

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

MAR 24 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**

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| In Re PRBA<br><br>Case No. 59576<br><hr style="width: 100%;"/> | )<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>)<br>) | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SPECIAL MASTER’S REPORT AND<br/>RECOMMENDATION; FINDINGS<br/>OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR WATER RIGHT: 87-12006</b></p> |
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**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 the State of Idaho; PotlatchDeltic Land and Lumber, LLC; PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings, Inc.; and Potlatch TRS Idaho, LLC.

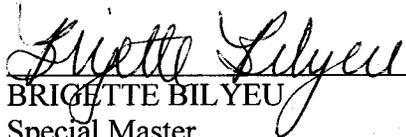
*United States’ Motion to Withdraw Claim* was filed on January 23, 2026. A hearing was held on February 25, 2026. The United States argued the *Motion to Withdraw Claim*, and the Nez Perce Tribe joined in the *Motion*. The U.S. and the Tribe explained that they obtained new information from recent field exams and decided to withdraw this claim.

No parties to the subcase opposed the *Motion to Withdraw Claim*. The Court **granted** the *Motion. Order Granting Motion to Withdraw Claim.* (March 4, 2026)

**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: March 24, 2026.

  
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 BRIGETTE BILYEU  
 Special Master  
 Palouse River Basin Adjudication

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On March 24, 2026, 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 March 24, 2026.

  
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