

**Fish Breeders of Idaho, Inc.
Fish Processors, Inc.
Big Bend Trout, Inc.**



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Subject Application for Permit No. 47-17127

I protest the granting of this permit. There are many water rights in this aquifer, including mine that are not being filled. Flow from my wells have dropped and they are only producing approximately 50 percent of my water right. If new permits are issued it puts pressure on me, and others, to make a call on water.

Geothermal water is too valuable to use for irrigation. Other water can be obtained and it should be used for irrigation. The problem is not that other water is not available it is just not as convenient as geothermal water.

If Water Resources continues to issues permits on this aquifer we will be in the same position as the pumpers and spring users and be faced with the problems we now have with conjunctive management. Stop increasing the problem.

Sincerely,

Leo E. Ray
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