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To: Idaho Department of Lands

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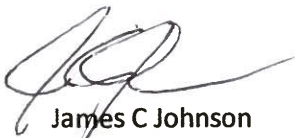
Subject: Application for Spacing by Snake River Oil and Gas (Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001)

The purpose of this letter is to express my opposition to the Spacing Application referenced above. This is a classic example of a "taking" from the citizens of Idaho for the benefit of a few, in this case Snake River Oil and Gas. Furthermore, I believe it is a violation of our constitutional rights and threatens our property rights, our water quality, and the health and safety of Idaho families.

The risks are real and it is incumbent on the Idaho Department of Lands to protect the citizens of Idaho from them. According to an article, "Potential Health and Environmental Effects of Hydrofracking in the Williston Basin, Montana," by Joe Hoffman ([https://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/health/case\\_studies/hydrofracking\\_w.html](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

Additionally, the applicant has no track record of doing what is right for the people of Idaho. We as Idahoans shouldn't cater to an industry and a company that will likely leave us to clean up the mess by hiding behind bankruptcy and other legal maneuvering if things don't go as planned. Given the current state of the oil and gas industry that risk to the citizens of Idaho is even greater. So I urge you to do the right thing for the people of Idaho and deny this application.



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