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My name is Rick Pancheri. I live in the Little Lost River Area. My family and I have farmed and ranched here since the early 70's. In response to the Clear Spring Petition to amend rule 50, I believe by including the Little Lost in this matter would lack merit or science.

The science I believe is flawed and uncertain. We are 60 to 70 miles from the Snake River and even 140 miles from Clear Springs Diversion. We are a closed basin where none of our surface water exits our valley. I cannot imagine that if we shut a well off here that any or less than 1 % would even show up there! I hear that the "model" is the best we have. However, I doubt, the science of the model has been tested on the effects of the ground water of the Little Lost Area in connection with other basins. I believe that with the geological barriers of volcanic activity plus the unknown there is a small to zero corridor that our ground water would even reach areas in question.

I also believe that shutting off 20,000 acres (for argument sake) in the Little Lost would not benefit the Twin Falls area, any benefit would be small & late. Meaning that if 10 cfs show up there in 15 years from our curtailment would be a waste of our natural resource our area has been given.

If we were not included in the beginning of the model why include us now? I believe it is to divide and conquer. We are small and easy pickings. We are not backed by multi-millionaires. We are people that scratch out a living in a very harsh environment. Please leave us out of this decision!

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF PETITION TO AMEND )  
RULE 50.01 OF THE CONJUNCTIVE )  
MANAGEMENT RULES (37.03.11) )  
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Docket No.  
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CLEAR SPRINGS FOOD, INC.'S  
PETITION TO AMEND RULE 50

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