# Part I – Agency Profile

**Agency Overview**

The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR or Department) serves the citizens of Idaho by ensuring their water is conserved and available to sustain Idaho’s economy, ecosystems, and resulting quality of life. Governor Brad Little appointed Mathew Weaver the Director of IDWR on September 1, 2023, following the retirement of former IDWR Director Gary Spackman at the end of August 2023.

The Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB or Board) was created by constitutional amendment in 1965. The Director and the Board interact in a level working relationship. The Department administers water rights, performs regulatory functions, and develops tools and resources to record and monitor Idaho’s water supply. The Board establishes long-term vision and policy through Idaho’s State Water Plan for the use, protection, and development of water resources. The Board also administers several state monetary accounts in trust for the development and funding of water projects and improvements within the state. Current members of the Board are Jeff Raybould, Chair; Jo Ann Cole-Hansen, Vice Chair; Dean Stevenson, Secretary; Patrick McMahon, Albert Barker, Dale Van Stone, Marcus Gibbs, and Brian Olmstead. Title 42, Idaho Code is the primary authority for the existence of IDWR, IWRB, and their respective programs.

**Agency Core Functions**

The Department is organized into four bureaus at the central office in Boise. The Department also has regional offices in Boise, Coeur d’Alene, Idaho Falls, and Twin Falls. The regional offices work with the public in their respective geographic areas carrying out all core agency duties. The Department also has field offices in Salmon and Preston. The field offices specialize in core duties in the region. For example, water administration in Salmon and adjudication work in Preston.

**The Water Allocation Bureau** addresses all administrative water right proposals and recommends elements of water rights during a water right adjudication. The Water Allocation Bureau’s work represents the Department’s primary responsibility to supervise the appropriation and allotment of water for beneficial use. The Bureau is comprised of the Water Rights Section and Adjudication Section.

**The Water Compliance Bureau** administers programs that protect state water resources and ensures the distribution and use of the state’s water resources are fair and equitable in accordance with vested water rights and Idaho law. The Compliance Bureau is comprised of the Water Distribution Section, Ground Water Protection Section, and Stream Channel Protection Section. Additionally, the Bureau includes a National Floodplain Insurance Program Manager and an Enforcement Coordinator who supports multiple regulatory programs of the Department.

**The Planning & Projects Bureau** implements and manages water sustainability programs, projects and initiatives assigned by the Board. Programs include managed recharge of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer, cloud seeding, and the Board’s financial program which offers grants and loans for water sustainability projects across Idaho. The Planning & Projects Bureau is comprised of the Water Projects Section and the Water Supply Bank.

**The Technical Services Bureau** was formed in 2023 and combines the previous stand-alone Hydrology Section and Geospatial Technology Section. The Hydrology Section collects, stores, and analyzes hydrologic data for IDWR and the state of Idaho. The Geospatial Technology Section supports spatial data creation and analyses, and develops tools, maps, and applications used within IDWR and by the public. The work of both Sections supports the administration, management, planning, and protection of Idaho's water resources.

Additionally, the Safety of Dams program is a stand-alone regulatory unit overseen by the Director. Finally, Legal Services, fiscal and purchasing Support Services, and one HR Specialist, Sr. support IDWR operations. The Legal Services and HR staff are employees of the Office of the Attorney General and Department of Human Resources, respectively, and housed at IDWR.

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| **Revenue and Expenditures** | | | | |
| **Revenue** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| General Revenue Fund | 20,564,800 | 22,521,200[[1]](#footnote-1) | 23,935,400 |  |
| Indirect Cost Recovery | 639,700 | 720,300 | 544,600 |  |
| Aquifer Planning & Mgmt. | 1,474,700 | 1,534,800 | 1,588,000 |  |
| ARPA SLFRF[[2]](#footnote-2) | 0 | 100,030,000 | 50,000,000 |  |
| Water Admin. Fund | 1,641,200 | 1,741,400 | 1,835,300 |  |
| Technology Infrast. Stab. | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Adjudications[[3]](#footnote-3) | 38,000 | 38,000 | 47,700 |  |
| Federal Grant | 1,561,400 | 1,774,500 | 1,838,100 |  |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 1,737,100 | 1,624,100 | 1,680,000 |  |
| **Total** | **$27,656,900** | **$129,984,300** | **$81,469,100** |  |
| **Expenditures** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| Personnel Costs | 12,886,400 | 13,894,400 | 14,665,700 |  |
| Operating Expenditures | 5,701,200 | 7,564,700 | 46,297,200 |  |
| Capital Outlay | 89,900 | 247,300 | 483,200 |  |
| Trustee/Benefit Payments | 408,500 | 73,779,900 | 1,020,700 |  |
| **Total** | **$19,086,000** | **$95,486,300** | **$62,466,800** |  |

