

the *Coeur d'Alene Tribe Water Rights Settlement Agreement Between the United States, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, State of Idaho and Other Water Users* (Mar. 31, 2026) (hereafter *Settlement Agreement*). The related consolidated subcase still has a lengthy process to complete before it can be finalized.

Specifically, the United States' approval and execution of the *Settlement Agreement* is contingent on ratification by the U.S. Congress. In addition, U.S. approval is contingent on the President signing a federal settlement act. As the parties await the approval of Congress and the President, they have agreed on a waiting process. Presiding Judge Eric Wildman issued an order recognizing this approach. Judge Wildman issued an *Order Adopting Stipulated Process for Effectuating a Settlement* (Dec. 31, 2025) which recognizes the approval procedures which must take place.


It is therefore understood by the Court and the parties that the *Special Master's Report and Recommendation* of these state-based rights are closely related to Consolidated Subcase 91-07755. As a result, it is understood that the adoption of the *Special Master's Report and Recommendation* will be subject to finalization of the *Settlement Agreement* by all parties including the United States. Consequently, it is expected that once this *SMR&R* is filed, it shall be sent to the Presiding Judge with a recommendation that all further action on these related state-based claims be held or stayed until finalization of the *Settlement Agreement*.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that this water right **not be confirmed in any partial decree** as set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendation for Partial Decree*.

However, IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT NO ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THIS SUBCASE until the finalization of the *Settlement Agreement* in Consolidated Subcase 91-07755.


DATED: June 25, 2026.



BRIGETTE BILYEU
Special Master
Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication

DISTRICT COURT - CSRBA
Fifth Judicial District
County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho

JUN 25 2026

By _____
Clerk

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

In Re CSRBA)
Case No. 49576)
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
SPECIAL MASTER'S
RECOMMENDATION

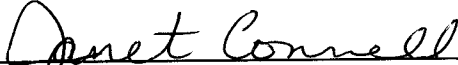
Water Right(s): 95-04394

On June 25, 2026, Special Master BRIGETTE BILYEU issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to CSRBA Administrative Order 1 (A01), Section 18a.

Pursuant to CSRBA Administrative Order 1 (A01), Section 18a, 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 June 25, 2026.



JANET CONNELL
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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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 June 25, 2026, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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