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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 SRBA                                 )  
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Case No. 39576                             )  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE: DIRECTOR'S  
REPORT OF DEFERRED *DE MINIMIS*  
DOMESTIC AND/OR STOCK WATER  
USE**  
**CLAIM NOS. 55-14053, 55-14054, and 55-14056**

STATE OF IDAHO    )  
                              ) ss.  
County of Ada        )

I, Craig L. Saxton, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am the Water Allocation Bureau Chief for the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). I am authorized by the Director to make this affidavit pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701(3). I make this affidavit pursuant to the requirements of Idaho Code § 42-1411(7). The following actions were taken under my direction by IDWR.

2. A Director's Report of Deferred De Minimis Domestic and/or Stock Water Use in subcase nos. 55-14053, 55-14054, and 55-14056 was filed with the SRBA District Court on November 24, 2025.

3. A Notice of Filing Director's Report of Deferred *De Minimis* Domestic and/or Stock Water Use, Claim Numbers 55-14053, 55-14054, and 55-14056 (Notice), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1, was prepared by IDWR pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1411(6) and orders of this Court.

4. The Notice and the Director's Report which contain the recommendation for the claimant's water right, was served on the claimants, Indian Meadows Ranch, LLC, 2700 Trout Creek Road, South Mountain, ID 97910, by deposit into the U.S. Mail before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

5. The Notice and the Director's Report were mailed to the Chief, Energy and Natural Resources Division, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0010, by deposit into the U.S. Mail before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

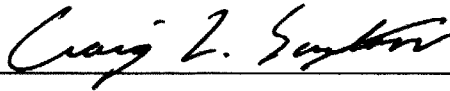
6. The Notice and the Director's Report were mailed to the U.S. Attorney's Office, 1290 West Myrtle Street, Suite 500, Boise, ID 83702, by deposit into the U.S. Mail before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

7. The Notice and the Director's Report were mailed to the U.S. Department of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611 by deposit into the U.S. Mail before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

8. The Notice and the Director's Report were mailed to the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 ID-78, Murphy, ID 83650, by deposit into the U.S. Mail before 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

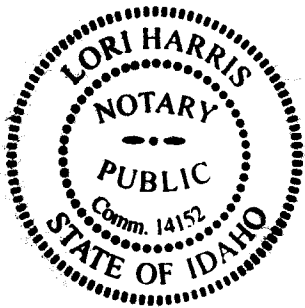
9. The Notice and the Director's Report were e-mailed to IDWR's Salmon Field Office, Preston Field Office, and Eastern, Western, Northern, and Southern Regional Offices on November 21, 2025.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



CRAIG L. SAXTON  
Water Allocation Bureau Chief  
Idaho Department of Water Resources

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.



NOTARY PUBLIC FOR IDAHO  
Residing at: Boise, ID  
My commission expires: 12-12-2030

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, I served a true and correct copy of this affidavit of service by the following method to:

1. Original to:

Clerk of the District Court  
Snake River Basin Adjudication  
253 Third Avenue North  
P.O. Box 2707  
Twin Falls, ID 83303-2707

Overnight Mail  
 Regular Mail  
 Hand-Delivered  
 Facsimile

2. Copies to:

IDWR Document Depository  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0098

Overnight Mail  
 Regular Mail  
 Hand-Delivered  
 Facsimile

U.S. Department of Justice  
Environment and Natural Resources Division  
PO Box 7611  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611

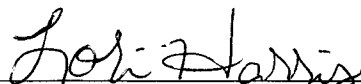
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Office of the Attorney General  
State of Idaho  
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Boise, ID 83720-0010

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Indian Meadows Ranch, LLC  
2700 Trout Creek Road  
South Mountain, ID 97910

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Signature of person or attorney mailing the form

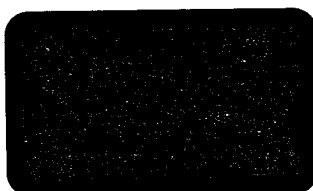
**NOTICE OF FILING DIRECTOR'S REPORT  
OF DEFERRED *DE MINIMIS* DOMESTIC  
AND / OR STOCK WATER USE  
CLAIM NUMBERS 55-14053, 55-14054, and 55-14056**

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has filed with the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) District Court the Director's Report of Deferred *De Minimis* Domestic and / or Stock Water Use Claim Nos. 55-14053, 55-14054, and 55-14056 (DRs). These DRs contain the Director's recommendation to the SRBA Court as to how your *de minimis* domestic and/or stock water rights, claimed under state law, should be decreed in the SRBA if allowed by the District Court.

***Why am I getting this mailing?***

You have received this mailing because you filed Motions for Determination of Deferred *De Minimis* Domestic or Stock Water Use with accompanying Notices of Claim to Water Rights in the SRBA. The Director has completed the examination of your claims and has filed his report and recommendation of your claims with the Court. This mailing contains only the Director's recommendation to the SRBA Court of your claims. Your mailing **does not** contain the Director's recommendations of any claims other than your own. A complete copy of this DR is also available at the SRBA courthouse in Twin Falls and at the locations listed at the end of this notice. Copies of the DR can be made but you may be charged for copying and mailing. The DR can also be accessed through the SRBA Court's website at <http://www.srba.idaho.gov> or IDWR's website at <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>. A map of reporting areas, as well as other information pertaining to the SRBA, can be accessed on IDWR's website as well.

