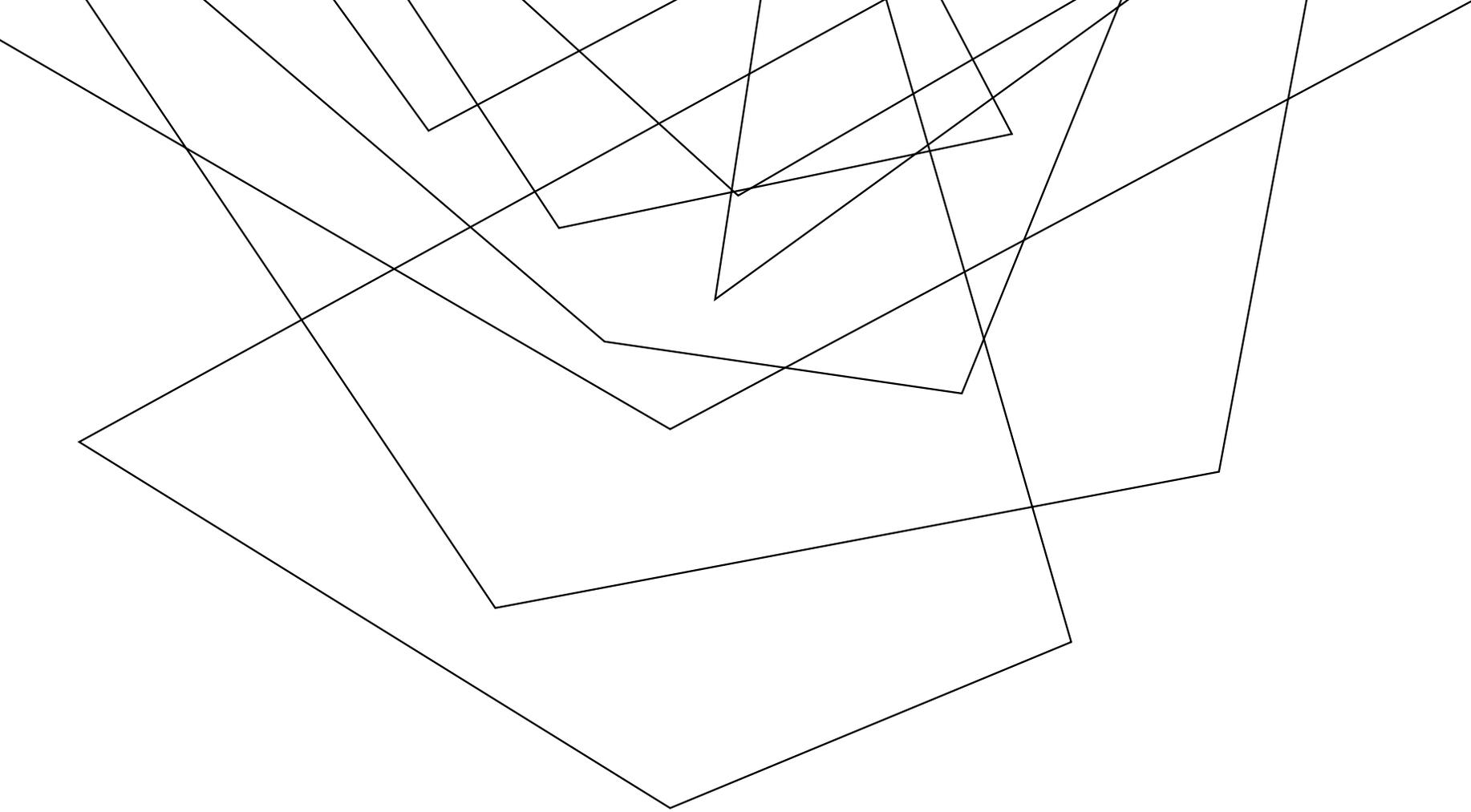


*Bonnors Ferry, ID north of Moyie Springs
Photo courtesy of Scott Potter, Northern Region*

BASIN 98 UPDATES

- *Petition to Commence Kootenai River Basin Adjudication* filed on January 3, 2025.
- Commencement Order Issued on March 6, 2026.





**OTHER GENERAL
MATTERS**

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.
- Briefing by the parties has been completed.
- Oral argument will be April 14, 2026.



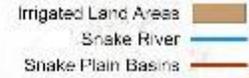
Welcome KINSEY GARN, new Deputy Attorney General!!!

