

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**

In Re PRBA  Case No. 59576  _____	) ) ) ) ) ) )	<b>SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS; FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</b>  <b>FOR WATER RIGHTS: 87-12160, 87-12164, and 87-12175</b>
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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.

  
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 BRIGETTE BILYEU  
 Special Master  
 Palouse River Basin Adjudication

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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF  
SPECIAL MASTER'S  
RECOMMENDATION

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

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.

*Janet Connell*  
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 JANET CONNELL  
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Water Right(s) : 87-12160  
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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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