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Dear Director Spackman:

The Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission representing the counties of Cassia, Gooding, Lincoln, Jerome and Twin Falls, agrees with you that the ESPA including its tributaries should be considered a ground water management area. We have mined the ESPA far too long and now there is no choice but to use all the tools necessary to conserve and enhance this valuable resource, a resource that is the basis for the economy of the Magic Valley.

The Commission also believes that all who are part the problem with the ESPA should be part of the solution. A basin wide ground water management area for the ESPA, which includes all tributary basins, is a good start.

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely

Lew Pence

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