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| **Planning and Projects Bureau** | | | | |
| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| **IWRB Financial Program** |  |  |  |  |
| Loans | 8 for $4,871,615 | 15 for $39,265,720 | 4 for $1,098833 |  |
| Flood Management Grants | 10 Funded for $980,936 | 10 Funded for $1,069,988 | 10 Funded for $702,304 |  |
| Aging Infrastructure Grants | \* | 30 Funded for $25,000,000 | 40 Funded for $18,856,039 |  |
| **Water Management & Sustainability** | |  |  |  |
| Active Regional Water Sustainability Projects[[4]](#footnote-4) | 2 | 11 | 14 |  |
| IWRB Supported Stakeholder-Driven Water Management Initiatives[[5]](#footnote-5) | 4 | 4 | 4 |  |
| Number of Basins with Cloud Seeding Expenditures | 5 | 5 | 5 |  |
| IWRB Cloud Seeding Expenditures[[6]](#footnote-6) | $2,736,286 | $3,157,832 | $3,078,464 |  |
| **ESPA Aquifer Management** |  |  |  |  |
| Acre-feet (AF) Recharged into Aquifer[[7]](#footnote-7) | 157,586 AF | 146,943 AF | 408,982 AF |  |
| **Streamflow Improvement Projects** |  |  |  |  |
| Upper Salmon River Basin | 1 for $27,000 | 4 for $610,646 | 2 for $272,955 |  |
| **Water Supply Bank** |  |  |  |  |
| Rental Applications Received | 129 | 104 | 112 |  |
| Rental Applications Processed | 59 | 130 | 105 |  |
| Lease Applications Received | 170 | 124 | 188 |  |
| Lease Applications Processed | 103 | 186 | 137 |  |
| Lease Contract Release Requests | 12 | 13 | 16 |  |

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| **Water Allocation Bureau** | | | | |
| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| **Adjudications – Claims & Recommendations** |  |  |  |  |
| New Claims Received | 3,035 | 5,938 | 2,923 |  |
| Recommendations Completed[[8]](#footnote-8) | 2,303 | 132 | 2,133 |  |
| Number of Active Claims Awaiting a Director’s Report | 3,010 | 8,807 | 11,743 |  |
| **Applications for Permit** |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Applications Received | 982 | 1,101 | 627 |  |
| Number of Unprotested Applications Pending | 452 | 410 | 569 |  |
| Number of Protested Applications Pending | 144 | 145 | 125 |  |
| Total Applications in Progress | 596 | 555 | 694 |  |
| Total Permits Issued[[9]](#footnote-9) | 717 | 1,104 | 510 |  |
| Applications on Moratorium Hold | 701 | 714 | 721 |  |
| **Water Right Transfers** |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Applications Received | 260 | 281 | 217 |  |
| Number of Applications Resolved | 253 | 267 | 244 |  |
| Number of Unprotested Applications Pending | 85 | 109 | 102 |  |
| Number of Protested Applications Pending | 28 | 37 | 26 |  |
| Total Number Applications Pending | 113 | 146 | 128 |  |
| **Water Right Licenses** |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Licenses Issued | 241 | 326 | 417 |  |
| Number of Permits Needing Water Right Licensing[[10]](#footnote-10) | 604 | 623 | 521 |  |
| **Water Right Ownership Changes** |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Ownership Changes Processed | 3,224 | 2,750 | 2,210 |  |
| Number of Ownership Changes Pending | 473 | 278 | 260 |  |

