

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

In Re PRBA	)	ORDER DENYING MOTION TO WITHDRAW CLAIM
Case No. 59576	)	SUBCASE NO.(s): 87-11609

A Request for Withdrawal of Claim was filed by Chad and Paula Bartlett on August 25, 2025. The Court treated this as a Motion to Withdraw Claim. A hearing was held on the Motion on September 17, 2025. The Idaho Department of Water Resources explained that it had been in contact with the claimants, and received photographs of the place of use.

At the hearing, the United States, the Nez Perce Tribe, and the State of Idaho did not oppose the Motion. The Court noted for the record that a withdrawal of the Claim does not make a determination as to any related federal-based claims. As a result, the movants withdrew the Motion to Withdraw Claim once they learned that a withdrawal did not extinguish the federal-based mirror claim.

THEREFORE, based on the movants' indication that they now wish to continue with the claim, the Motion to Withdraw Claim is Denied.

Special Master

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