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Idaho State Department of Water Resources
Western Region
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

To those concerned:

We would like to protest water right applications for Permit 61-12256 and for Transfer 73834. Please find enclosed a check for $25.00.

We heard from a neighbor that a developer is applying for these water rights in the rural area where we live. We would like to know why we weren't notified so that we could respond, since this will no doubt affect our water supply and thus our lives.

The permits applied for are to accommodate dense housing in the Indian Creek area, where the water table is already falling. Indian Creek itself has flowed only a handful of days in the past ten years, and one need only look at the greatly diminished amount of water captured in Indian Creek Reservoir in recent years to realize that even the amount of surface rainfall in this catchment area has been declining significantly. Local Indian Creek well levels are falling as well. The water table in the nearby Cinder Cone Butte area has been falling for at least 30 years. These do not indicate a healthy, sustainable water source.

We haven't seen data to show that sustaining recharge of the water table is occurring, and we've seen no proofs that the development wouldn't affect the water supply of the families who live here now. It is very important to have robust long-term data on which to base the granting of permits. We haven't seen any evidence that there is enough water in this area to sustain thousands of families. Please reject these applications; more information is needed.

Thank you,

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