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Comment:
RE: oil & gas well Barlow #2-14

Idahoans intuitively know, especially those of us from the more arid south, that clean water is our most critical natural resources. We need it for agriculture, for ranching, for drinking, for recreation, and to support the fish and wildlife that will, if we are wise, continue to enrich the lives of generations to come. Drilling an oil and gas well on the banks of the Payette River, and moreover, near a municipal water source is not wise. Having family that settled in Idaho and Oregon country 150 years ago, I know that when water is contaminated by mining or similar activities, the impacts are lasting and can be devastating. There is too much risk for too little benefit — the public will bear the real risks of drilling a well here, and the profit, if any, would hardly pay an insurance policy, if any underwriter was willing to put a price on the future value of clean water, that covered the potential loss. Please deny this application.

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