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| **Water Compliance Bureau** | | | | |
| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| **Water Distribution Section** | | | | |
| Water Districts Created, Expanded, or Modified | 3 | 5 | 3 |  |
| Measurement Orders Issued (comprehensive only) | 1 | 1 | 2 |  |
| **Ground Water Protection Section** | | | | |
| Well Permits Issued | 4,938 | 4,648 | 4,342 |  |
| Driller Licenses Issued[[11]](#footnote-11) | 264 | 261 | 190 |  |
| Injection Well Apps Processed | 932 | 493 | 668 |  |
| Geothermal Well Apps Processed | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
| Percentage of Permitted Wells Inspected | 26.5% | 29.1% | 28.0% |  |
| Number of IGWA well driller workshops or online course presentations supported by IDWR | 2 | 3 | 4 |  |
| **Enforcement (Water Rights, Well Construction, and Stream Channel Alterations)** | | | | |
| Notices of Violation Issued | 20 | 17 | 12 |  |
| **Stream Channel Protection Unit** | | | | |
| Stream Channel Alteration (SCA) Apps Received | 333 | 329 | 367 |  |
| SCA Permits Issued[[12]](#footnote-12) | 250 | 271 | 222 |  |
| Percentage of SCA applications processed within 60 days of receipt (Min. Standard Projects only) | 85.8% | 82.3% | 80.1% |  |
| Percentage of permitted SCA activities receiving pre or post inspection | 38.0% | 31.0% | 42.8% |  |
| **Recreational Mining** | | | | |
| Letter Permits Issued | 237 | 238 | 228 |  |
| **Flood Plain Management Program** | | | | |
| NFIP Community Asst. Visits (CAVs) Opened or Ongoing | 21 | 8 | 3 |  |
| CAVs Closed | 9 | 15 | 5 |  |
| NFIP Comm. Asst. Contacts (CACs) Initiated[[13]](#footnote-13) | 6 | 0 | 7 |  |
| Training, Outreach, & Presentations Given | 9 | 9 | 12 |  |

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| **Safety of Dams Program** | | | | |
| **Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
| Inspections of Existing Dams | 87 | 91 | 122[[14]](#footnote-14) |  |
| Percentage of dams inspected each year that are necessary to comply with the annual inspection schedule | 76.3% | 80.0% | 83.0% |  |
| Design Review & Approval - New Const. or Repair | 13 | 8 | 8 |  |
| Percentage of High Hazard Dams with Up-to-Date Operation/Emergency Plans | 58.7% | 43.0% | 42.4% |  |
| Number of Dam Failures or Uncontrolled Releases of Stored Water[[15]](#footnote-15) | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |

