

# What is a water right?

- Right to divert waters of state.
  - Diversion.
  - Application to beneficial use.
- “first in time is first in right.”
- Property right.
- Necessary to divert water.

# What is a general adjudication?

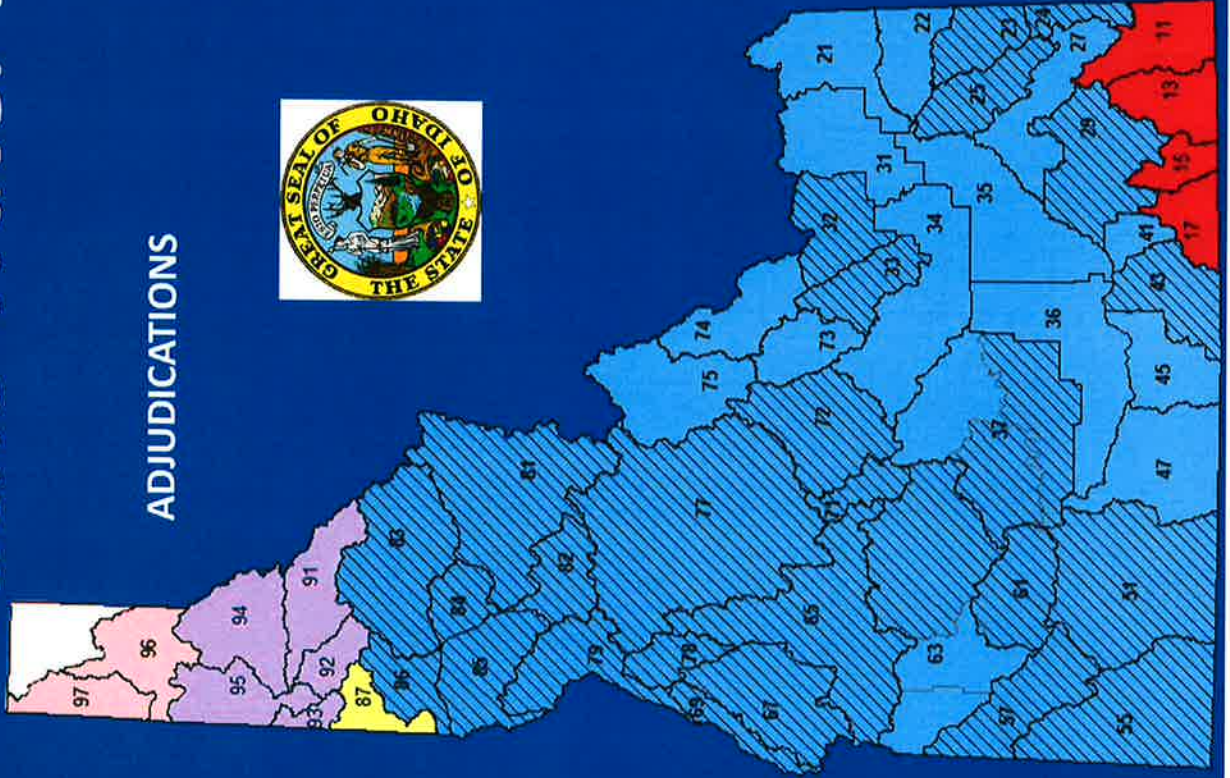
- Comprehensive determination all claims on a source.
- Single lawsuit joining everyone claiming right to use water
- McCarran Amendment.
- Forfeit claim if fail to file.
  - Exception for small domestic and stockwater.

# Why adjudicate water rights?

- Comprehensive inventory/tabulation.
- Avoid over appropriation.
- Priority administration.
- Address accomplished transfers.
- Determine federal and tribal rights in state court.
- Binding effect of final decree.
- Facilitate water markets
- Resolution interstate disputes.

