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Notice Of Protest Against #987859

State Of Idaho
Department Of Water Resources
7600 Mineral Drive, Suite 100
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83815

Robert G. Haynes P.E.
Gary Spackman

Re: Water Review Board Hearing 4 September, 2008

Dear Sirs,

I believe I should formally note several changes in the channel of Round Prairie Creek which I have personally seen and others I have questioned, since I do not understand the reasoning behind the changes as a private citizen and not a professional engineer.

As I have stated before, I have been interested in the neighboring Vilelli property on the old George Write site including Wright Lake and the surrounding acres, since my grandparents, Charles and Lillian Leavey and their family lived in the old house during the depression. They ~~know~~ and talked to many of the neighbors when I was young and had many pictures of that time (1930-1937) and how they had lived through a hard time.

In 1948, when I was twelve (12) years old, Mrs. Troy Mason, would ride her horse over after supper to our cabin owned by my uncle Clarence Leavey and now owned by me. We would ride back to her place and she would show me around. Between the properties was a wood pole fence and I remember she had to slide the poles as a gate next to a large hay barn and a huge old growth Fir tree. I told her my grandma had kept a cow. The ground was higher there above the creek and below to the left was a small meadow she said they were going to put calves in the next spring. Her husband came out from the house and met me. As we rode north on the road, it was higher from the creek, with a few large Fir trees, then started to decline nearer the level of Round Prairie Creek. The creek itself was as wide as at our place in the road, the horse got nervous and didn't seem to want to go any further. Mrs. Mason just laughed and said the horse didn't like the new board across the road.

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It appeared to be a long wood box about six to eight inches wide. If there was a pipe in it I didn't see it. Her husband had to put it in to allow water from the creek to go into Wright Lake. We both laughed at that idea, since only a trickle of water was seeping into the grass and the lake was some distance away.

We moved on down the road and as it split, we rode to the left across the "hay wagon bridge" to the acres my folks called "the back 40." I told her about the pictures we had of my family haying and of me in the basket on top of the hay wagon where the bridge crossed Round Prairie Creek. I would term it a 'bubbling brook.'

Several years later, a family by the name of Chapman lived in the old "Wright House" and raised mink. They had two youngsters, a boy and a girl, so I was invited over. The kids played in the barn. Things had not been kept up, but Round Prairie Creek was still beautiful and natural.

I had no reason to go on that property until 2002 when Richard Villelli's son Joe, drove me over in his truck and up their mountain to see the back side of my property and checkout the trees and other vegetation. As we drove down the driveway from Highway 95, I was excited to see a place I had known and that held so many good memories for me. We drove down the drive and next to the right bank was a gas pump. Joey told me gas was stored underground. At the end of the bank, I was very surprised. No bridge. No creek. I asked him about it and where the water to the creek ran. He said, "Oh my dad took it out and put in a culvert." I was amazed and asked him where the water was. He just pointed to Wright Lake. The driveway appeared to have been moved and not in the same location. As we drove nearer the new log house, he turned right across a narrow waterway and dirt-covered culvert. I asked why they didn't have bridge and he said his dad had put in the culvert and I should have the same put in so we cross the creek to the other side of my property. I couldn't understand the changes to the channel of Round Prairie Creek until we seemed to be getting less flow, the water was dirty and not pure and brush started growing thicker.

It didn't drastically come to my attention just what the changes meant until a friend of mine and I traveled to my cabin in 2003 and found our families access road dug out and replaced by a very large culvert and fish trap. (Please refer back to my letters regarding this problem). Also, a deep ditch about six (6) feet deep dug out almost to Round Prairie Creek.

I contacted Richard Villelli asking ~~why~~ they were planning to divert water out that way, since we could have no water in our part of Round Prairie Creek, if they continued with the project.

To date, the ditch is open all the way to the creek and although both federal and state agencies have been apprised of these changes, they have continued. When my son, Patrick Williams and I arrived at our property on 12 June 2008, the new lake was full and water ran through the fish trap, culvert and halfway to the creek, as drainage. Three days

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later, the new lake was almost dry, with its white clay man made banks. My question is, what kind of controls are being used to control the level of water in both lakes?

These are my observations, leaving many questions. The Idaho natural waterways and wild life are public domain under law. One private family should not be in control of the water that runs through the properties of another families on Round Prairie Creek, effecting their land's usage value and guaranteed right to undisturbed water levels and flow

Sincerely,

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On 8-29, 2008, Doreen E. Williams personally appeared
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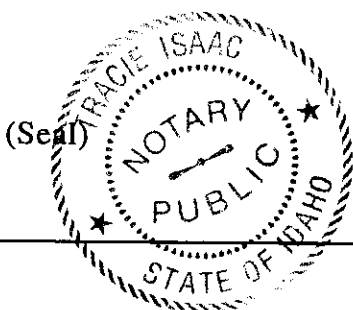
_____ who is personally known to me

X whose identity I proved on the basis of Oregon Drivers License

_____ whose identity I proved on the oath/affirmation of

_____, a credible witness

to be the signer of the above instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed it.



Tracie Isaac

Notary Public

My commission expires 11-16-2011