

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

MAR 24 2026

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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 PRBA Case No. 59576 _____)))))))	SPECIAL MASTER’S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS; FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW FOR WATER RIGHTS: 87-12160, 87-12164, and 87-12175
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I. FINDINGS OF FACT

A notice of claim was filed for these water rights pursuant to I.C. § 42-1411A by the Nez Perce Tribe. The Director of the State of Idaho Department of Water Resources examined the water system for this reporting area. The *Director’s Report* contained Abstracts of the claims for the elements of these water rights.

Objections were filed to these water right claims by the State of Idaho; PotlatchDeltic Land and Lumber, LLC; PotlatchDeltic Forest Holdings, Inc.; and Potlatch TRS Idaho, LLC.


The Nez Perce Tribe filed a *Motion to Withdraw Provisional Claims* on January 27, 2026. A hearing was held on February 25, 2026. The Nez Perce Tribe explained that based on additional information obtained during recent field exams, it decided to withdraw these claims.

No parties to the subcases opposed the *Motion to Withdraw Provisional Claims*. The Court **granted** the *Motions. Order Granting Motion to Withdraw Claims*. (March 4, 2026)

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

THEREFORE, based on the file and record herein, IT IS RECOMMENDED that water rights 87-12160, 87-12164, and 87-12175 **not be confirmed** in any partial or final decree.

Dated: March 24, 2026.



 BRIGETTE BILYEU
 Special Master
 Palouse River Basin Adjudication

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Water Right(s): 87-12160
 87-12164 87-12175

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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 March 24, 2026, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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