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I went to the public meeting held in Moore, Idaho. There we heard all the reasons our valley should be included in the Snake River Plain Aquifer Area of Common Ground Water Supply.

I would like to make a proposal that needs to be passed by the Idaho Legislature to help all water users in Idaho. Require ALL homeowners in ALL of Southern Idaho to have zeroscape landscaping regardless of when a home was built. That way all unnecessary water usage in the state will be eliminated. All homeowners will be equal participants in water conservation efforts to conserve water. The past uses of water for watering lawns has brought us to this point so the solution needs to go back to the beginning of time to fix the problems that have resulted in the present problems.

As was stated in the meeting, our water takes such a prolonged period of time to reach the Snake River Basin (if it even does at at), that it would have no effect on senior water rights of that basin. When my son was in high school in Arco, a hydrologist from INL came to talk to his class. She said it would take a drop of water thousands of years to travel from Willow Creek Summit to INL based off of their water models and flow charts. So the fact that we are threatened with curtailments to help the Snake River is absurd and also suggests that your experts need to learn more about our aquifer system.

Please just leave us alone and let us, as farmers, try to survive so we have a way of life to pass to the next generation.

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