

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

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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: THE GENERAL)
ADJUDICATION OF THE RIGHTS)
TO THE USE OF WATER FROM)
THE KOOTENAI RIVER BASIN)
WATER SYSTEM)**

Case No. 89576

**DECLARATION OF
LACEY RAMMELL-O'BRIEN**

I, Lacey Rammell-O'Brien, certify and declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho, that the following is true and correct:

1. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to testify to the matters contained herein. I make this declaration pursuant to Idaho Code § 9-1406 and based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I am currently a deputy attorney general for the Office of the Attorney General representing the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR). My work address is 322 E. Front Street, Boise, ID 83702. I have served in this capacity since June 2021.

3. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1407 and the Court's January 9, 2025, *Order Setting Commencement Hearing and Procedures for Hearing* and March 27, 2025, *Order Granting Joint Motion for Extension*, IDWR prepared in plain and concise language an *Amended Notice of Filing Petition to Commence General Adjudication of Water Rights (Amended Notice)*.

4. Pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1407, IDWR published the *Amended Notice* for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which any part of the water system proposed to be adjudicated is located.

5. On June 24, 2025, IDWR deposited the *Amended Affidavit of Service* for the *Amended* in U.S. Mail.

6. On June 27, 2025, IDWR filed the *Amended Affidavit of Service* with the Court. Paragraph 10 states that as of the date of the filing, the Department had not received affidavits of publication from the newspapers but would file those with the Court upon receipt.

7. On June 26, 2025, IDWR received the affidavits of publication from the Legal Clerk for Bonner County Daily Bee and Bonnors Ferry Herald via U.S. Mail.

8. The Bonner County Daily Bee is a newspaper of general circulation in Bonner County, published in Sandpoint, Idaho. The *Notice* was published on the following dates: the week of June 5, 2025; the week of June 12, 2025, and the week of June 19, 2025. A true and correct copy of the affidavit of publication of RikkiJade Lindstrom, Legal Clerk of the Bonner County Daily Bee, is attached hereto as "**Exhibit 1.**"

9. The Bonnors Ferry Herald is a newspaper of general circulation in Boundary County, published in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. The *Notice* was published on the following dates: the week of June 5, 2025; the week of June 12, 2025, and the week of June 19, 2025. A true and

correct copy of the affidavit of publication of RikkiJade Lindstrom, Legal Clerk of the Bonnors Ferry Herald, is attached hereto as “**Exhibit 2.**”

DATED this 1st day of July, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lacey Rammell-O'Brien", is written over a horizontal line.

LACEY RAMMELL-O'BRIEN
Deputy Attorney General

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 1ST day of JULY, 2025, I served this *Declaration of Lacey Rammell-O'Brien* on the following persons by mailing in the U.S. Mail:

1. Original to:

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


2. Copies to:

Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

Chief, Energy and Natural Resources Division
Office of the Attorney General
State of Idaho
PO Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0010

United States Department of Justice
Environment & Natural Resources Div.
550 West Fort Street, MSC 033
Boise, Idaho 83724

United States Department of Justice
Environment and Natural Resources Division
P.O. Box 7611
Ben Franklin Station
Washington, D.C. 20044-7611



Signature of Person Mailing Document

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Bonner)

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JUN 26 2025
DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

RikkiJade Lindstrom, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and states:

1. I am a citizen of the United States of America, over the age of 18 years, a resident of the State of Idaho, and am not a party to the proceedings referred to in the attached Legal Notice.

My business address is P.O. Box 159, Sandpoint, Idaho.

2. I am the Legal Clerk of the Bonner County Daily Bee, a newspaper of general publication in Bonner County, Idaho;

3. Said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in Bonner County, Idaho during a period of 12 months prior to the first publication of said Notice, and thereafter.

4. The attached Notice was published in the regular and entire issue of the Bonner County Daily Bee for a period of 3 consecutive weeks, commencing on the 5 day of June, 2025, and ending on the 19 day of June, 2025.

RikkiJade Lindstrom

State of Idaho, county of Bonner ss.

On this 19 day of JUNE, in the year of 2025 before me, Angela Minehart, Notary Public, personally appeared RikkiJade Lindstrom known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she (or they) executed the same.

Angela Minehart
Notary Public
Residing at: Kootenai County

My Commission Expires 03/20/2029



AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

State of Idaho

ss

County of Boundary, RikkiJade Lindstrom being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he/she is Legal Clerk of the Bonners Ferry Herald, a newspaper printed and published at Bonners Ferry, Boundary County, Idaho; that the said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said Boundary County during a period of 12 months prior to the first publication of the hereto attached notice of publication in the case of:

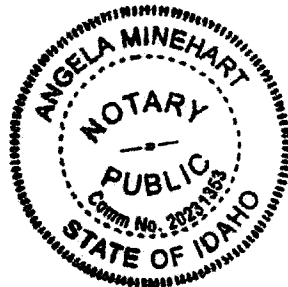
Filing Commencement Petition
as it was published in the regular and entire issue of the said paper for a period of 3 consecutive weeks, commencing on 5 day of June, 2025 and ending on the 19 day of June, 2025 and that said notice was published in said newspaper.

R. Lindstrom

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, this 19 day of June, 2025

Angela Minehart

Notary Public-State of Idaho
Residing at: Kootenai County
My Commission Expires 03/20/2029



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JUN 28 2025

DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE & BUREAU OF LANDS