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Hello sir, I am Shane Dirks , a water user in the Big Lost River valley. I was at the hearing in Arco and wanted to mention a couple of things that were brought up there that I feel are very relevant .

#1 The most important is the fact that was brought up how there really is no evidence that our water from here makes it to the aquifer in the blackfoot to minidoka area as evidenced by the information and work put into it by Mr Webb that day. Given the fact no rivers or tributaries have ever gone that way and there is a natural barrier as he showed . At the very most it could go to the Mud Lake area and very indirectly affect it by that. Another point on this is how we had been hearing it went to 1000 springs , now we hear we're affecting Blackfoot to minidoka, which seems like further evidence of no evidence,only guessing. Which seems like a terrible way to make big decisions on cutting water back that we've had for a long time !

#2 The issue of how long it would take for the water to get there IF it did go that way back to #1). I believe out at the museum EBR1 it states it would take 500 years to get down there. This along with what Mr Webb had come up with which would also agree that it would take at least 500 years to have an effect , again that is IF it does since given that time frame we very obviously do not have nearly enough contiguous data to come close to making a decision which will harm the ag industry here to just possibly 500+ years from now see some very minor effect from it. This was also brought up by a previous water master mentioning that 30-40 years ago they put radioactive material in the water and have never found it anywhere since then. This is a much bigger matter than we have evidence of any benefits proven at all to make these kind of decisions to cut our water back and would be very irresponsible I feel.

#3 It seemed like you and all of your team put the meeting on simply because legally and for good politics you had to, it looks good on paper that you had a public hearing on it , but you were not listening ,really listening. I beg of you to consider the matter with good ethics, common sense, not to let the big money talk but the voice of what this great land of ours means to those of us that love it. Thank you sir , Regards, Shane Dirks