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**Subject:** Fw: Snake River Oil & Gas  
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I am sure that you all have heard plenty at the town hall meeting in Fruitland on the 8th of December. I know all the folks around me are very upset that this could be Fruitland's future. More than that, I find this shameful and embarrassing for our community and state, to even think that we would be okay with this is absurd.

I adore this small community, each person that resides here. I know God would want us all to see that we rely on each other, we need to hold each other up, and hold each other accountable. We have seen time and time again what can happen to these communities that have "allowed" drilling, water contamination isn't just possible, it's inevitable. So this is where we are. We are holding you accountable. We believe in you and trust in you to stand with us and for us. So please, reject the oil drilling within our community. Keep your community safe. Show us why you hold your position, why we want you to stay in that position.

I am not one to write these emails often, I'm sure that's very much obvious as I'm not much of a writer. But I really care about this issue and community, simply said, I needed to do this for all of us. I also want to make sure that our words to you are in writing, so that you may return to them when your strength and courage waver. We believe in you, not just because we have to, but because Idaho has always thought of its communities first.

This is your call to action now, we believe in you to reject this proposal.

Sincerely,  
Julia Rose

P.S. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you, thank you for your work in our communities this year!

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Thank you for the extra time, at this so-busy season, to comment on Snake River Oil & Gas' latest force-pooling efforts in Fruitland.

While I live in Emmett, I have numerous friends in Fruitland, some situated within the boundaries of this spacing unit (some close to the proposed well site). Plus, having lived with awareness through Alta Mesa's gas&oil efforts in Gem County (and learned much about drilling elsewhere), I have many concerns about drilling/etc. so close to so many homes to be impacted by: drilling, flaring, heavy truck traffic, noisy operations and disturbing vibrations - as well as the ongoing risks of fugitive gases (as there have been proven to be at other Payette Co. well sites) and water contamination down the line (and quite a few of the affected people are on wells), not to mention the (we *hope* remote) possibility of explosion/fire that local emergency personnel aren't equipped/trained to handle.

I urge you to not surrender to SROG's requested concessions that would expand their operational basis beyond what has been required in the past several integrations - to limit the years of exploratory operations/leases to 3; to disallow any surface and subsurface use of non-leasers' land; and to *ensure* that there will be no fracking of that well (that *single* well), which could easily disturb people's private wells.

I also urge you to protect the interests of all those small-parcel landowners (many of whom are no doubt ignorant of what this would *really* be like nextdoor to them, and how very little recompense they will get) by limiting truck traffic only to 16th; to require additional bonding for operations so close to so many homes; and to honor the Payette County Commissioners' recent requirement for 500' setbacks (since SROG can drill directionally if need be).

Sincerely,  
Sherry Gordon, Emmett

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Good morning,

I would have liked to attend the meeting held at Fruitland City Hall on Monday regarding the proposed Snake River Oil and Gas drilling site. However, I chose to attend my son's basketball game instead. I appreciate the opportunity to submit written comments so that I may still voice my concerns about this project.

My husband and I are both native Idahoans who returned to Idaho after completing our college education. We intentionally purchased our home because of its location. Our neighborhood is small and quiet, close to local schools yet far enough from the city center to avoid excessive noise and traffic. We live with our children in the subdivision immediately adjacent to the proposed drill site, and we are deeply concerned about the long-term impacts this project would have on our community.

Specifically, we are concerned about the noise and light pollution that drilling operations would bring to an otherwise peaceful residential area. As parents, we value the safety, health, and quality of life of our children and neighbors.

My husband and I both work in the medical field and do not have specialized knowledge in engineering or natural gas extraction. However, we understand that removing natural gas from beneath residential areas may carry risks and long-term consequences. Additionally, representatives from Snake River Oil and Gas who visited our neighborhood and met with residents at a prior hearing used what we believe to be coercive and unprofessional tactics to encourage homeowners to sign leases. It makes one believe that they are the only party that will ultimately benefit from this project.

On several occasions, we received documents by certified mail listing residents' names, home addresses, and their responses to interactions with company representatives. These documents were widely distributed throughout our neighborhood and other areas of the city that will be affected. As a parent, I find this deeply concerning and inappropriate. Our personal

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information should not be shared in this manner, particularly when families with children are involved. Furthermore, there appears to be no mechanism for leaseholders to opt out if a leased property changes ownership, which raises additional concerns about fairness and transparency.

The modest financial compensation promised by Snake River Oil and Gas does not adequately account for the permanent disruption, loss of privacy, and potential risks associated with drilling so close to our homes. A few hundred dollars will not offset the ongoing noise, light pollution, or other foreseeable impacts to our neighborhood and property values.

If this drilling site is ultimately approved, I respectfully request that the setback from our residential neighborhood be significantly increased. I believe most individuals, if placed in our position, would want such an operation located as far from their home as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I appreciate the opportunity to be heard.

