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Subject: RE: City of Fruitland Comments
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Mr. Grimes,

This confirms that the department has received your emailed comments on the proposed Miller #1-15 Application for Permit to Drill.

Sincerely,

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James & Kourtney,

Please see attached comments from the City of Fruitland regarding Snake River Oil & Gas' application to drill on the Mary Ann Miller Trust property in Fruitland.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns.

Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you!

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James Thum, Oil & Gas Program Manager
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4-13-2026

Dear James,

The City of Fruitland appreciates the opportunity to provide comments in regards to the Application for Permit to Drill for the Miller #1-15 submitted by Snake River Oil & Gas.

The City of Fruitland believes this permit should be denied due to the fact that this application does not meet Idaho State Code 47-319, in addition to the fact that it is incomplete. The application also does not meet the requirements outlined on Page 3 and Page 4 of the IDL application.

According to Idaho Code 47-319. SETBACKS.

(1) Except as provided in this section, oil and gas wells, tank batteries and gas processing facilities shall not be constructed within three hundred (300) feet of an existing occupied structure, domestic water well, canal, **ditch** or the natural or ordinary high-water mark of surface waters or within fifty (50) feet of a highway.

(2) Oil and gas wells, tank batteries and gas processing facilities may be constructed less than three hundred (300) feet but more than one hundred (100) feet from an existing occupied structure, domestic water well, canal or ditch if the operator has obtained the express written permission from the owner of the occupied structure, domestic water well, canal or ditch.

Application is incomplete and does not meet Idaho Code 47-319

1. In SROG's application to drill filed with the Idaho Department of Lands, their own map (Aerial Photo) shows a distance of 565' to the Famer's Cooperative Ditch

Canal. However, **they failed to show or document an open conveyance ditch that is located only 111' from the surface hole location (well site).** (See attached maps. "Aerial Photo is the map SROG submitted to the Department of Lands with their drilling permit application. Exhibit #2 is a map using their latitude and longitude coordinates to show the distance and location of the open conveyance ditch west of their well surface hole location. "Exhibit Map of Miller 1-15" is SROG's surveyor's map that was submitted with their application to IDL.)

This 111' to the ditch is not even half of the 300' setback required by Idaho Code 47-319. In SROG's application documents there are no letters documenting express written permission from the owner of the ditch to reduce the 300' setback, therefore making the application incomplete.

The application was also submitted with maps that contain many errors and don't meet the requirements of IDL's application specifications.

2. In addition to the Aerial Photo map SROG submitted to IDL, they also submitted Exhibit map of Miller 1-15, a map they had 4 Rivers Surveying Inc. prepare. **The distances on these two maps that SROG submitted as part of their application to IDL do not match.** Aerial Photo shows the well head being 138' south of Dorsing Parcel 08N05W157350, while Exhibit Map of Miller 1-15 shows the well head being 135' south of Dorsing Parcel 08N05W157350.
3. Similarly, on the Aerial Photo map, they show a distance of 140' to Dorsing Parcel 035400060000F to the west. While on Exhibit Map of Miller 1-15 they show a distance of 118' to Dorsing Parcel 035400060000F. **These measurements also do not match.**

In regards to the application not meeting the requirements outlined on Pg. 3 and Pg. 4 of the IDL application, on the bottom of Pg. 3 "Maps Required" it states the applicant is required to **"Attach a survey plat or map prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer. All maps and plats should include a bar scale for reference."** "The plat must show:

Pg. 3 *Distance of the proposed surface location to the nearest occupied structure and the nearest highway. *Highway 95 and Hwy 30 are the closest highways, the distance to these highways are shown on neither map prepared by the surveyor. The Unit Topography map shows the distance to NW 16th Street, which is not a highway. The Aerial Photo map (Google Map) is not prepared by a surveyor or engineer, nor does it include the bar scale required by IDL's application, nor does it show the distance to the nearest highway.*

Pg. 4- Map of "All leased tracts held by the applicant within the drilling unit" *None of the maps submitted by SROG in this application show the individual leased tracts within this spacing unit. This also renders this application incomplete.* **"Distances of the proposed well from the two nearest unit**

boundary lines" The "Unit Topography Map of Miller 1-15" shows the distance to **one** of the unit boundary lines (N. Pennsylvania Ave) to the East, but no other boundary line measurement is shown since NW 16th to the south is not a boundary line in this 400 acre spacing unit. This also renders this application incomplete.

Pg. 4- "The location of the nearest structure with a water supply, or the nearest water well as shown on the IDWR registry of water rights or well log database. The location of the nearest canal, ditch or ordinary high-water mark of surface waters" None of the maps submitted with SROG's application show the location or distance to the nearest ditch from the proposed surface hole location. This also renders the application incomplete.

