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Julie Fugate requested that we send this letter concerning the Barlow gas well. If you see revisions or additions that need to be made please let us know.
Thank you

January 28, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing in regards to the Barlow Gas Well Site installed by Alta Mesa on our lower property. We were approached several years ago by Clayton Clancy to sign a lease for the drilling rights, and were told that the well site would not be on our property. But eventually it was decided to drill here anyway. We were assured by another representative that there would be a rather inconspicuous well head with a protective cage around it. While this is true, he failed to mention that we would also be looking at a lasting and unsightly scar of sterilized land approximately an acre in size only 440 ft. below our home! We were told that the timeline for establishing the well head would be approximately two weeks. In fact, just the set up process spanned about six months, and some of our land was indeed used for the drilling pad. Concerning an additional eight acres for which we were told we had no mineral rights, neither of the Alta Mesa Landmen produced any proof, so we had to research this ourselves. Now, with the possibility of the gas being put in production, we can only wonder what misinformation, communication gaps, and deceptions we'll experience.

Aside from a brief letter concerning the flaring and a short meeting with senior Landman, Wade Moore, neither Alta Mesa nor Payette County has made an effort to communicate with us in person throughout this ordeal; what we have learned about the process has come from research and meetings with concerned citizens. Considering the health and safety risks, invasion of privacy, the massive amount of equipment involved, and the extended time needed to finish the operation, communication with the property owner should be a high priority. The lack of regard shown by Alta Mesa from the well's inception until now has caused us continual frustration and anxiety. Little did we know the extent of a well drilling operation! We are still in limbo concerning the future of this operation, and fear that a continuation of these tactics will not be alleviated by merely changing ownership of the Alta Mesa Company.

Had we known the gas well was going to be only 440 ft from our property, and that the process would continue on for years we would never have signed the lease. Finally, there is the concern for health and safety factors of the entire gas well industry along this river corridor. Will global warming cause future flooding at the site? What are the risks of drilling under the river? How secure is the well head itself? There are many issues to be addressed.

We appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael England

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