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| **Technical Services Bureau** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Hydrology Section: Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | | | **FY 2022** | | | | | **FY 2023** | | | | **FY 2024** | | | **FY 2025** |
| **Surface and Ground Water Investigations** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Initiated | | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |  | |
| Ongoing | | | 4 | | | 4 | | | | 4 | | | |  | |
| Completed | | | 1 | | | 0 | | | | 1 | | | |  | |
| **Ground Water Model Revisions and Recalibration efforts** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Initiated | | | 0 | | | 1 | | | | 0 | | | |  | |
| Ongoing | | | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 3 | | | |  | |
| Completed | | | 0 | | | 1 | | | | 0 | | | |  | |
| **Water Rights Accounting Program Modernization efforts** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Initiated | | | 2 | | | 0 | | | | 0 | | | |  | |
| Ongoing | | | 1 | | | 3 | | | | 3 | | | |  | |
| Completed | | | 2 | | | 0 | | | | 0 | | | |  | |
| **Water Measurement Sites** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Water Measurement Sites | 1,593 | | | | 1,593 | | | | | 1,663 | | | |  | |
| Total Ground Water Measurement Sites | 1,353 | | | | 1,328 | | | | | 1,361 | | | |  | |
| Managed Recharge | 85 | | | | 89 | | | | | 83 | | | |  | |
| Geothermal | 42 | | | | 42 | | | | | 45 | | | |  | |
| Ground Water Quality | 256 | | | | 233 | | | | | 259 | | | |  | |
| Water Level Monitoring only | 970 | | | | 964[[16]](#footnote-16) | | | | | 974[[17]](#footnote-17) | | | |  | |
| Total Surface Water Sites | 240 | | | | 265 | | | | | 302 | | | |  | |
| Surface Water Quality | 16 | | | | 6 | | | | | 39 | | | |  | |
| Surface Water Gaging[[18]](#footnote-18) | 224 | | | | 259 | | | | | 263 | | | |  | |
| **Technical Services Bureau (cont.)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Hydrology Section: Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | | **FY 2022** | | | **FY 2023** | | | | **FY 2024** | | | | **FY 2025** | | |
| **Water Measurement Sites** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Water Measurement Sites | | 1,593 | | | 1,593 | | | | 1,663 | | | |  | | |
| Total Ground Water Measurement Sites | | 1,353 | | | 1,328 | | | | 1,361 | | | |  | | |
| Managed Recharge | | 85 | | | 89 | | | | 83 | | | |  | | |
| Geothermal | | 42 | | | 42 | | | | 45 | | | |  | | |
| Ground Water Quality | | 256 | | | 233 | | | | 259 | | | |  | | |
| Water Level Monitoring only | | 970 | | | 964[[19]](#footnote-19) | | | | 974[[20]](#footnote-20) | | | |  | | |
| Total Surface Water Sites | | 240 | | | 265 | | | | 302 | | | |  | | |
| Surface Water Quality | | 16 | | | 6 | | | | 39 | | | |  | | |
| Surface Water Gaging[[21]](#footnote-21) | | 224 | | | 259 | | | | 263 | | | |  | | |
| **Equipment Deployment** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Pressure Transducers Deployed in Wells | | 15 | | | 26 | | | | 23 | | | |  | | |
| Telemetry stations and instrumentation upgraded | | 10 | | | 21 | | | | 20 | | | |  | | |
| **Geospatial Technology Section: Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided** | | **FY 2022** | | | **FY 2023** | | | | **FY 2024** | | | | **FY 2025** | | |
| **GIS Large Database, Development, & Integration Projects** | | | | | | |  | | | |  | | |  | |
| Initiated | | | | 4 | | | 3 | | | | 1 | | |  | |
| Ongoing | | | | 6 | | | 4 | | | | 5 | | |  | |
| Continuous[[22]](#footnote-22) | | | | 0 | | | 3 | | | | 3 | | |  | |
| Completed | | | | 3 | | | 3 | | | | 2 | | |  | |
| Target GIS projects and requests completed | | | | 193 | | | 132 | | | | 204 | | |  | |

**Licensing Freedom Act**

Agencies who participate in licensure must report on the number of applicants denied licensure or license renewal and the number of disciplinary actions taken against license holders.

| **License or Permit** | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** |
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| **Operator Permit[[23]](#footnote-23) (Formerly Class II Operator Permit)** | | | | |
| Total Number of Licenses | 33 | 34 | 39 |  |
| Number of New Applicants Denied Licensure | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Number of Applicants Refused Renewal of a License | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Number of Complaints Against Licensees | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
| Number of Final Disciplinary Actions Against Licensees | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| **Licensed Driller** | | | | |
| Total Number of Licenses | 136 | 158 | 151 |  |
| Number of New Applicants Denied Licensure | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Number of Applicants Refused Renewal of a License | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Number of Complaints Against Licensees | 9 | 0 | 1 |  |
| Number of Final Disciplinary Actions Against Licensees | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |

