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Subject: Objection to Application for Spacing by the Snake River Oil and Gas Company
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Idaho Department of Lands

We are opposed to the State of Idaho approving the application Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001 for Spacing by the Snake River Oil and Gas Company and want to register our objections.

We are citizens of Eagle who have seen the State of Idaho permit oil and gas development in Southwest Idaho with little or no regard for the environmental consequences of development and little respect for pollution from oil and gas development to the Snake River and to property rights of land owners with the forced pooling business.. We have worked to protect our homes and property from oil and gas development, and we are not interested in the State of Idaho permitting the application for Snake River Oil and Gas Company's Spacing permit. Given what we have seen we are opposed to oil and gas development in our midst and all other consequent land and air pollution that comes with exploration for and development such oil and gas and impact on our roads for which we understand the oil and gas companies are not liable for maintenance or repairs. We are not impressed with any oil and gas company that has come to Idaho or how they will benefit Idaho and how the State of Idaho has done little to limit negative consequences from oil and gas development in Southwest Idaho to date.

We understand that the ‘Spacing’ applications are the first administrative step toward integration or ‘forced pooling’ of Idaho property owners for oil and gas extraction. This process allows state regulators to *force* citizens to allow oil companies to extract the oil and gas *those citizens own* from under their homes for a literal pittance and without adequate protections of their property values, the health and safety of their families and their water resources. In 2018 a federal Judge ruled that these actions violated the constitutional rights of our members and property owners who had been force pooled by Texas Oil Company Alta Mesa. Snake River Oil & Gas has taken over after Alta Mesa went bankrupt and is working diligently to start producing 2 gas wells drilled in 2018 on the banks of the Payette River in Payette County. Snake River Oil & Gas (SROG) has also spent millions constructing a pipeline to transport the oil and gas from these wells – a pipeline that crosses under the river in at least 2 locations. An accident or leaking by either of these oil wells or the pipeline could contaminate underground aquifers as well as the river, countless farms

and ranches that use river water for irrigation, and the entire domestic water supply for the community of Fruitland. **Before SROG can ever produce those wells and start flowing hydrocarbons through their pipeline, they have to get past our objections and citizens of Idaho.**

So, we want to make it clear that we are not persuaded that this is in the public interest to grant SROG's Spacing application for environmental and property objections above noted. **Do not approve SROG's application that will violate property rights and civil rights of Idaho citizens and will endanger our health and the safety of our families. SROG should not be permitted to pollute our water, air and soil through reckless or irresponsible business practises: Do what is right, and don't approve their application or permit their proposed development.**

Sincerely,

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