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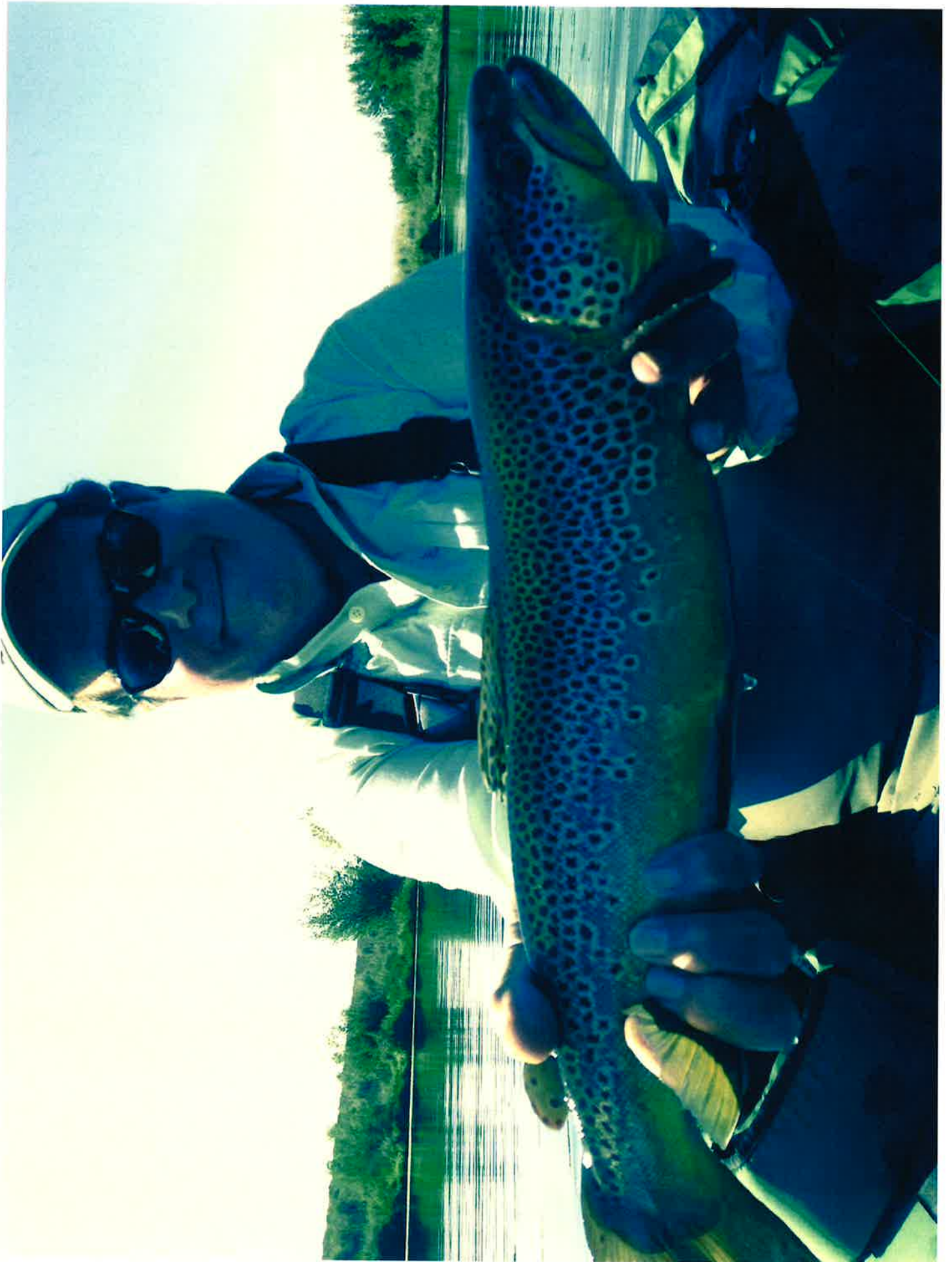
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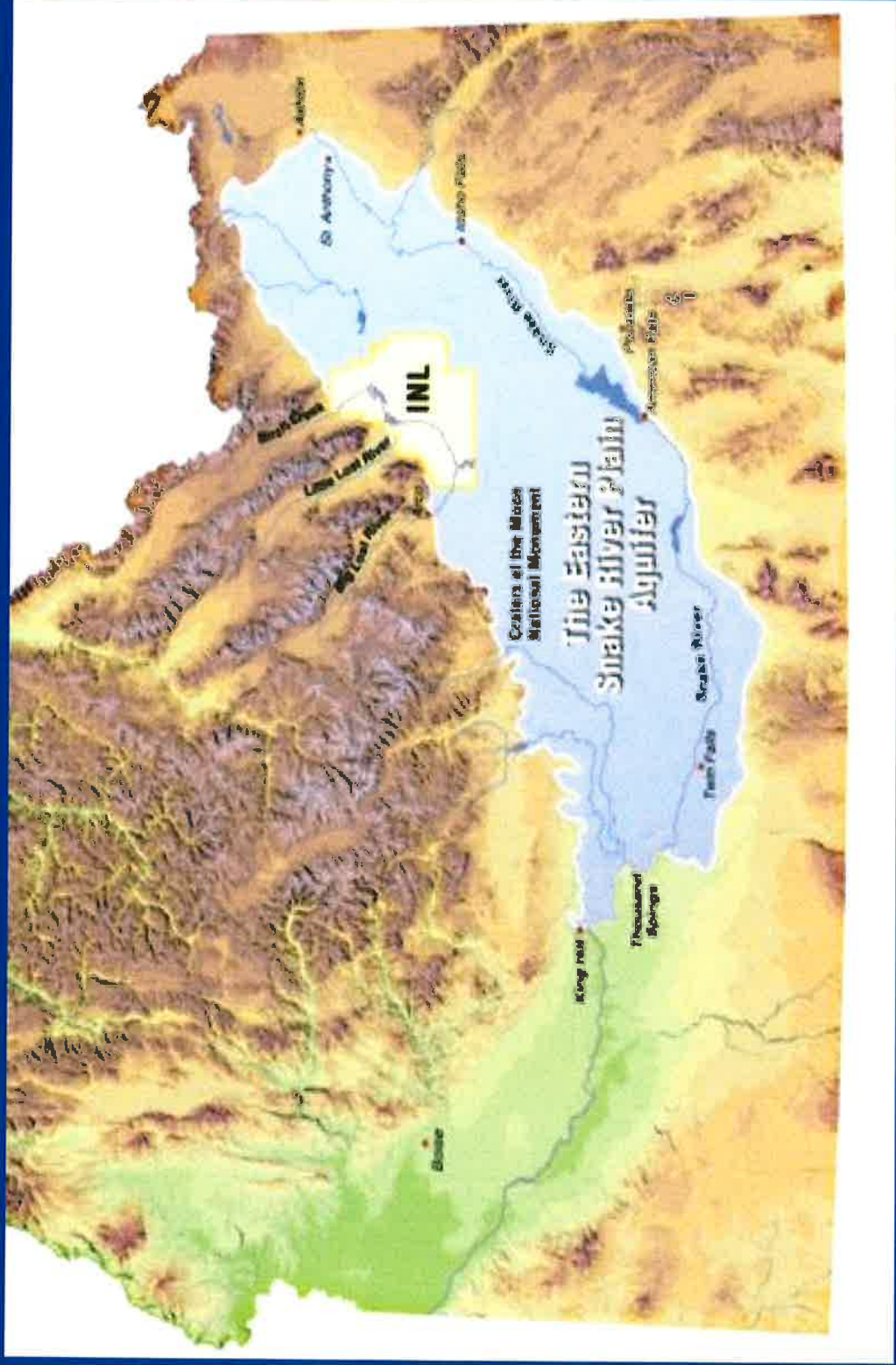
