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DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
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STATE OF IDAHO
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PROTEST

This form may be used to file a protest under Sections 42-203A, 42-203C, 42-211, 42-222 or 42-240, Idaho Code. The Department will also accept a timely protest completed in a different format if it contains the same information requested on this form. Each protestant must provide a separate \$25 filing fee for each application protested. The Department's Rules of Procedure (IDAPA 37.01.01) require the protestant to send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

1. Matter protested. Application for ☒ Permit ☐ Amendment of Permit ☒ Transfer ☐ Exchange

No. 89297 in the name of Pantheri Inc.

2. Protestant's Name: Craig & Suzie Barnes

Address: 1572 W 3600 N - Howe Id 83244

Telephone: 208-107-3340 Email: crg347@gmail.com

3. Protestant's Representative: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

4. Basis of protest. Clearly state your objections to approval of the application and identify the applicable review criteria. See Instructions for Filing a Notice of Protest for the relevant review criteria.

See attached narrative

(Additional pages may be attached to describe the basis of your protest.)

Identify any review criteria that are not a basis for your protest:

5. ☒ Check here if Protestant and Representative will accept service of documents by email at the email address(es) listed under Item #2 and #3 above.

I acknowledge that if I, or my designated representative, fail to appear at any regularly scheduled conference or hearing in the matter, of which I have been properly notified, the Department may issue a notice of proposed default against me in this matter for failure to appear. I also verify that I have served a copy of this protest upon the applicant.

Cy B - Suzie Barnes
Protestant's or Representative's Signature

Craig & Suzie Barnes
Printed Name and Title (if applicable)

10-5-2024
Date

\$25.00 fee receipted by M. Pettis

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Receipt # E050407

Date 10-7-24

My ancestors were among the first settlers into the Little River Valley. It was a beautiful valley with lush grasses and swamps. There was water and plenty of it. Over the years this water has been diverted and moved around in the interest of producing more crops. Wells have been dug and pivots put in to the point that the aquifer can no longer support the demand. Our little river used to be flowing all year long and it was filled with fish. It provided life support for a diverse community. Every time the river channel was/is changed, diversions made, pipelines placed, the environment, the landscape and people's lives were/are changed. Not always for the good and benefit of all, including the land itself. Do to the changes in the diversions the river no longer flows with ample water. The fish are gone. Domestic wells that were hand dug by our forefathers have dried up. Pipelines were placed with promises of providing water to the trees along the canals and into Howe. As you come into the Howe the trees have died because there is no longer a water supply to them. Nothing was given back to sustain the life of the plants and trees. If these diversions and pipelines are allowed to be placed only those who place them stand to profit. Those with newer or less water rights will be forced to sell out and leave the life they love. There will be no replenishing the aquifer. There will be more domestic wells dry up.

Our Little Lost River will no longer be: it will truly be lost in more than just name. The impact upon the environment of our valley as well as the livelihoods of other water users will be negatively affected if this type of water use is continued and expanded. This is not conserving our water resources! This is not a better stewardship of the land. The lack of concern for others and their ability to provide for their families saddens me. This life giving, sustaining resource, water, is a gift to be used and **shared** wisely!

I am giving my notice of protest upon these grounds: the water rights of others were not considered and stand in danger, the aquifer will not be replenished effectively, the water will no longer flow in our river resulting in the trees that line them to die. Domestic wells **ARE** and will continue to dry up. Our water is a **public** resource that is being threatened. Please consider this very carefully before granting this permit.

Sincerely,

Craig & Suzie Barnes

Howe, Idaho