

**Rolling Meadows Ranch Homeowners Association**  
**P.O. Box 264, Athol, Idaho 83801**

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Dear Director,

Regarding well #95-9490; Rolling Meadows Ranch Community Well

The Homeowner's Association of Rolling Meadows Ranch in Athol, Idaho, received our Issuance of License for the well, dated May 23, 2024. We are concerned over the reduction of the amount of water we may divert from the Prairie-Rathdrum Aquifer.

Prior to this license our water permit allowed us 40.3-acre feet of water. We never approached that amount during time of our development's existence. The newer allowable diversion rate was reduced to 14.2 acre-feet, a 65% reduction.

Using Google for a conversion rate of 325,851 gallons per acre foot, that is equal to 4,627,084 gallons per year. We have 22 five acre lots with single family residences on each. That allotment provides for only 210,322 gallons per year to each 5-acre lot. We do not believe it allows for any growth and restricts developing the land around our homes.

The license is based on meter readings from 2022. We had only 19 of the 22 lots developed. And another home was, at that time, a vacation home without any landscaping and occupied only a portion of the year. The occupants of each lot during that time frame were one couple per home.

Each of the lots has a water meter to measure the amount of water used by each household. The HOA records the amount to bill the homeowner for the water used. Our last billing cycle for the year 2023, indicates 8 of our lots use more than the new allotted amount due to gardens, landscaping and now having multiple families under one roof due to the cost of housing. Several of our homeowners now have their children and grandchildren living with them.

The water usage for the 22 lots ranges from 53,220 gallons (the vacation home) per year to 446,520 gallons (extensive landscaping and gardens) per year. The 6 lots with the most landscaping and gardens average 288,273 gallons per year. This is based on the 2022 water meter readings.

In 2023, the 19 occupied households in Rolling Meadows Ranch used 4.313 million gallons of water. By 2024 we will have 21 full time residents as one lot still is vacant. With same amount of water diverted as recorded in 2023 we would require 4.766 million gallons of water if we remain at our current state. This does not allow for the installation

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of any additional water consuming activities such as livestock, landscaping, or gardens by the new or existing homeowners.

The Board of Directors would like to request the diversion rate be increased to 16-acre feet to allow for growth. This would allow us 236,982 gallons per year per household. The additional 3 homes to be built and occupied will be installing gardens and landscaping. The vacation home has been sold and is now a full-time resident with horses and a pasture to maintain. We are already conserving water due to the cost however as more homes are becoming multi-family units we have a need for the increase.

Respectfully Submitted;

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