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Subject: Re: Oil and Gas in Idaho
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Kourtney,

This letter is in support of Snake River Oil & Gas in regards to Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-003 – Integration Order CC-2016-OGR-01-001 and Barlow #2-14

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To: Craig McCullough <crm6901@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Oil and Gas in Idaho

Good morning,

Thank you for your email.

I am responding to ask for clarification on whether your email is intended to address a particular administrative matter.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Oil and Gas in Idaho

Mr. Thomas--

I own 4 Rivers Surveying and have worked with other companies on similar projects. The Snake River Oil and Gas team sets a very high bar in comparison to their predecessors. That is why I am writing this letter in support of Snake River Oil and Gas to you today.

My work with Snake River involved surveying for its well, easements and anything construction staking related. During that time, I could tell the owners of the company had put together a team of experts who knew and cared about what they are doing. This separated them from other companies I have worked with in the past who were not educated on the best practices for this kind of project. I have noticed that the previous company has strained the relationship with the community. Snake River does much better at fostering a good community relationship. 4 Rivers Surveying has worked on oil/gas projects in 6 states. We have experience and know a good company when we see one. I think the Idaho Department of Lands should be supportive of Snake River because they are a responsible company that has found an appropriate balance of extracting an important resource while also protecting Idaho's land.

My company has done over a half a million dollars of work for these companies. Our employees have been the beneficiary of this work. We need this oil and gas development work to continue to support our Idaho families.

I was born in Emmett and lived here most of my life. My family was employed by Boise Cascade in the Emmett mill. The mill employed directly 10 percent of Emmett's population. It employed much more indirectly. The environmental movement started affecting the Idaho economy in the late 1970's. The environmental folks believed that they knew best how to manage Idaho's forest. The Forest Service and Boise Cascade had a vested interest in keeping healthy forests. The ranks of the Forest Service had experts in forest management. They had a wealth of knowledge to cruise timber and fire control. Boise Cascade also had experts. There were people who could grade lumber. Fast forward to 2021, Boise Cascade is long gone and all the jobs that went with it. Today the Forest Service manages campers and tourist. A knowledgeable forest manager is very hard to find. Same is true with lumber graders. The last thing we ever need in Idaho is outside interest forcing their beliefs onto us.

People who live in this area have a great appreciation for their land and want to see it protected. That is part of what makes Snake River such a strong partner to our community. They have done their due diligence to make sure their projects provide both economic benefits, while minimizing their environmental impact. Idaho prides itself in being the least regulated state in the Union, so repeatedly delaying the development of a responsible business is not what Idaho is about.

For these reasons I ask that you allow this development to move forward. The mineral owners and the community are both eagerly waiting to see the benefits it will bring.

Respectfully—
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