In addition to the aforementioned issues with this application, some information on Page 2 could be misleading to someone reviewing the application. The app states "**Distance, in miles, and direction from nearest town or post office**" Snake River indicated that the proposed well site is "1 mile north of Fruitland, ID". While the well site may be 1 mile north of Fruitland's post office, the proposed site is in the heart of the City of Fruitland and is currently closely surrounded on three sides by city limits.

The application also asks "**Nearest distance from proposed location to property or lease line**" SROG answered this with "1427' (lease line)". We could not find a measurement of 1427' on any of the submitted maps. In fact, the proposed well site is a mere 118' to the nearest property line. (See Exhibit Map of Miller 1-15 submitted in application).

For the aforementioned reasons, the City of Fruitland respectfully requests the Idaho Department of Lands deny this application to drill on the currently identified location on Parcel 08N05W159161.

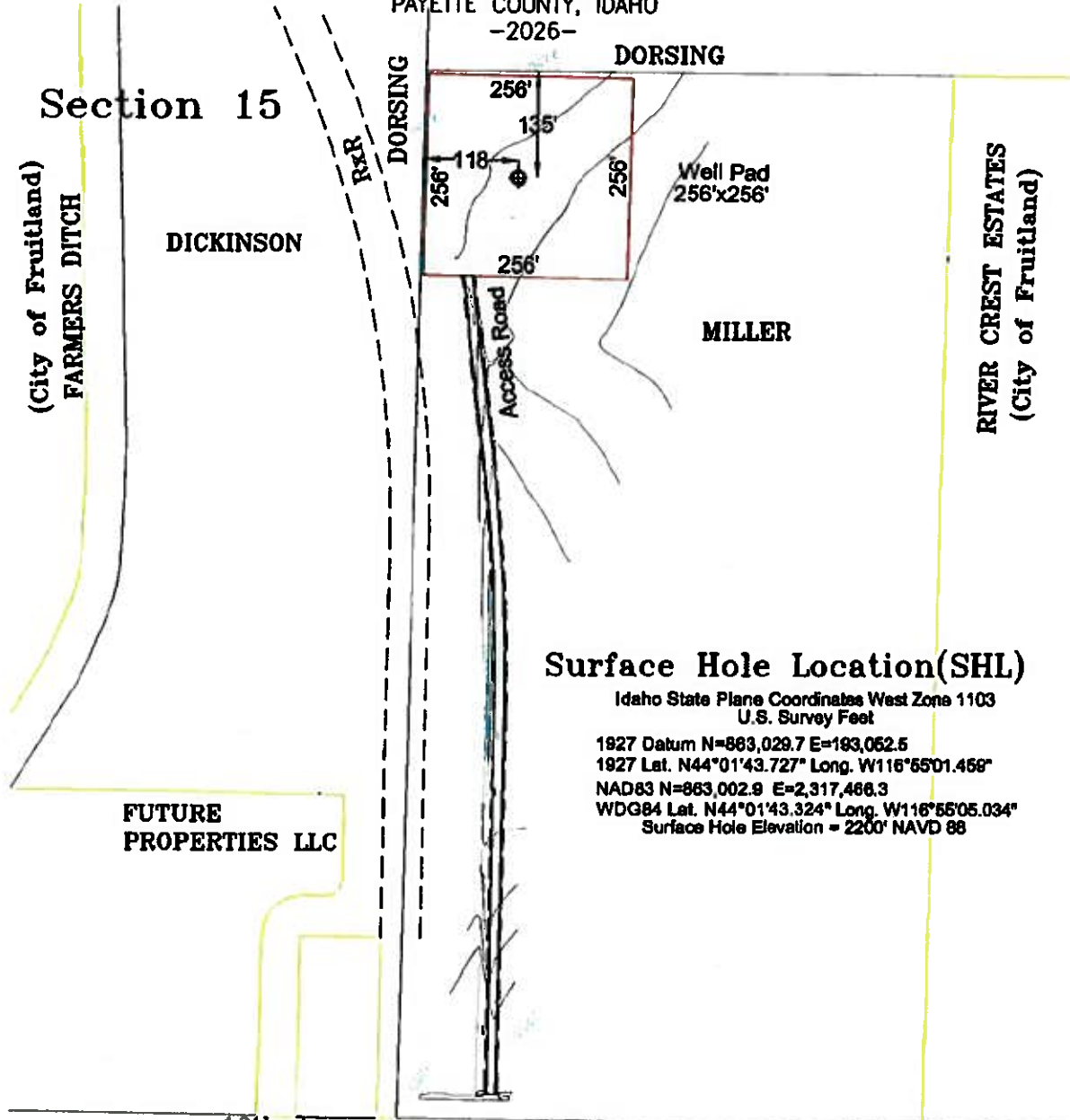
Thank you for your consideration.

