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Dear Kourtney Romine,

Attached is my letter I have written in opposition of the Snake River Gas and Oil Spacing Application Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002.

Please see that my comments are posted and reach the appropriate department heads.

Thank you,

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Idaho Department of Lands  
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RE: Application of Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC for Spacing Order Consisting of the SE 1% of Section 10, the SW ¼ of Section 11, NW 1/4 of Section 14, and the NE 1/4 of Section 15, Township 8 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho. Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002

Dear Mr. Thomas,

I am writing this letter in **opposition** to Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC Application for Spacing Order Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-002 in Payette, County Idaho.

The Mission Statement for the Department of Lands is “**Mission.** To professionally and prudently manage **Idaho's** endowment assets to maximize long-term financial returns to public schools and other trust beneficiaries and to provide professional assistance to the citizens of **Idaho** to use, protect and sustain their natural resources.”

I would like the Department of Lands to review this statement. Is allowing for spacing and more drilling of the Oil and Gas wells really trying to protect and sustain the natural resources in Payette, County next to the Payette River?

Why is it that we as property owners have to defend our right of ownership of minerals and our property rights? I do not understand how companies from out of state can come in, force property owners into having pipelines running through their property, and wells drilled all for their own monetary gains. There are very real risks of contamination into the most precious God given natural resource, and that is our water. Once contaminated with toxins from fracking our homes and property values will be worth only a fraction of what they should be worth. The risk to reward for property owners and our community health is simply not worth the risk.

I have many concerns should the health of the citizens of Idaho come first? Or does the State want to risk the health, the financial value of the citizens investments in property and what about our environment? For the almighty value of the dollar that big business could potentially bring to the state? Then again, if this goes wrong contaminates the water, destroys the value of the citizens homes and land, effects the health of the residents does the state have the funds to pay off a very large class action law suit for damages after the citizens have put in writing their

concerns? This isn't a threat, it is a promise. These are all points that needs to be considered before a final decision is made.

I understand that there may be some conflicts of interest between the Oil and Gas Company's giving donations to the Governor, three District 9 legislators and who knows who else. Very foolish move to think the citizens would not find these donations a conflict of interest. Oh yes, the name has changed however we still have some main players from Alta Mesa to the newly formed Snake River Oil and Gas, LLC.

I don't believe a single person who has a vote in this matter would ever intentionally endanger themselves or their family. My hope is that each person in the Idaho Department of Lands will strongly consider the opposition points to stop further Applications for Spacing and applications for drilling around our water supplies, homes and communities.

**Please remember that the Idaho Department of Lands Mission is "...to provide professional assistance to the citizens of Idaho to use, protect and sustain their natural resources."**

I am praying that the State will listen to the citizens.

Respectfully,

Sharon M. Simmons