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From: Cefalo, James
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2025 11:47 AM
To: nathan@coldwaterpaint.com; TJ Budge; Scott Smith; Elisheva Patterson; georgiews4@gmail.com; suebemm11@gmail.com; brianm@vertsolutions.com; gcollins@wyoming.com; anna@trentaduelawoffice.com; seanmoulton@tetonvalleylaw.com
Cc: Cassel, Amy; Henman, Christina; Golart, Aaron
Subject: Fw: Water turned silty
Attachments: IMG_7715.jpeg; IMG_7714.jpeg; IMG_7716.jpeg

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From: Krista Hahlbohm <kristapoluga@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2025 7:47 AM
To: jchase@tetoncountyidaho.gov <jchase@tetoncountyidaho.gov>; Golart, Aaron <Aaron.Golart@idwr.idaho.gov>; Alex Bell <Alex.Bell@deq.idaho.gov>; dleemon@tetoncountyidaho.gov <dleemon@tetoncountyidaho.gov>; Cefalo, James <James.Cefalo@idwr.idaho.gov>
Subject: Water turned silty

To Whom it may concern,

I live at 9181 Oliver Rd off of 9000 in Victor. Last summer, I am not sure of the date but I believe it happened in the middle of summer, in July, our well water turned white silty overnight. It stayed like that for at least 4 mos, and still seems to be silty, but not as white as it was at first. Over time, it has cleared up but was not clear for about 4 months. When I boil water I have a ton of debris in the water. We have just lived with the problem but I have been looking into full house water filters I will eventually purchase.

A friend in Jackson told me about some people building up pole canyon that had been digging a 5 acre pond without permission and were stealing water and messing up the aquifer. She heard about this from the Jackson Hole news and guide. Back at the time this happened, I had called around to different government water entities, I can't remember who, but didn't get any answers or even any answer as to who I should talk to as to why this would have happened.

The pictures attached are 2 pictures of the same water fresh out of the well, one in a glass, and one in a clean black pot. The other is after I boil the water, what is left in the pot. I unfortunately do not have photos from last summer when it was worse than now. These photos are taken today, 7/3/25.

Please let me know what I should do to hold Good Timber Ranch responsible for upsetting my well water.

Thank you,
Krista Poluga

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From: Rafe Rivers <raferivers@gmail.com>
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Subject: Ground Water Issues

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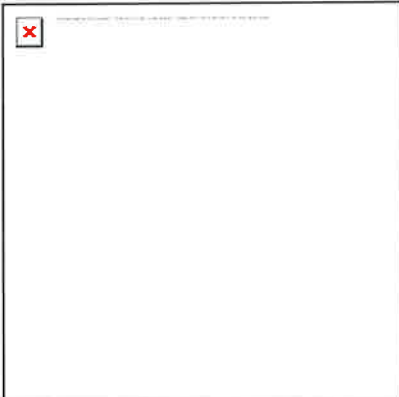
To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Rafe Rivers. Our home is located at 1566W 10250S directly adjacent to Good Timber Ranch in Victor. We hired Denning to drill a 360' well for our home in June of 2024. We finished the plumbing of the well into our home in July/August of 2024. Denning found clear water in an artesian well, but when Good Timber started scraping, it began running cloudy on and off. Unfortunately, we could never get clear water from the well once they scraped the land. It would clean up and then become dirty again. Every time we thought it was clean, we would hook it up to our filtration system, and it would immediately clog up. We had Denning Well come back in August of 2024 and raise the pump up per their recommendation, and still had the same issues arise. We are now in July of 2025 and still having our same issues, despite flushing it through an irrigation system for a year now. Denning has never seen this in all their years of drilling. Therefore, I am led to believe it has to do with the groundwater disturbance from our neighbors. It's my understanding that several other neighbors in the immediate area are now having the same problem with their wells. We have spent \$50k on our well in total costs and still can't utilize our water - even for washing crops. All we have is chocolate milky water. Please see attached photo and video below.

Thank you,

Rafe and Ansley Rivers

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Cc: Cassel, Amy; Henman, Christina
Subject: Fw: Good Timber Ranch affected area
Attachments: IMG_5861.jpeg; IMG_5863.jpeg; IMG_5464.jpg

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From: Michelle Beck <milybeck@gmail.com>
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To: anna@trentaduelawoffice.com <anna@trentaduelawoffice.com>
Cc: Cefalo, James <James.Cefalo@idwr.idaho.gov>; Golart, Aaron <Aaron.Golart@idwr.idaho.gov>; Alex Bell <Alex.Bell@deq.idaho.gov>; jchase@tetoncountyidaho.gov <jchase@tetoncountyidaho.gov>; dleemon@tetoncountyidaho.gov <dleemon@tetoncountyidaho.gov>
Subject: Good Timber Ranch affected area

Hello,

My name is Michelle Beck and my home is at 10205 S 2000 W in Victor, Idaho. Recently, as I was speaking with my neighbors, Brian & Elizabeth Maguire, I mentioned that I had just changed my whole house water filter three times in the past week. I was not aware at the time of the issue with Good Timber Ranch, but it makes sense what is occurring with our well water. At some point in late summer/early fall

of 2024 I noticed the water pressure in our house was low. I didn't think too much of it. My husband changed the filter some time around the end of the year. I'm not sure of its condition at that point.

Again, this spring I noticed our water pressure in the house was low. It didn't hit me for a while that it could be our water filter as I'm not the one who has changed it in the past (my husband and I are divorcing so I'm learning what needs done regarding maintenance around the house). As I wasn't aware of the issue with Good Timber Ranch at the time, I did not get a photo of the filter, but there was approx 0.5 - 0.75 inches of reddish brown silt at the bottom of the filter housing and the filter was clogged with the same. This was on June 11, 2025. I checked the filter the next morning and it was again filled and the water in our faucets appeared brown. I changed the filter again. I looked at it again that evening and it was again filled with silt. I changed the filter again on the 14th. At this point, our faucets were running mostly clear so I didn't check it again for several days.

I checked again on June 27, 2025 and the filter again was full. This time, I took photos as I had learned of the GTR issue. I am attaching those photos. Prior to last late summer/early fall (sorry I don't recall the exact dates) we would change the filter every 6 months to a year and it didn't look as bad as it does now. I am attaching some photos from June 13, 2024 of our filter housing. The reason I am attaching those is to compare what the filter looked like before the GTR issue. I have these photos as this was our old filter housing which had become cross threaded and we needed a plumber to come out and replace the entire filter housing as a result, these are the photos I sent to him.

We have about 16 newish spruce trees that were suffering this year before Trail Creek Irrigation was turned on. I was hand watering the trees with a hose that utilizes our well water for approx 30 minutes on each tree for several days. I can't be certain, but using that water seems to have accelerated the silt appearing in our whole house filter. Our well is on the south side of our property, set back a ways from the corner of S 2000 W and W 10250 S in Victor.

If there is any more info I can provide, please let me know.

Attachments: the photo of the filter that appears more clear is of our old filter housing from June 2025 before the GTR issue. The other two photos were taken of our filter on June 27, 2025 showing approx 2 weeks worth of use and quite a bit of silt.

Thanks,

Michelle Beck
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