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NOTICE OF PROTEST PURSUANT TO IDAHO CODE § 42-203AWATER RESOURCES
WESTERN REGION

- A. Matter protested:** Application for Permit No. 63-32573 filed by M3 Eagle LLC on or about 11/21/2006, and all amendments thereto.
- B. Protestant's name:** William Lawton
un-numbered Domestic well at residence
- C. Protestant's water right number(s):** 63-03018 Irrigation
None on Domestic Well. Drilled 1975.
- D. Priority date(s):** 01/04/1955 Irrigation
- E. Protestant's representative for service:** William Lawton
- F: Service address:** 3145 Osprey Rd, Eagle, ID 83626
- G: Service phone #:** 939-8475
- H: Proposed source of diversion:** Groundwater
- I: Basis of Protest:**

(1) The proposed diversion of groundwater by M3 has the potential for significant adverse affects to my senior water rights, including , but not limited to, reduction in quality and/or quantity of my senior water rights.

(2) At the current time, there is insufficient hydrological data or evidence to support a finding by the IDWR that M3's proposed diversion of groundwater will not conflict with the local public interest, as defined in Idaho Code § 42-202B(3), and as required by Idaho Code § 42-203A.

(3) At the current time, there is insufficient hydrological data or evidence to determine whether the ground water supply in the relevant area is sufficient to support M3's proposed level of diversion of groundwater [See Idaho Code § 42-203A(5)(b)].

(4) At the current time, there is insufficient hydrological data or evidence to determine whether M3's proposed groundwater diversion adversely affects the local economy of the watershed within which the source of water for the proposed use originates.

(5) The M3 application requests authorization to divert a significant quantity of groundwater from undefined and unquantified foothills aquifers – aquifers which the IDWR proposes to study and model in the near future with aquifers in an area for which IDWR will establish a water budget, before applicant has any need to put its proposed water rights to beneficial use.

(6) The M3 application requests water rights sufficient to support a 20-year residential development plan, all before completion of the aforementioned IDWR foothills study and water budget establishment. IDWR should only consider granting M3 water rights for that amount of water which M3 can put to beneficial use in the reasonably foreseeable future.

(7) I am currently drilling a new domestic well at my residence, which should be in service on 5/16/08. I have a neighbor within 1000 feet of my property who finished her new well within the last three weeks and we have seen well drilling at a home on N. Ballantyne Rd., near our home. The wells at my home and at the neighbor's home both went dry; both wells were dug in the mid 1970's

United Water placed a deep water well near the corner of Floating Feather and Eagle Road within the last year. United Water has another well near Eagle Middle School on Floating Feather. How much more water can be taken from the ground before all the wells in the northern Eagle area go dry?? I am very worried that continued additional use of ground water and new water rights being issued will end my domestic and irrigation water supply.

(8) I attended M3 meetings at Eagle City Hall in 2007. I remember a representative of M3 discussing water use and supply. The numbers that I recall hearing were of usage between 3 and 4 million gallons a day. I now read the Application For New Water Right and see it was filed on 11/21/06, well before the meeting in 2007. Using information from classes I have taken for my Idaho State Small Drinking Water license, the requested 23.18 cfs equals 14,980,585 gallons of ground water per day. The only conclusion I can come to is that M3 severely misrepresented their water figures at the public meetings.

K. Resolution of Protest:

1. This protest may be resolved only upon the collection and presentation of substantial and competent evidence to support findings that: (a.) the proposed diversion of groundwater by M3 will not adversely affect my senior water rights, including, but not limited to, reduction in quality and/or quantity; (b.) M3's proposed diversion of groundwater will not conflict with the local public interest, as defined in Idaho Code § 42-202B(3); (c.) the groundwater supply in the areas relevant to M3's application is sufficient to support M3's proposed level of diversion of groundwater; and (d.) M3's proposed groundwater diversion does not adversely affect the local economy of the watershed in within which the source of water for the proposal originates.

2. This protest may be resolved upon IDWR's completion of its planned study and modeling of the relevant area and completion of IDWR's water budget for any affected aquifers – assuming that such study and modeling results in substantial and competent evidence to support the findings listed above.

3. This protest may be resolved by (a.) a combination of phased in granting of groundwater rights at no more than 2 CFS per phase to the applicant, along with (b.) a sufficient aquifer monitoring program to gather substantial and competent evidence to support the findings listed above.

I certify that I or one of my representatives has served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Signed this 16th day of May, 2008.

William Lawton
Protestant (signed)

William Lawton
Protestant (printed)