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WR #15-7377 / WR #15-7377

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to provide notification of protest for an application for the drilling of a well under Idaho WR#15-7377 located on 42 acres in the NW of NE of Section 29, Township 14 South, Range 36 East, Boise Base and Meridian in Malad, Idaho. It is our assertion that this application would over extend water resources in the existing aquifer for the following reasons:

- 1) Existing water right owners have had to extend their wells an additional 20 to 100 feet in the past two years to continue to access the water in this aquifer.
- 2) The current usage cannot support another well without directly affecting the flow and production of the existing wells. We are concerned that the aquifer will not support the water flow requested without endangering our water rights which have priority in time to the proposed right.
- 3) To date we have not been able to find a study that indicates the impact for existing well users in the area. There is also no moratorium on well permits in the area. We would like to request that a study be completed before this application is approved at the expense of the applicant.
- 4) The 42 acres that WR #15-7377 pertains to has not had previous water granted by the state of Idaho. We request that the applicant justify the drilling of a new well and produce documentation that the irrigation water cannot be purchased from an existing irrigation company.

This protest based on the items listed above requires correspondence in writing from the division director and the applicant to us. We respectfully request that this petition be denied.

Sincerely,



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