

STATE OF IDAHO

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Dear Claimant:

You are receiving this mailing because you have filed a water right claim in the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication ("CSRBA"). The purpose of this letter is to provide you notice of upcoming settlement discussions involving claims filed in the CSRBA by the United States of America as trustee on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe.

In 2014, the United States of America, as trustee on behalf of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, filed water right claims in the CSRBA on behalf of the Tribe ("Tribal Claims"). Objections and responses to some or all of the Tribal Claims were filed by various parties with the CSRBA Court. In February 2015, the CSRBA Court consolidated the Tribal Claims into Subcase No. 91-7755 and issued a scheduling order governing the claims. The Scheduling Order requires the parties to Subcase No. 91-7755 meet and confer on whether to pursue settlement discussions. The initial settlement conference will be held May 7, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Lion Templin's Hotel in Post Falls, Idaho.

House Concurrent Resolution 62, adopted by the Idaho Legislature in 2014, requested "the State of Idaho, by and through the Governor and the Attorney General, to attempt to negotiate with the United States and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe of the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation a resolution of the nature and extent of the reserved water right claims of the Coeur d'Alene Tribe." H.C.R. 62 further provided that CSRBA claimants be notified of the negotiation and that the negotiation process provide for equal and open participation by CSRBA claimants.

As a CSRBA claimant you are welcome, but not required, to attend the initial settlement conference. The initial settlement conference will focus on whether the parties to Subcase No. 91-7755 want to engage in settlement discussions and, if so, the process for such discussions. The agenda for the initial settlement conference is posted on the CSRBA web site at www.csrba.idaho.gov/CSRBA1.HTM.

If you have further questions regarding this settlement conference and/or participation as a party to Subcase No. 91-7755, please call Suzy Cooley-Denney at (208) 762-2811.

Sincerely,

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