

STATE OF IDAHO  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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## NOTICE OF PROTEST

This form may be used to file a protest with the department under sections 42-108B, 42-203A, 42-203C, 42-211, and 42-222, Idaho Code. The department will also accept a timely protest not completed on this form if it contains the same information.

1. Matter being protested Water transfer # 83875
2. Name of protestant Lacey Wilde
3. Protestant's Representative for service (If different than protestant)  
N/A
4. Service mailing address 165 E Fawn Dr, Boise, ID 83716
5. Service telephone no. 208-866-3819 Email Address: wildeLacey@gmail.com
6. Basis of protest (including statement of facts and law upon which the protest is based)

See attached

(additional pages may be attached to describe nature of the protest)

7. What would resolve your protest? Continue to use irrigation water right 63-32616 for agricultural use only

I hereby, acknowledge that if I, or my designated representative, fails to appear at any regularly scheduled conference or hearing in the matter of which I have been notified at the address above, the department may issue a notice of proposed default against me in this matter for failure to appear. I also verify that I have served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 20 20.

Lacey J Wilde  
Protestant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Protestant's Representative

**NOTE:**

A protestant is required to timely file a protest with the department together with a \$25.00 protest fee for each application being protested in order for the protestant to be considered a full party by the department. In addition, the department's Rule of Procedure, IDAPA 37.01.01203, requires a protestant to send a copy of a protest to the applicant.

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. The matter being protested must be clearly identified. A typical matter is identified by the application number such as "Application for Permit No. 63-32616 in the name of \_\_\_\_\_" or "Application for Transfer No. 83875 in the name of Greg Johnson
  2. Show the name of the protestant. Only one (1) protestant may be shown per protest form. If this protest form is signed by more than one person, the hearing officer will consider the first signer as the official protestant and the representative for service of documents.
  3. If the protestant is represented by an attorney or other authorized representative, show the representative's name. The department then will serve documents on the representative and upon the protestant if specifically requested.
  4. Show the address where the department is to serve the documents. This should be the address of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a representative.
  5. Show the telephone number of the authorized representative unless the protestant does not designate a service representative.
  6. Specifically describe the nature of the protest.
  7. Describe the relief being sought by the protestant.
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Received by LE Date 03/06/2020 Time 3:45pm  
\$25.00 fee Received by LE # W048098 Date 03/06/2020

Friday, March 06, 2020

Idaho Department of Water Resources,

Thank you for considering my views as a resident of Elmore County that will be impacted by your decision. I oppose the use of precious water resources for more residential communities. Such a decision would put agriculture at-risk in our community. I ask you to oppose this proposal and preserve water access for growers in southwest Idaho, rather than adding further strain on our water supply by adding another planned community. Agriculture land is rapidly decreasing because it cannot compete with the proposed communities. Our society relies on the food and other beneficial agricultural crops grown on agriculture land. Once agriculture land is developed, or the water reallocated, that farm land is lost forever never producing food again. Please keep the irrigation water right 63-32616 zoned as it is to continue growth of beneficial agricultural crops which is much more sustainable and responsible than using the water for a planned community's landscaping that benefits no one but the homeowner.

In addition, the use patterns of agriculture irrigation versus a planned community are very different and should not be viewed as an even trade. 2,300 homes would use significantly more water than a single agricultural field. Agriculture use draws on the aquifer only part of the year in growing season, allowing the aquifer to recharge over the winter months of rest. A planned community would draw water all year which is a much different use pattern and may have a much more substantial negative impact on the aquifer. Please deny water transfer application 83875 by Greg Johnson for these reasons and preserve the beneficial use of agricultural land.

Thank you,



Lacey Wilde

Homeowner and resident of Elmore County