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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 Application for transfer No. 79357 in the name of Thomas Leno
2. Name of protestant Pam Ritter
3. Protestant's Representative for service (If different than protestant)

4. Service mailing address 3283 N. 2300 E. Twin Falls, Idaho 83301
5. Service telephone no. 208-731-7109 Email Address: pjritter@live.com

6. Basis of protest (including statement of facts and law upon which the protest is based)

The current lack of aquifer water is of great concern. Prove to me the diverted water is in our aquifer, and the proposed wells to be drilled will not effect the amount of water I now have.  
See attached page

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

7. What would resolve your protest? Do not transfer water to existing dairy on application.

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 17 day of July, 20 14.

Pam Ritter  
Protestant

Protestant's Representative

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Application for Transfer 19357

As a resident of this community that lives on the Salmon Track most of us are aware of how precious the water is in our area.

Thirty years ago when my x-husband and I built our house, and had to drill 480 feet to water knew what a rare commodity water would be. Now I am concerned that the little water I have will be taken away.

I am concerned that the two new wells, and the two existing wells where they will divert the water will cause my well to either dry up, or I will need to drill deeper which would be a financial hardship for me. Either way my property value will decrease.

The "dairies" that are proposing to buy the water rights are industries. Industries that should not been allowed to build in our neighborhood. They have too many cows and are using more than their share of the water already.

In my eyes these water transfers are paper only. Prove to me that the water from a 122 acre farm, from a well that is probably 200 feet deep, close the Nevada border will travel 35 miles to the proposed site of the water transfer. How deep will the wells need to be to get the water? It could be a thousand feet or more.

These water transfers are not good for our community. It is time to stop making these kinds of decisions based on money, they need to be made on what is good and morally right for our community.