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Subject: Opposition to spacing order CC- 2020-OGR-01-001
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Ms Romine, can you please add the comments below to show our written opposition to spacing application CC- 2020-OGR-01-001 ? Thank you.

Dana Gross

Idaho Department of Lands,

As a landowner and farmer on the banks of the Payette River, my husband and I have concerns about the environmental impact of natural gas exploration and extraction in our area in general. We are particularly concerned about the Fallon well as we feel that the location is too close to the river, too close to homes, and too close to the City of Fruitland's water supply. Our primary concern about this location is that the river and our city's water supply could potentially become contaminated if anything goes wrong during drilling ,extraction, or even transportation of the gasses. Furthermore, we have new concerns about the spacing unit as Snake River Oil and Gas has applied to downsize the unit to only 300 acres. It is our understanding that only one well is to be allowed per unit, and if Industry is now allowed to apply for smaller units it seems logical to us that the result could end up being more wells cropping up along the river and in our community. After listening to testimony for hours online this morning during the Idaho Department of Lands hearing, I have new additional questions and concerns about this Fallon well and its spacing.

Dr Allen who is a witness for Snake River Oil and Gas spoke about the most "efficient and economical" ways to extract hydrocarbons from the underlying pool based on the location of the well. But other testimony i heard makes me question whether the well is even positioned in the location that allows for the most efficient extraction of the pool as a whole. When asked about the proposed 300-acre unit Mr Thum said, "The unit effectively covers the part of the pool that can be effectively drawn by the Fallon Well. " I also learned that in any extraction process such as the one proposed here hydrocarbons are left behind ;an individual well cannot extract all hydrocarbons in any given pool. So my thinking is: smaller unit size + hydrocarbons left behind = more

well drilling in the area along the river and in proximity to Fruitland's drinking water supply.

I learned a lot today about drilling--location, depth, perforations, drive mechanisms. I respect the knowledge and research that went into Dr Allen and Mr. Thum's testimony today. While I do believe that they understand the oil and gas industry, and how to produce hydrocarbons from wells, what I don't trust is that extracting from the Fallon well in its current location and with the proposed spacing is good for our community. If Snake River's application for 300-acre spacing for this unit is approved we are opening the door for more drilling. That is not what we want. Idaho Department of Lands, please vote no to this 300-acre spacing application, Docket No. CC-2020-OGR-01-001 , and uphold safety and efficiency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Dana Gross,
Fruitland Resident

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