

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 Rights to) Case No. 89576
the Use of Water from the Kootenai River)
Basin Water System) **UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF**
) **RESTORATION OF APPROPRIATIONS**

1. On October 21, 2025, the United States moved to stay proceedings ("Motion") regarding commencement of the Kootenai River Basin Adjudication ("KRBA") during the pendency of the lapse in federal appropriations.

2. On October 22, 2025, the Court granted the Motion and vacated the scheduled dates for briefing and a hearing on the commencement of the KRBA pending the restoration of appropriations.

3. Consistent with the Motion, undersigned counsel hereby notifies the Court that as of November 13, 2025, the lapse in appropriations ended, when the President signed H.R. 5371—

Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026.

4. The United States is conferring with the other parties who have appeared regarding commencement to propose dates for resetting briefing and hearing on the State's Motion to commence the KRBA and intends to provide a scheduling motion for the Court's consideration.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of November 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 21st day of November 2025, I served true and correct copies of the foregoing UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF RESTORATION OF APPROPRIATIONS as follows:

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