***Part II – Performance Measures***

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| **IDWR Goal 1:** Manage and allocate the State’s water resources to optimize economic activity and protect public safety and Idaho’s ecosystems. | | | | | | |
| **Performance Measure** |  | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** | **FY 2026** |
| 1. **Applications for Permit**   Number of pending, unprotested Applications for Permit, not subject to a moratorium[[24]](#footnote-24) | **actual** | **604** | **623** | **569** |  |  |
| *target* | *450* | *575* | *600* | *250* |  |
| 1. **Water Right Transfers**   Number of Pending Water Right Transfer Applications[[25]](#footnote-25) | **actual** | **113** | **146** | **128** |  |  |
| *target* | *100* | *100* | *100* | *100* |  |
| 1. **Water Supply Bank**   Median number of days to receive, process, and recommend water supply bank leases and rentals | **actual** | **52** | **27** | **120** |  |  |
| *target* | *30* | *30* | *30* | *30* |  |
| 1. **Adjudications – Claims & Recommendations**   Total number of statewide adjudication claims taken and recommendations completed[[26]](#footnote-26) | **actual** | **5,338** | **6,070** | **5,056** |  |  |
| *target* | *5,500* | *4,000* | *4,000* | *4,000* |  |
| 1. **Ground Water Protection**   Percentage of wells inspected during construction, modification, or decommissioning | **actual** | **26.5%** | **29.1%** | **28.0%** |  |  |
| *target* | *30%* | *30%* | *26%* | *28%* |  |

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| **IDWR Goal 2:** Accurately administer water rights and distribute water to protect senior water rights and conserve Idaho’s water. | | | | | | |
| **Performance Measure** |  | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** | **FY 2026** |
| 1. **Water Distribution**   Water Districts created or modified | **actual** | **3** | **5** | **3** |  |  |
| *target* | *1-2* | *1-2* | *1-2* | ≥2 |  |
| 1. **Ground Water Measurement Sites**   Number of additional pressure transducers installed annually into existing monitoring wells | **actual** | **15** | **26** | **23** |  |  |
| *target* | *25* | *25* | *25* | *25* |  |
| 1. **Telemetry stations and instrumentation upgraded** | **actual** | **10** | **21[[27]](#footnote-27)** | **20** |  |  |
| *target* | *5* | *5* | *10* | *10* |  |

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| **IDWR Goal 3:** Sustain, maintain, and enhance the State’s water resources for the benefit of Idaho’s economy, ecosystems, and resulting quality of life. | | | | | | |
| **Performance Measure** |  | **FY 2022** | **FY 2023** | **FY 2024** | **FY 2025** | **FY 2026** |
| 1. **Water Resource Board**   Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer acre-feet (AF) recharged into aquifer | **actual** | **157,586 AF** | **146,943 AF** | **408,982** **AF** |  |  |
| *target* | *250,000 AF* | *250,000 AF* | *250,000 AF* | *250,000 AF* |  |