**SCOTT LUVAAS is now officially in his new role as
Adjudication Section Manager at the State Office!!!**

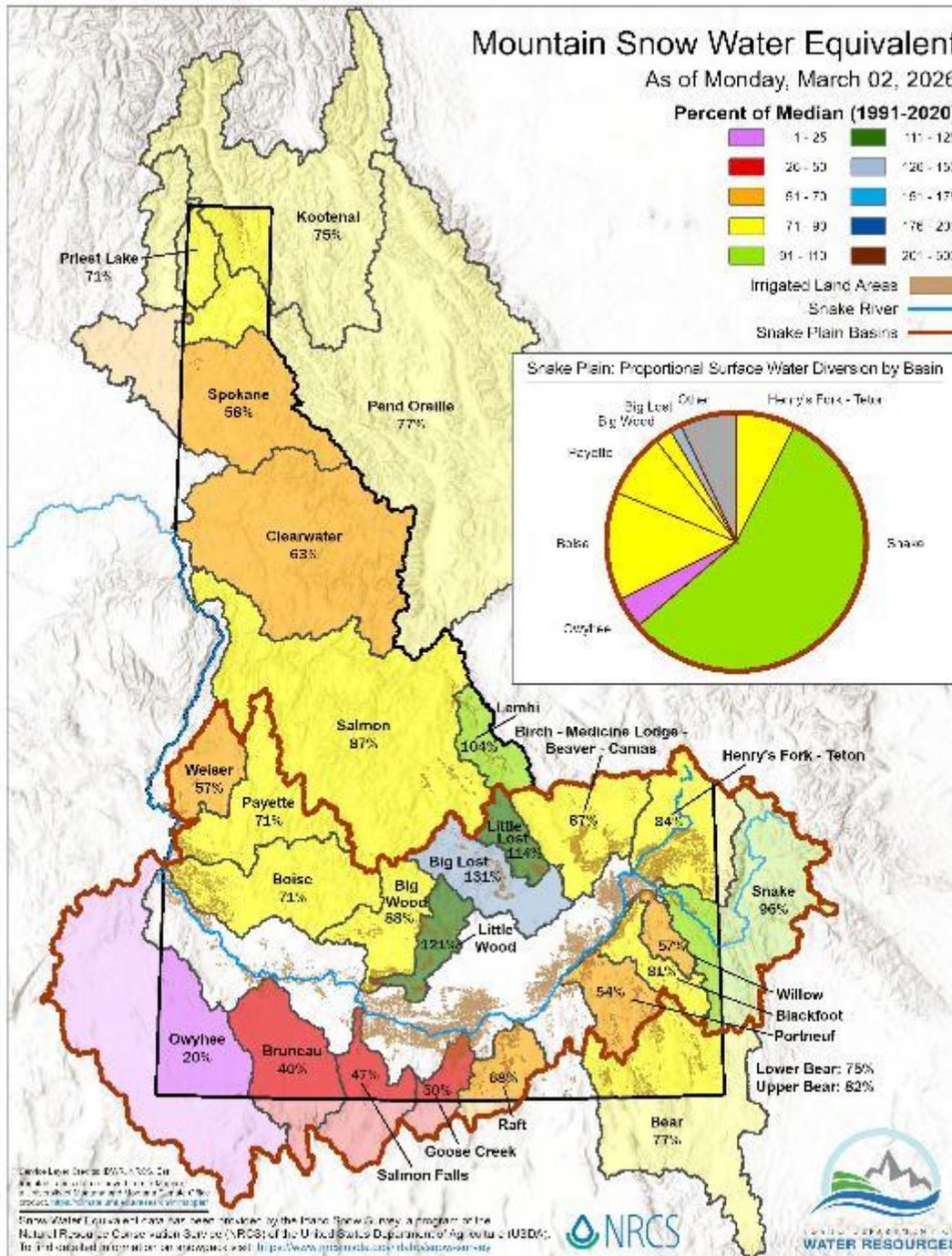
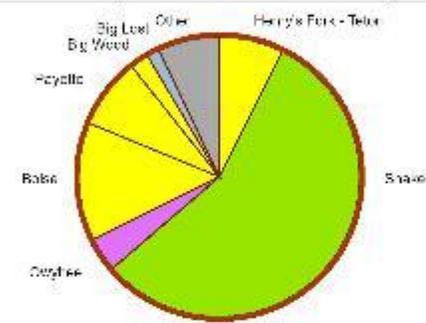
Mountain Snow Water Equivalent

As of Monday, March 02, 2026

Percent of Median (1991-2020)



Snake Plain: Proportional Surface Water Diversion by Basin



Snake Plain Basin: 85% - 100%
 All other basins: 100% - 125%
 126% - 150%
 151% - 175%
 176% - 200%
 201% - 300%

Snow Water Equivalent data has been provided by the Idaho Snow Survey, a program of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).
 To find detailed information on snowpack visit: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/water>



QUESTIONS?



Rathdrum, ID
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