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Director Tuthill,

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 #86-11985 and 86-11986 for Craig Dalton, 1311 Brush Creek Rd., Rt. 1 Box 75A, Deary, Idaho 83823. We have enclosed our \$25.00 fee per application.

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.

Some residents near this application have expressed concerns to the Latah County Planning Department regarding this use and how it may affect their existing water supplies. This amount of water may far exceed any amount of water used for existing activities in this area. 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,

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AVOID DELAY

Tom S. Stroschein
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Cc: Mr. Craig Dalton, Applicant