Sincerely,

Tiffany Robb

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OAH, IDL, and City of Fruitland,

I am writing in opposition to an application that has been filed by Snake River Oil and Gas for a new well within the limits of the City of Fruitland. This proposed well would be built very near homes and even worse, near Fruitland's Mesa Park which is the city's hub for recreational sports programs for children ages 4-16 from Fruitland, but also from surrounding towns such as Payette, Weiser, Parma and Nyssa. Hundreds of children practice and play many different team sports at Mesa Park all day, every day 3/4 of the year. Picturing a gas well flaring as close to homes and our park as SROG has proposed is just out of the question to me and many of my neighbors. As it stands, the park is already exposed to strong odors coming from a couple of other factories in our town. At times the smells can be overwhelming. I can't imagine how troubling it would be to the residents of this town and the visitors to our park to hear and smell the added noise and emissions respectively from a flaring well just down the road when our children are playing in the park and participating in the local sports leagues offered through Payette County Rec Department at Mesa Park. ( We live near wells that have been through the flaring process and it was shockingly loud and bright.) Furthermore, accidents are always possible, and I believe that this proposed well would be too close to a dense population of homes and children even after the flaring stage has ended because there could always be a leak and/ or an explosion, and I do not think that it is worth risking lives for an out-of-state company's benefit. The risk is too high and the reward too low for our residents to logically allow.

Please vote no on the application to allow a new well within Fruitland City Limits near Mesa Park. We would like to go on record that we are in opposition to any and all wells within Fruitland City Limits and/or near any homes in Payette County.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dana and Jordan Gross

Fruitland Idaho Residents

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 23, 2025, at 8:59 PM, Joey Ishida <joeyandbrenda@icloud.com> wrote:

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> To Whom It May Concern,

> My name is Brenda Ishida and I have lived in Fruitland for over 35 years. I am a grandmother and a property owner. I am writing to you today to express my concerns about an application submitted by Snake River Oil and Gas to dig a natural gas well in the center of Fruitland, very near Mesa Park. I am opposed to this for many reasons, but I have a deep concern in this case for the children who will be playing at the park from sunup until sundown in close proximity to this proposed well. Payette County Recreation Department's headquarters is in Mesa Park, and all of the programs that they offer : football, tennis, soccer, softball, baseball, etc are all centered nearly year-round in that park, and hundreds of children exercise and gather in that park as PCRD is a cornerstone of activity and exercise for our children in our town and for surrounding towns as well. To put a gas rig right near that park is appalling. Please be reasonable and decline this application to drill a well that is so unusually close to homes and the park that is at the epicenter of our community. The risk is too high —emissions and noise pollution during flaring, and the potential damage to life and property if any accidents were to occur are unacceptable.

> Please add our comments to the public record. Please vote against this application. Thank you for your time.

> Brenda and Joey Ishida

> Fruitland, Idaho

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Brenda and Joey Ishida  
Fruitland, Idaho

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**Subject:** Fw: Docket#CC-2025-OGR-001-005 public comment  
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**Attachments:** [Welch Ordinance Letter \(1\).pdf](#)

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Please add the following document to the record for Docket#CC-2025-OGR-001-005 as an example of some of the protections other cities in major oil and gas producing states - including Texas - have implemented in order to guard human health, private and public property and the environment from the threat of drilling and related activities. There is no way SROG should be allowed to drill a hydrocarbon well just a few hundred feet from high density subdivisions, schools and businesses on a sliver of county land in the middle of Fruitland City. Payette County's in-the-works ordinance amendment that 'may' provide a 500 setback (unless a waiver is sought by the operator) is grossly inadequate to provide those protections. Eagle City code dictates 2,640' setbacks for drilling rigs and other dangerous infrastructure from property lines and Fruitland's setbacks, while less than that, are still at least triple the existing PC limit as it currently stands.

Please learn from the mistakes of other communities before it's too late. I implore you to reject this application. Thank you.

Shelley Brock  
President, Board of Directors - C.A.I.A.  
Citizens Allied for Integrity and Accountability  
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**VIA EMAIL**

To Whom It May Concern:

You have requested that I prepare a short letter about natural gas drilling in North Texas and my experience with it. I hope the following is responsive to your request.

During the last 5 or 6 years, I have been intimately involved with two major rewrites of municipal natural gas drilling ordinances, the first in Flower Mound, Texas, and the second in Dallas, Texas. Since I am forwarding this letter to you via email, I have taken the liberty to attach a copy of a chapter that I wrote for a book entitled "*Beyond the Fracking Wars*," published by the American Bar Association.

