

**NOTICE OF FILING DIRECTOR'S REPORTS
OF DEFERRED DE MINIMIS DOMESTIC
AND / OR STOCK WATER USE
CLAIM NUMBERS 29-14176, 29-14177 and 29-14178**

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) has filed with the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) District Court the Director's Reports of Deferred De Minimis Domestic and / or Stock Water Use (DRs) for claim numbers 29-14176, 29-14177 and 29-14178. These DRs contains the Director's recommendations to the SRBA Court as to how your de minimis domestic and 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 a Motions for Determination of Deferred De Minimis Domestic or Stock Water Use with an accompanying Notice of Claims to Water Rights in the SRBA. The Director has completed the examination of your claims and has filed his reports and recommendations of your claims with the Court. This mailing contains only the Director's recommendations to the SRBA Court of your claims. Your mailing **does not** contain the Director's recommendations of any claims other than your own. Complete copies of these DRs are also available at the SRBA courthouse in Twin Falls and at the locations listed at the end of this notice. Copies of the DRs can be made but you may be charged for copying and mailing. The DRs can also be accessed through the SRBA Court's internet web site at www.srba.idaho.gov or IDWR's web site at www.idwr.idaho.gov. A map of reporting areas, as well as other information pertaining to the SRBA, can be accessed on IDWR's web site 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 and / 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, 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 internet web page located at www.srba.idaho.gov. Information about subscribing to the Court's docket sheet is provided on page two of this notice.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REVIEWING YOUR OWN WATER RIGHTS

The descriptions of your rights, which are enclosed in the DRs, 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 recommendations. If you agree with the Director's recommendations you do not need to do anything, pending further notice as described below. If you disagree with the Director's recommendations, 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 recommendations?

If you disagree with any element of the recommendations of the water rights and want to be heard in court, file an objection with the SRBA Court, one for each water right recommendation you are objecting to. 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 web site at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

Your objection(s) must be **received** by the SRBA Court on or before **July 28, 2016**. A copy of the objection(s) must be mailed to the Director of IDWR. Should anyone else object to the recommendations of these rights, the objector should mail a copy of their objection(s) 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 any of 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 web site at: <http://www.srba.idaho.gov>.

Your response(s) must be **received** by the SRBA Court on or before **August 12, 2016**. A copy of the response(s) 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 right?

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 recommendations on **September 20, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. (Mountain Time)** at the SRBA courthouse. Partial decrees will be issued following this hearing.

How will I know about the proceedings on my water right recommendations 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 right will also receive notice of those court dates.

Additional information regarding water right claims can be found on the SRBA Court's web site at 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 web site 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 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 changes. Failure to notify IDWR may result in the loss of your water rights.

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

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Idaho Department of Water Resources

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Boise, Idaho 83720-0098
(208) 287-4809
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www.idwr.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Water Resources *Western Region*

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

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 *Southern Region*

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

Idaho Department of Water Resources *Eastern Region*

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

Power County Courthouse

543 Bannock
American Falls, ID 83211

DEFINITIONS OF THE ELEMENTS OF YOUR WATER RIGHT

RIGHT NUMBER: Your water right is identified by a number assigned by IDWR. The first two digits identify IDWR's administrative basin number; for example, 29, 43, or 72.

NAME AND ADDRESS: Your name and address should appear here. IDWR will use the most recent name and address in its records for the water right.

SOURCE: The name and/or type of the source where you divert your water. For example: "groundwater," "unnamed spring," or "Common Creek."

QUANTITY: The amount of water recommended in either cubic feet per second (cfs) and/or the volume of water in acre feet per year (AFY).

PRIORITY DATE: The date used to determine the priority of your right in relation to other rights using water from the same source.

POINT OF DIVERSION: The legal location where you divert water from its source; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract, or smaller. Other legal descriptions that might be used are government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys, or other survey information.

PURPOSE OF USE: The general category of the type of use you can make of your water. Typical purposes of use include irrigation, domestic, or stock watering.

PERIOD OF USE: The period of time during the year when you can use the water for your right.

PLACE OF USE: The legal location where you use your water right; generally described as 1/4 1/4 sections down to a 40-acre tract. Other legal descriptions that might be used are government lots, block, subdivision, parcel numbers, townsite names, mining claim information, homestead entry surveys, or other survey information.

PLACE OF USE FOR IRRIGATION PROJECTS: Pursuant to Idaho Code Sections 42-219(2) and 42-1411(2)(h). IDWR has included GIS mapping for describing the place of use (digital boundary) for water rights meeting certain criteria (i.e. irrigation projects). The **PLACE OF USE** for irrigation projects is reported in digital format and uses GIS technology to particularly identify and display a geographic area encompassing the place of use with the aid of a computer. The GIS data is stored in digital format and contained on a CD-ROM and is properly marked for identification with the water right number. The CD-ROM will be retained by the SRBA Court. IDWR also retains a duplicate of the original CD-ROM. The electronic data contained on the CD-ROM is available for public use and is also accessible through the IDWR internet website (<http://www.idwr.idaho.gov>). *Upon request, IDWR will provide a copy of the CD-ROM with the electronic data to claimants.*

BASIS OF CLAIM: The method that was used to establish your claim. Examples include prior decree, posted notice, beneficial use (historical) method, license, or permit.

IDWR does not investigate or make recommendations regarding federal law based claims.