

# M3: Studies show plenty of water for our Foothills project

EAGLE — M3 Eagle is located north of Beacon Light Road, between State Highway 16 and Willow Creek Road, and within the North Eagle Foothills Planning Area that includes approximately 49,000 acres. M3 Eagle's property contains 6,005 acres, which represents approximately 12% of the foothills area.

The company's application for a future water right to enable it to build its 20-year phased project is currently before the Idaho Department of Water Resources. (See *Valley Times*, April 20th, page 9). Bill Brownlee, M3 Managing Partner, spoke with *Valley Times* about the water situation.

"Some people are continuing to speak about a 'new aquifer'," he said. "There is no new aquifer. The Pierce Gulch Sand Aquifer has been there a long time. It's very robust and productive and we find through our research and test wells that it extends under the western portion of our property."

"A majority of all the wells in the area do not extend into the aquifer"

"Why would we want to fudge and say there's more water than there is? We've spent \$2 million to make sure the water is there."

"We're setting up a 20-year project. You can't build this type of a community if the wells are going to run dry."

M3 commissioned respected Boise hydrogeologist Ed Squires to conduct hydrogeologic studies of the North Ada County Area. Squires reports those studies "have delineated a highly productive regional sand aquifer



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with good water quality that underlies the area near Eagle and Star and the proposed M3 Eagle planned community."

Concerning wells in the region, "extensive water-level monitoring in the area shows water levels in wells to be stable under current levels of use. The ground water proposed to be withdrawn by M3 Eagle for its development will be from subsurface flow that has already departed the Boise Basin, on its way to the Payette Basin, so that impacts to existing area water users in the lowlands near Eagle are predicted to be small."

"M3 Eagle has already implemented a significant ground water monitoring program to document aquifer conditions prior to development and to be able to assess any future impact to the aquifer from its proposed withdrawals over time. M3 is committed to continue its monitoring of aquifer pressures throughout the proposed development and beyond buildout."

For more information, including specific tests and results, visit M3Eagle.com.

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