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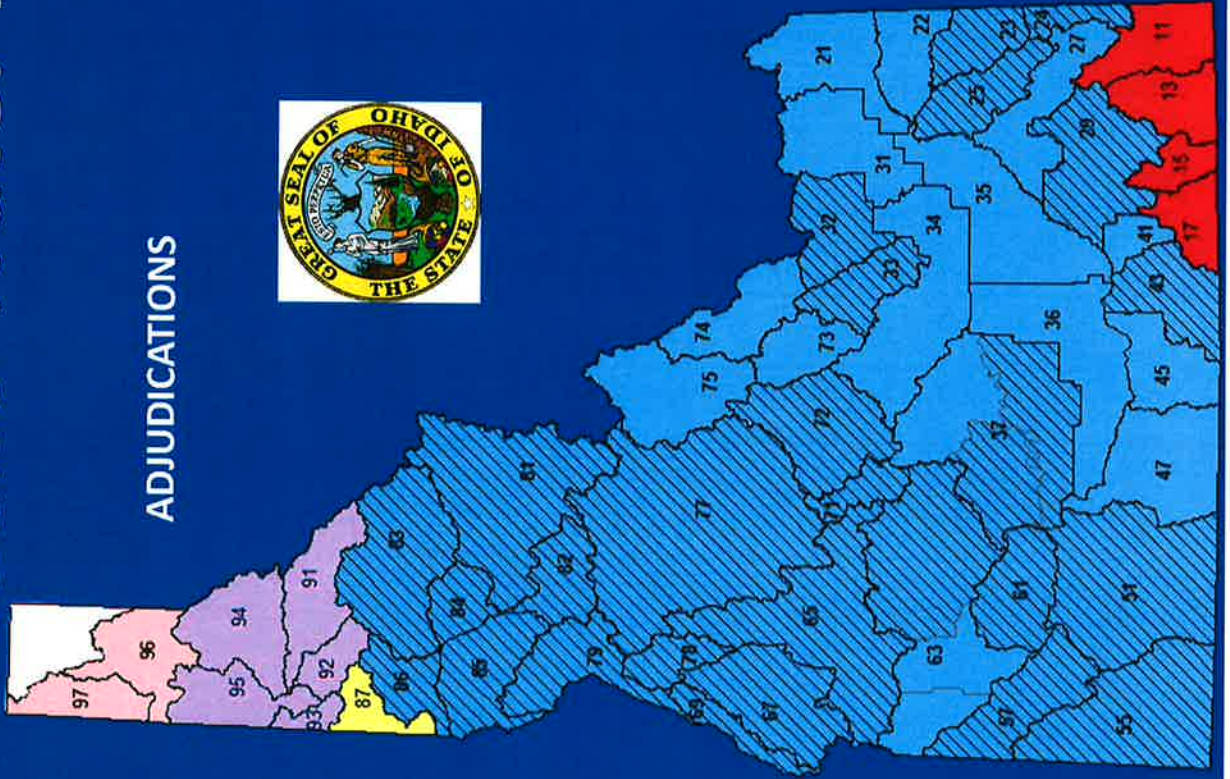


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