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PETITION TO INTERVENE

I, Lin L Huntz, PETITION TO INTERVENE WITH
IDWR DURING THE May 3, 2017 PREHEARING CONFERENCE ON THE
MATTER OF DESIGNATING A CRITICAL GROUND WATER AREA IN THE BIG
LOST RIVER BASIN

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May 13, 2017

**Attention: Tim Luke
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 East Front Street
P. O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720- 0098**

**RE: Rose Bernal's Petition to Form a Critical Ground Water District
within Basin 34**

Dear Mr. Luke,

BACKGROUND: On September 19, 2016, Rose Bernal, a Butte County Resident, submitted a letter to the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources including an unverified or ineligible petition requesting the Director "designate a "Critical Ground Water Area", in the Big Lost River Basin (Basin 34)." The petition was signed by over 200 persons many of whom, were not eligible water users, and falsely or unknowingly claimed to be in support of Rose Bernal's request. On January 9, 2017, the Director received a letter from Mr. Moj Broadie, Chairman of the newly formed "Big Lost River Ground Water District ("BLRGWD")", opposing the petition to designate the Big Lost River Basin as a critical ground water area and requesting the Director "allow the BLRGWD to have broad participation" in the consideration of designating the Big Lost River Basin a critical ground water area or ground water management area. On January 23, 2017, the Director received another letter from Mr. Moj Broadie, asking the Director to consider designating the Big Lost River Basin a "Ground Water Management Area" "with due process procedures that would enable all interested parties to participate " The above-described letters are petitions as defined by the Department's Rule of Procedure 230. IDAPA 37.01.01.230. On March 23, 2017, the Director issued a Notice of a Prehearing Conference scheduled on May 3, 2017. The Director

also sent a letter to people holding or having an interest in a water right the Department identified may be impacted by a critical ground water area or ground water management area designation, informing them of the prehearing conference and a May 3, 2017, deadline for filing petitions to intervene. Further, May 09, 2017, the Director issued an **ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS TO INTERVENE** IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the deadline for filing petitions to intervene in the above-captioned matter and in accordance with the Department's Rules of Procedure is extended to May 24, 2017.

Pay to Play – Enclosed is my twenty-five (\$25.00) for a “Petition to Intervene” and to protest Rose Bernal’s petition to designate Basin 34 of the Big Lost River Drainage a “Critical Ground Water Area”.

Additional BACKGROUND: The Lost River Economic Development Project found “Grant” money to re-drill or deepen wells of certain Butte County Residents of Parties who initially complained about damage due to nearby Irrigation Well diversions. A request was made to Butte County to locate the said or rumored 15 or 16 domestic wells that could be candidates for assistance. After careful consideration of the claims made by Rose Bernal’s “Tear Jerking Statement”, made during an IDWR community meeting at the Arco School Auditorium, Butte County came up with only five (5) domestic well candidates and only one (1) may have had a legitimate claim eligible for compensation. Documents for this are available.

Sincerely, 

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