A Final Unified Decree was issued in the SRBA on August 26, 2014. Any future reporting of water rights, which were before the SRBA Court prior to the entry of the Final Unified Decree, or deferred *de minimis* domestic or stock water claims proceeding under the SRBA Court's *Order Governing Procedures in the SRBA for Adjudication of Deferred De Minimis Domestic and Stock Water Claims* of June 28, 2012, and as amended by the *Order Amending Procedures in the SRBA for Adjudication of Deferred De Minimis Stockwater Claims*, issued October 17, 2017, will be through individual reports or reports on small groups of rights. You will not receive notice of these future reports as they are filed with the SRBA Court unless you have an ownership interest in the water right claim that is being reported. Therefore, if you are interested in the status of water rights belonging to other people that have not yet been recommended by IDWR, you should periodically review the Court's docket sheet or check the status of the water right on the Court's web page located at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>. Information about subscribing to the Court's docket sheet is provided on page three of this notice.



## INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVIEWING YOUR OWN WATER RIGHTS

The description of your rights, which are enclosed in the DR, is only the Director's *recommendation* to the SRBA Court on your water rights. The Court will decide how it will decree your water rights. You are free to agree or disagree with the Director's recommendation. If you agree with the Director's recommendation, you do not need to do anything, pending further notice as described below. If you disagree with the Director's recommendation, you need to file an objection as described below.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING A WATER RIGHT CLAIM TO COURT

### *What do I do if I disagree with the recommendation?*

If you disagree with any element of the recommendation of the water rights and want to be heard in court, file an objection with the SRBA Court. Objections must be made on the standard objection form ("Standard Form 1") available from any IDWR office or from the SRBA Court. You may also download a copy of the objection form from the SRBA website at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

Your objection must be **received** by the SRBA Court on or before **Friday, January 23, 2026**. A copy of the objection must be mailed to the Director of IDWR. Should anyone else object to the recommendation of this right, the objector should mail a copy of their objection to the claimant of the right and to the Director of IDWR.

### *What do I do if someone else objects to my water right recommendation?*

If someone files an objection to your water rights, you may file a response to that objection. Responses to objections must be made on the standard response form ("Standard Form 2") available from any IDWR office or from the SRBA Court. You may also download a copy of the response form from the SRBA website at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

Responses must be **received** by the SRBA Court on or before **Tuesday, March 24, 2026**. A copy of the response must be mailed to the Director of IDWR and the objector to the water right.

### *What happens if there are no objections to my water rights?*

Should the deadline for filing objections and responses to your water rights pass--with no objections or responses filed--the SRBA Court will hear the uncontested recommendation on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)** at the SRBA courthouse. A partial decree will be issued following this hearing.

***How will I know about the proceedings on my water rights recommendation if objections are filed?***

A notice will be mailed to you for court dates on your water rights. Any other objectors or respondents to your water rights will also receive notice of those court dates.

Additional information regarding water right claims can be found on the SRBA Court's website at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

**Note:** The SRBA Court publishes a monthly Docket Sheet listing all objections and responses filed, as well as when Director's Reports are filed. It does not list court dates for individual water right cases but provides general information helpful to all participants in the SRBA.

The Docket Sheet is available at your county courthouse and all IDWR offices, or you may subscribe by contacting the SRBA Court or IDWR. The annual subscription fee is \$7.50. The Docket Sheet is also available on the SRBA website at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING GENERAL PROVISIONS**

General provisions are those parts of the SRBA Court's decree that apply to all the water rights in a basin, or to classes of similarly situated water rights within a basin. All general provisions recommended in the SRBA are now decreed. You may obtain a copy of the general provisions for your basin from the SRBA District Court in Twin Falls or at the courthouse location nearest to your basin. You may be charged for copying and mailing. You may also view the general provisions for every basin within the SRBA by going to IDWR's website at: <http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>.

## **CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR OWNERSHIP DURING THE SRBA COURT CASE**

You must contact your regional IDWR office with your address change or if the ownership of your water right(s) changes. Failure to notify IDWR may result in the loss of your water right(s).

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions about the SRBA, public information brochures are available at any IDWR office. Maps and aerial photography of this reporting area, as well as assistance in using the maps and the photography, are available at the IDWR Regional office nearest to the location of your water right. You are also welcome to call IDWR at any of its offices or its adjudication hotline at 1-800-451-4129. You may contact the SRBA Court, or you may also want to consider contacting an attorney to assist you.

**Snake River Basin Adjudication  
District Court**

253 Third Avenue North  
P.O. Box 2707  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2707  
(208) 736-3011  
<http://www.srba.idaho.gov>

**Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Western Region**

2735 Airport Way  
Boise, Idaho 83705-5082  
(208) 334-2190

**Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Southern Region**

650 Addison Avenue West, Suite 500  
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301-3380  
(208) 736-3033

**Salmon Field Office**

1301 Main Street, Suite 10  
Salmon, ID 83467-4435  
(208) 742-0658

**Owyhee County Courthouse**

20381 ID-78  
Murphy, ID 83650

**Idaho Department of Water Resources**

322 East Front Street  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098  
(208) 287-4800  
(800) 451-4129  
<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>

**Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Northern Region**

7600 N. Mineral Drive, Suite 100  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815  
(208) 762-2800

**Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Eastern Region**

900 North Skyline, Suite A  
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402  
(208) 525-7161

**Preston Field Office**

325 East 600 South, Suite 300  
Preston, ID 83263-4921  
(208) 701-7200