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Thank you for allowing me to comment on the request to pump from a new well:
I Leah Osborn am protesting the request for water to be pumped by a new well by
Rahl Hipwell in Oreana, Idaho, Owyhee County. Case number 57-11840.

I am a business owner and homeowner;. I have livestock and produce artisan
cheese. Business name is Wild Country LLC. I am also writing this on behalf of Terry
Jensen who is a business and ranch partner. Last year in the late summer we had to
drop our pump 63 feet. We ran out of water. We had no water for our home or for
our dairy goats. Our cheese business was also without water.

I question the overall impact of pumping 382,000 gallons of water per day. This
quantity of water would approximately supply 30 homes. Everyone in Oreana is
already feeling drought related impacts. I have no water for my pastures now for
the second year, hay prices are soaring and the financial strain of having to replace
or dig a new well could be devastating to our farm business. Two of my adjacent
neighbors had to drop their wells last summer as well. I know about 4 others in the
Oreana area as well that ran out of water last summer.

The creeks are not running, it is not raining the recharge rate must be very low. Why
are you allowing this excessive depletion? I have also seen the maps that show
Owyhee County at 49% of normal precipitation. The recharge is not happening. ❏

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