When gas drilling first began in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, it generally involved rural areas northwest of Fort Worth. As further geological studies continued, gas drilling "crept" south toward Fort Worth and eventually eastward to Dallas and its western and northern suburbs. As an attorney who has represented local governments my entire career, I initially was somewhat surprised that there was virtually no case law in Texas that addressed the authority of local governments to regulate gas drilling. Consequently, as Town Attorney for the Town of Flower Mound (which is an exclusive suburban community of approximately 65,000 residents situated north of DFW Airport), my firm began extensive research into municipal authority to regulate gas drilling. While we certainly were concerned about uniquely Texas issues, we also were concerned with federal takings jurisprudence and whether municipal regulation could result in an unconstitutional takings claim being filed. In conjunction with our research, in 2010 the Town created an Oil and Gas Advisory Board to consider and recommend various components of a strengthened gas drilling ordinance. Those issues included setbacks from protected uses, noise and light issues, public health and safety matters, emissions and a host of related issues. After more than a year of study and numerous public hearings (which included residents, interested parties, experts and industry representatives), the Town adopted one of the more stringent gas drilling ordinances in the State of Texas. Although there are no reported cases about the Flower Mound gas drilling ordinance, several challenges to it concluded successfully for the Town.

In 2011 I was appointed as a subject matter expert on gas drilling to the City of Dallas Gas Drilling Task Force. The Task Force was requested to review the Dallas gas drilling regulations and to suggest amendments to the ordinance since permits for gas drilling were in the process of being filed in Dallas. We began weekly meetings in the summer of 2011 and concluded in May 2012, with a presentation to the Dallas City Council. At the conclusion of the Task Force presentation, Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings requested that an industry representative and a neighborhood representative

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make separate presentations to the City Council about the proposed ordinance. I was selected to make the presentation on behalf of neighborhood groups, explaining those portions of the proposed gas drilling ordinance that I believed were adequate (such as 1500 foot drilling setbacks from protected uses) and those provisions which I did not believe were adequate (drilling in public parks and in the floodplain). My presentation to the Dallas City Council occurred in August 2012 and together with the industry representative, we addressed gas drilling issues for more than 3 hours. Thereafter I made several presentations to the Dallas Plan Commission when zoning applications for gas drilling permits were considered.

As outlined in the attachments to the email, there are a series of issues that I believe local governments must consider when undertaking regulation of natural gas drilling. First and foremost are setbacks, particularly in light of new studies about the health impacts of natural gas drilling activities. The other issues are outlined in the book chapter I attached, but include subsequent land development issues, the administrative review processes adopted by local governments to regulate gas drilling, and specific issues, such as drilling in public parks and in the floodplain, as noted above. I also have been honored twice in the last 2 years to make presentations at Yale Law School about our experiences in Texas related to the regulation of natural gas drilling.

I hope the foregoing is responsive and if I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address or telephone number listed on the letterhead page.

Very truly yours,



Terrence S. Welch

**From:** [Marcee Ryneearson](#)  
**To:** [Kourtney Romine](#); [Kayla Dawson](#)  
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To Whom It May Concern,

As a concerned citizen of Fruitland, Idaho, I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed location of the new oil and gas well. The site in question is immediately adjacent to city limits on three sides and lies extremely close to the busiest intersection in Payette County. It is also in close proximity to public parks, numerous residential neighborhoods and heavily trafficked community areas.

My Real Estate office is located very near the proposed drill site and my home is only half a mile down the road. The introduction of industrial activity of this scale so close to homes, families and community spaces would be disruptive, unsafe and out of place in our rural community.

As a local Realtor, I am particularly concerned about the significant negative impact this installation would have on property values. Prospective buyers consistently prioritize safety, environmental quality and neighborhood stability, these factors that would be compromised by the presence of a drilling operation in the heart of our community.

Additionally, the potential for water contamination poses a serious risk to both residential and agricultural wells in the area. Our community relies heavily on clean groundwater for daily use, farming, and livestock. Even the possibility of contamination is unacceptable and places long-term health, environmental and economic stability at risk.

I urge you to reconsider the placement of this well and to prioritize the well-being of the people who live and work in this area. Our community's safety and quality of life need to be protected.

Sincerely,

Marcee Ryneearson  
Fruitland, Idaho

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Goldwings Real Estate Group



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**From:** [letstalkjp2004@yahoo.com](mailto:letstalkjp2004@yahoo.com)  
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This afternoon my neighbor came over to bring Christmas cookies. She brought up the topic of the Hearing that was on the 17<sup>th</sup>. I mentioned that she had signed an oil and gas lease. She said they absolutely DID NOT sign. I pulled out the map and showed her they were number 70 on the map and it was highlighted in yellow. Then we went to the list of names. On this exhibit it shows Barbara Ady being the owner. This is NOT correct. Craig and Annette Culver are the owners.

Does anyone check the accuracy of the map/lease/unleased? This certainly skews the results when obtaining the percentage of actual acres leased. It seems the application needs to be reviewed to determine the actual percentage of leased/not leased property owners.

I cannot help but wonder about errors on other parts of this Application.

Thank you for reading,  
Julie Fugate