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**Subject:** Snake River Oil and Gas Application for Gas/Oil Well  
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Dear Ms. Kromine,

My name is Steve Lambert and my wife Laura and I own the property located at 1205 Cottonwood Drive in Fruitland, Idaho. We have just been made aware of a gas well that was drilled near our neighborhood. I am writing this e-mail to you, the Idaho Department of Lands, to express our serious concern with Snake River Oil and Gas' intention to put this already-drilled well into production.

First, we have owned this home since June 2019 and have not received any notification from any party regarding this potentially disruptive and detrimental enterprise. It is very surprising to us that the IDL would even consider allowing such a gas/oil well to be put into production so close to residential areas, the Payette River, and the Fruitland Water Treatment facility.

Second, we are very concerned about the impact to our neighborhood, our environmental conditions, and our property values. Our health concerns stem primarily from the proximity of the potential well to our house and associated potential for air and water pollution.

Third, It appears like oil and gas wells in this area have continuously changed ownership—the current “owner” is Snake River Oil and Gas—but nobody knows who is really behind this effort.

Fourth, it also appears that Snake River Oil and Gas have not insured themselves for any significant liabilities due to potential operational mishaps or accidents.

Therefore, we strongly object to the approval of any spacing application or the integration of unleased mineral interests in order to put this well into production on the grounds that these actions would (a) jeopardize personal and public safety, (b) expose the community to environmental contaminants, (c) decrease the quality of life of our community, and (d) jeopardize property values in our neighborhood.

We moved to Fruitland to live in a peaceful, country setting and to start a charter school for rural students that would otherwise not have access to a quality education. This type of gas/oil extraction operation does not seem well-thought out and certainly does not seem to take community and local concerns into account.

We respectfully request that you protect our personal and community property rights by disallowing any further actions to extract natural resources from the proposed area.

Sincerely,

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Colonel, USAF (Retired)