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Good Afternoon,  
Attached you will find our letter of response to the Oil and Gas Spacing Application, due by 3/26/20.

Thank you, Alan and Glenda Grace

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**Regarding: Objections and Responses to the Oil and Gas Spacing Application of February 24, 2020**

As Property owners in the County of Payette and members of the CAIA (Citizens Allied for Integrity and Accountability), we have placed a significant effort into expressing our concerns related to the ongoing challenges specific to the NOW, Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC Spacing Order, that impacts our private property and our personal lives, as well as, the surrounding property owners.

5 years and 8 months ago, we moved to this beautiful area of Payette County. We have invested a great amount of time, energy and love into improvements to our home and property since that time. In doing so, have enjoyed an abundance of activities and pleasurable moments with our family and a vast array of friends from all around the Valley.

Immediately after we moved into our home (July 2014), Alta Mesa representatives were knocking at our door requesting that we "sign on" with the Alta Mesa Idaho LLC efforts, granting them our mineral rights. They promised a sign on bonus of \$100.00 an acre, as an encouragement to do so. Choosing to refuse this offer, the door knocking increased, trespassing on our private property continued and they began applying pressure, threatening they would acquire our mineral rights either way. We were frustrated, uneducated about what was going on and couldn't believe we were in an area that would allow such imposing threats on their property owners. We asked ourselves and others, "Could this be happening to us? Can an organization just walk in and take over something we have worked our entire lives for?"

Months marched forward and we continued to receive communications, legal documentation, Notices of Intent to force uncommitted mineral owners, Notices of Hearings, Notices of Vacating Hearings and Continuing to future dates, Reports, Declarations from geophysicists, geologists and mapping outlining the intentional reservoir, much of which was extremely difficult to interpret from a lay person's perspective. This raised such uncertainty and concern.

At a time of loss in what we could do to protect ourselves and our mineral rights, we were introduced to CAIA. What a wonderful organization, which collectively cared about our residents and were willing to take the time help us through this personal crisis that also impacted many others around us.

We have been faced with threat, uncertainty, bankruptcy, and rearrangement of impacted property acreage. The drilling site was resurrected and pre-testing began prior to approval to do so. The pipeline has already been laid. We have faced a change in the name of the oil and gas companies and subsequently, an abundance of legal documentation by mail, certified mail and email which included reference to issues related to other states.

All property owners, committed or non-committed, will share in the impact of this effort. Some have been promised royalties/payments, which others have chosen not to accept. Whatever negative impacts result in this oil and gas drilling, we will share. This could include potential water contamination, river contamination, threat of drilling waste, threat of reduction in property values and the loss of protection for personal value and safety.

Personally, we have no reason to trust or support in any way, any of the companies involved in this drilling effort. They have track records that speak for themselves; they have proceeded without the proper legal steps and demonstrate a lack respect for the value and safety of individual lives. We will exercise our right and communicate our desire for Idaho Department of Lands to kill this spacing unit application, and that we STOP catering to an industry that is threatening our property rights, the health and safety of our family and the preservation of our water.

Respectfully Submitted, Alan & Glenda Grace