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We're writing in regards to the application of Snake River Oil & Gas, LLC for spacing order in Payette County Idaho.

We are strongly opposed to drilling under any residential area. People's homes are their single largest investment, and should never be put at risk.

Even more important, the health and well-being a people should never be put at risk.

There are risks involved in this type of drilling. There is a possibility of the ground shifting after drilling. Some of this area is between two rivers. Water displacement can cause serious changes to the geological structure underneath these residential homes. There's also a risk of releasing into the atmosphere methane and other gases.

According to an article, "Potential Health and Environmental Effects of Hydrofrackin in the Williston Basin, Montana," by Joe Hoffman (https://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/health/case_studies/hydrofracking_w.html), the following are real risks:

- Contamination of groundwater
- Methane pollution and its impact on climate change
- Air pollution impacts
- Exposure to toxic chemicals
- Blowouts due to gas explosion
- Waste disposal
- Large volume water use in water-deficient regions
- Fracking-induced earthquakes
- Workplace safety
- Infrastructure degradation

The mineral rights were already sold to the house we purchased. We were never advised of any risks. From talking to people in the area, I do not believe any of the above risks were discussed with the property owners when permission for mineral, gas and oil rights were requested.

The state of Idaho should protect its citizens. Forbidding this type of drilling under residential or commercial land is a matter of common sense.

Furthermore, a 100% majority of signatures is not required under current law. Therefore, even if a homeowner does not want to sell their mineral and gas rights, they can be forced to sell, if enough other neighbors decide to. This is wrong as well.

This drilling should not be allowed.

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