Kari Peterson, Mayor



EXHIBIT MAP OF Miller 1-15

LOCATED IN
A PORTION OF THE W1/2 OF THE SE1/4 OF THE SE1/4 OF SECTION 15,
TOWNSHIP 8 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST, B.M.,
PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO
-2026-



Surface Hole Location(SHL)

Idaho State Plane Coordinates West Zone 1103
U.S. Survey Feet

1927 Datum N=863,029.7 E=193,052.5
1927 Lat. N44°01'43.727" Long. W116°55'01.458"
NAD83 N=863,002.9 E=2,317,466.3
WDG84 Lat. N44°01'43.324" Long. W116°55'05.034"
Surface Hole Elevation = 2200' NAVD 88

FUTURE
PROPERTIES LLC

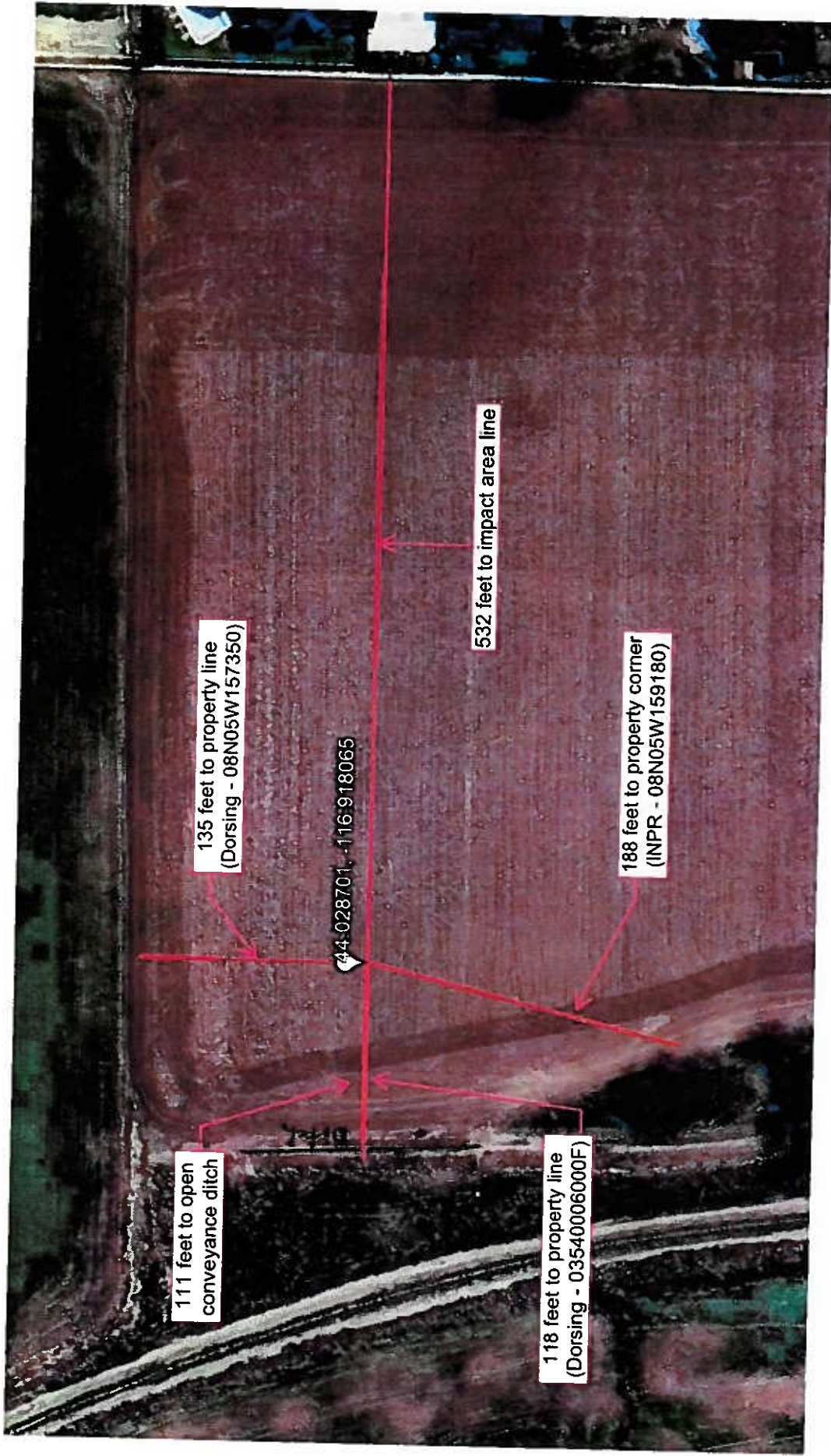
16th Ave.



SCALE: 1"=200'

1510 Shady Lane, EMMETT IDAHO
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Exhibit #2



* No bar scale

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- Areas of Drilling Concern
- Areas of Groundwater Concern
- Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ACGWS Boundary
- Rathdrum Aquifer
- Nitrate Priority Areas
- Critical Groundwater Areas
- Groundwater Management Areas
- Groundwater Districts
- Idaho
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