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Director Gary Spackman
Department of Water Resources, Northern Region
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Director Spackman,

As per Idaho Code Section 42-203A, the Latah County Board of Commissioners, 522 S. Adams, Moscow, Idaho, 83843 is officially protesting the application for a water right - permit #86-12048 for V. Karen Hixson Revocable Trust, 4410 Hwy 8, Troy, Idaho 83871. We have enclosed our \$25.00 fee.

Latah County is concerned by the amount of water requested for this proposal and the effects that it may have on nearby existing uses. Further, the Board has concerns that this use may reduce the quantity of water under existing water rights, that it may conflict with the local public interest as defined in section 42-202B, Idaho Code, and that this use may be contrary to conservation of water resources within the state of Idaho.

The potential exists, with the limited groundwater supplies in the County that this amount of water use could pull water from existing supplies for other established wells in the area and might limit or eliminate the source of water for these wells.

The Board believes it has an obligation to protest all such large water right requests within its borders. We appreciate the ability to comment and look forward to better understanding this application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Lamar
Chair

David McGraw
Commissioner

Richard Walser
Commissioner

Cc: Ms. Karen Hixson