

**From:** [David Mihalic](#)  
**To:** [Kourtney Romine](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Snake River Oil and Gas request for a 'spacing' unit in Payette County  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 09, 2020 02:14:10 PM

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Thank you. I apologize for not being specific. I am referring to:

**Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001**

David Mihalic

On 6/9/2020 12:27 PM, Kourtney Romine wrote:

Mr. Mihalic,

Thank you for your response.

We currently have two applications for a spacing unit that are contested case proceedings. Can you please verify which one of the contested case proceedings you are referring to?

Thank you,

**Kourtney Romine**  
**Administrative Assistant II**  
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Attn: Kourtney Romine  
Attn: Mick Thomas  
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Dear Ms. Romine and Mr. Thomas,

As residents of Fruitland, we are writing to express our deep concerns with the request by Snake River Oil and Gas for a 'spacing' unit in Payette County. It is our understanding that this would eventually *force* us as citizens to allow this company to extract the oil and gas that we *own* from under our own homes for an insignificant remuneration. And there will be no guarantee of protections of our property values or more importantly the health and safety of our families. At the greatest risk are the water resources, the aquifers and the Payette River itself.

We understand that such a request has been made before in 2018 by the now defunct Texas Oil Company Alta Mesa. A federal Judge then ruled that these actions violated the constitutional rights of property owners who had been force pooled by Texas Oil Company Alta Mesa. Do we, as citizens, voters, and property owners, really need to take this to court again? Will we allow Snake River Oil and Gas to threaten the safety of the citizens again for the corporate need for profit at any cost?

How many pipeline disasters has this country already seen *after* companies have sworn to us how there is no risk to the environment because of their great technological prowess?

Recent significant earthquakes again demonstrate that we are not living in a geologically stable area. As Idaho citizens, we do NOT want to allow pipelines of toxic materials to run *under* any river cutting through a geologically unstable area. The Payette River serves tens of thousands of citizens, irrigates countless acres of farmland. Such pipeline ruptures would contaminate this major waterway for years to come, crippling local economies and threatening the lives of near-river inhabitants.

STOP trusting these companies that plunder our natural resources. They are not here in Idaho to help us but rather to help themselves.

Say NO to Snake River Oil and Gas.

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