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Idaho Department of Lands
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I am writing on behalf of myself and all Idaho citizens to request that you deny the application by Alta Mesa Idaho for the 160 acre spacing unit in Docket No CC-2019-OGR-01-02.

This application appears to be nothing short of an attempt to exclude hundreds of property owners in the surrounding 450+ acres of land (subject of their previous application) from receiving the royalty payments they would be due if, and when, the Fallon 1-10 gas well is put into production as AMI seeks to do.

Video testimony of Fruitland property owners documents that Alta Mesa landmen told them the gas and oil under their homes would be “absorbed” when that well goes into production so they had better sign a lease in order to be paid for it. So by the operator’s own admission, those hydrocarbons from surrounding areas **will** migrate when the well begins pumping gas and oil. Yet now AMI is claiming the only hydrocarbons worth their money to extract are contained solely within the 160 acre parcel named in their current application. This apparently is their reasoning for excluding the remaining property owners from what is rightfully theirs – royalty payments for the oil and gas they own, and compensation for potential damages to their health and property.

Alta Mesa has established a terrible track record here and across the nation. Aside from numerous environmental violations, they have been party to at least 7 lawsuits over just the past 3 years, including a class action here in Payette County for alleged underpayment and non payment of royalties. Just yesterday we received word their long time attorney quit because he’s not been getting paid by the company, which recently file bankruptcy. Now we’re being asked to trust that Alta Mesa’s long time working partner Richard Brown is going to assume control of the company with additional investors and turn over a new leaf with citizens. Mr. Brown was reportedly responsible for bringing Alta Mesa to Idaho in the first place and we wonder where he’s been while they were allegedly shorting land owners money - not to mention recompleting wells with no permits, pumping acid and other dangerous chemicals through our aquifers with no permits, failing to notify the public of these actions, failing to post the chemicals used on the website Fracfocus, failing to pay the proper fees, and a host of other requirements designed to protect public health and safety, our precious water and our property rights and property values. When caught red handed violating these rules they were merely charged small fines and allowed to take care of the details months after the fact and continue operating as if nothing happened.

Idahoans are insulted by the absurdity of privilege this company has been afforded since they came into our great state. Rep. Judy Boyle testified in front of the legislature in 2017 that they had, regrettably, allowed Alta Mesa to write all their own laws. Even at that they have proved they are above the law and now they are expecting you to approve this

application at the expense of the citizens and their quality of life.

I seriously doubt that Idahoans want to fund the state defending itself against another costly lawsuit should you approve this application. I know I don't. Please do the right thing and deny this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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