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I, Jason Andersen, a senior surface water user, hereby submit this protest to the Upper Big Lost River Ground Water District's (UBLRGWD) proposed mitigation plan.

My protest is based on concerns regarding the recharge component of the plan. Specifically, I believe that the proposed recharge activities have the potential to reduce flows in the Big Lost River, thereby causing injury to senior surface water right holders.

Furthermore, the UBLRGWD mitigation plan is vague, as it fails to identify with sufficient specificity the source(s) of water to be used for recharge, as well as the locations and methods by which such recharge will occur. This lack of detail prevents a meaningful evaluation of the plan's potential impacts on senior surface water rights.

In addition, if UBLRGWD intends to utilize natural flow water rights for recharge purposes, such use may result in injury to other water right holders, including junior appropriators who are next in priority. Moreover, such use could constitute an unlawful enlargement of existing water rights.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the proposed mitigation plan be denied or, in the alternative, that it be revised to address these deficiencies and to ensure protection of senior surface water rights.

	3-20-2026
Jason Andersen	Date

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