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Mr. Jeff Peppersack
Hearing Officer
Idaho Department of Water Resources
322 E Front Street
Boise, ID 83702

RE: City of Eagle Support for a West Ada County Area of Drilling Concern

Dear Mr. Peppersack:

As the Department is aware, the City of Eagle has been involved in several large administrative hearings relative to its future ground water supply and Reasonably Anticipated Future Needs water right. This water right is intended to cover the very large expansion of the City's land area in recent years. Those proceedings centered around the controversy of domestic wells and the hydraulic interconnection with the City's municipal water wells. Eagle, by the nature of the way it developed with larger home sites on acreages, may well have the most dense domestic well field within city limits of any city in Idaho. As such, we share many of the same concerns that have been expressed and documented by the City of Meridian in its petition to IDWR to designate an Area of Drilling Concern. Eagle also shares the same general list of subsurface ground water contaminants that we are fearful of being spread by new future domestic wells constructed without annular casing seals and drilled deeper into the aquifer system. Even now we see this trend toward deeper drilling happening in our city. Incidentally, Eagle has a large percentage of wells that exhibit flowing artesian conditions (above ground flow) that makes sealing of well casings even more important.

For these reasons, the City of Eagle stands in support of Meridian's efforts to protect its aquifer system through the designation of an Area of Drilling Concern.

Thank you for the ability to comment on this important issue for our valley.

Respectfully,

City of Eagle
Ken Acuff
Water Superintendent

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