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To Whom It May Concern:

Following my phone conversation Friday, April 23, with Bob Haynes of Idaho State Department of Water Resources in Coeur d'Alene, I am writing this letter about my concerns on the water rights proposal by Steve Wood (Application Number 96-9171). Our property address is 124 Bailey Road, Parcel Number 12-58N-2W, in Colburn, Idaho 83865.

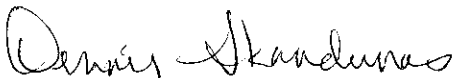
My wife and I have lived here for 12 years and have seen the creek running through our property vary each year from a good flow down to very shallow. Our neighbor, Mrs. Bailey, born in our house about 80 years ago and now living in the next house west of us along the creek line, sees the creek getting less and less each year. Last year was the shallowest she has ever seen. In past years she indicated there were fish to catch, but not anymore because it is not deep enough in the summer.

Over the last 12 years I have gone up the creek in the foothills to check the water flow and three times have seen changes in the creek bed where another neighbor, Oliver, has been trying to divert the creek.

Steve Wood is asking for water rights to irrigate 93 acres; the amount of land he owns is more than 93 acres.

Because of these concerns, I would appreciate a thorough review of the proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dennis Skandunas