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1. $6 million from the General Revenue Fund is transferred to the IWRB’s continuously appropriated funds. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. This revenue source was previously labeled ‘Economic Recovery Fund’. In FY23 this revenue source was re-labeled ‘American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)’ to better describe the funding source. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This revenue source was previously called ‘N. Idaho Adjudication’. In FY22, IDWR renamed the revenue source ‘Adjudications’ to reflect all adjudication activity in the State. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Projects intended to help achieve water supply sustainability on a regional, basin, or statewide scale. Reflects the number of projects currently under development or completed for which funding has been obligated. Funding sources include legislative appropriations to the IWRB’s Revolving Development Account, Water Management Account, and ARPA funding. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. These include water management planning and implementation efforts in the Lemhi River, Wood River, and Bear River basins, and the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. IWRB Cloud Seeding Expenditures represent all funds committed for operations and maintenance, capital cost, and research and development per fiscal year. Expenditures are rounded to the nearest whole dollar. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. IWRB managed aquifer recharge conducted under the IWRB’s natural flow rights. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Beginning in FY25, this performance measure is updated from Recommendations Submitted to the Court to Recommendations Completed. The updated language reflects a distinction between recommendations completed and recommendations submitted to the court. The purpose of this change is to better reflect IDWR staff’s productivity throughout an extended period. A “Director’s Report” includes multiple recommendations that are typically prepared over multiple fiscal years and held until a large group of recommendations can be submitted to the court in a single report. The Director’s Report can contain hundreds to thousands of recommendations. Reporting the submittal of Director’s Reports, which include multiple recommendations prepared over several years does not accurately reflect IDWR’s productivity in a single fiscal year. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The label for this metric was previously “Total Applications Completed” and represented the total number of water right permits issued by IDWR in a fiscal year. For clarity, in FY22 IDWR relabeled this metric as “Total Permits Issued.” [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. The label for this metric was previously “Number of Licenses Pending" and represented the total number of permits with proof of beneficial use filed still needing licensing as of the end of the fiscal year. Starting in FY23, IDWR relabeled this metric to more accurately reflect the values reported. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Beginning in FY24, in accordance with updated Well Driller Licensing Rules (IDAPA 37.03.10), the Department eliminated licensing requirements for entry level Class I Operators, which significantly reduced the number of licenses issued. Prior to FY24, the annual number of driller licenses issued included Driller Licenses and Class I and II Operator Permits. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Some permits issued in the current fiscal year were received in the previous fiscal year. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. This metric was incorrectly labeled ‘CACs Completed’ and has been corrected to ‘CACs Initiated’, consistent with IDWR’s Strategic Plan. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. IDWR staff inspected 95 dams due for inspection in FY24 and inspected an additional 24 dams that were due for inspection in FY23. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. The “Number of Dam Failures or Uncontrolled Releases of Stored Water” metric was added to the Performance Report in FY21. The prevention of dam failures and uncontrolled releases of water is a primary indicator of the level of success of the State’s dam safety program. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Plus 1,034 additional wells for FY23 mass measurement events in the Big Lost River Basin (123), Mountain Home Plateau (119) and Eastern Snake River Plain (792). [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Plus 139 wells measured in FY24 Mountain Home Plateau mass measurement event. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Includes USGS gages and return flow sites. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Plus 1,034 additional wells for FY23 mass measurement events in the Big Lost River Basin (123), Mountain Home Plateau (119) and Eastern Snake River Plain (792). [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. Plus 139 wells measured in FY24 Mountain Home Plateau mass measurement event. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. Includes USGS gages and return flow sites. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. The Department added “Continuous” projects to the FY23 Performance Report to represent GTS projects that do not have an end date. “Ongoing” projects represent GTS projects with a long-term end date. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. Beginning in FY24, in accordance with updated Well Driller Licensing Rules (IDAPA 37.03.10), the Department eliminated licensing requirements for entry level Class I Operators and renamed Class II Operators as Operators. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. Beginning in FY25, IDWR will report the number of *Pending, unprotested Applications for Permit, which are not subject to a moratorium*, as the first of nine performance measure in the Department’s annual Performance Report. The previous reported performance measure was the *Number of permits needing Water Right Licensing*, which is still reported in the Water Allocation Bureau table on pg. 4 of this Performance Report. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. Pending transfer applications represent the backlog of unprocessed transfer applications at the end of the fiscal year. [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
26. Beginning in FY25, Performance Measure #4 is updated from Total number of statewide adjudication claims taken, and recommendations submitted to the Idaho Water Adjudications Court (“court”) to Total number of statewide adjudication claims taken, and recommendations completed. The updated performance measure reflects a distinction between recommendations completed and recommendations submitted to the court. The purpose of this change is to better reflect IDWR staff’s productivity throughout an extended period. A “Director’s Report” includes multiple recommendations that are typically prepared over multiple fiscal years and held until a large group of recommendations can be submitted to the court in a single report. The Director’s Report can contain hundreds to thousands of recommendations. Reporting the submittal of Director’s Reports, which include multiple recommendations prepared over several years does not accurately reflect IDWR’s productivity in a single fiscal year. [↑](#footnote-ref-26)
27. The actual FY20, FY21, and FY22 totals for performance measure #8 represent new telemetry systems installed at stream gage stations. Beginning with FY23, the Department updated this measure to include both upgraded and newly installed telemetry stations. The actual FY23 total, 21, accounts for seven upgrades and 14 newly installed telemetry stations. Because IDWR is in the maintenance stage of telemetry installation, there is more opportunity for upgrades than new installations, and thus the benchmark is increased to ‘10’. [↑](#footnote-ref-27)