

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

)	SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND
In Re PRBA)	RECOMMENDATION; FINDINGS
)	OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
Case No. 59576)	EOD WATER DIGITE OF 10052
)	FOR WATER RIGHT: 87-12053

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for this water right pursuant to I.C. § 42-1411A by the United States as Trustee for the Nez Perce Tribe. The Nez Perce Tribe joined in the claim. The Director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources examined the water system for this reporting area. The *Director's Report* contained an Abstract of the claim for the elements of this water right.

Objections were filed by Janice Geyer, Jez Ranch, LLC, John R. Ziemann, Van G. Ziemann, Ziemulz Farms, LLC, the State of Idaho, PotlatchDeltic Land and Lumber, LLC; PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings, Inc.; and Potlatch TRS Idaho, LLC.

United States' Motion to Withdraw Claim was filed on June 4, 2025. A hearing was held on July 16, 2025. At the hearing, the United States as Trustee argued the Motion to Withdraw Claim, and the Nez Perce Tribe joined in the Motion.

No parties to the subcase opposed the *Motion to Withdraw Claims*. The Court granted the *Motion. Order Granting Motion to Withdraw Claims*. (July 25, 2025)

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

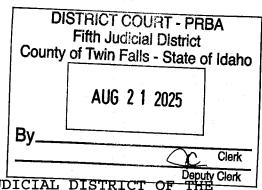
THEREFORE, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that this water right **not be confirmed** in any partial or final decree.

Dated: August <u>21</u>, 2025.

BRIGETTE BILYEU

Special Master

Palouse River Basin Adjudication



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In Re PRBA)
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION

Water Right(s): 87-12053

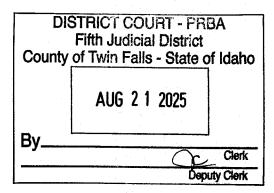
On August 21, 2025, Special Master BRIGETTE BILYEU issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to PRBA Administrative Order 1 (A01), Section 13a.

Pursuant to PRBA Administrative Order 1 (A01), Section 13a, any party to the adjudication including parties to the subcase, may file a Motion to Alter or Amend on or before the 28th day of the next month.

Failure of any party in the adjudication to pursue or participate in a Motion to Alter or Amend the SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION shall constitute a waiver of the right to challenge it before the Presiding Judge.

DATED August 21, 2025.

JANET CONNELL
Deputy Clerk



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In Re PRBA)	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on August 21, 2025, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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