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Dear Mr. Spackman:

I am writing this to let you know that I will be unable to make the consolidated hearing on water availability and use along the I-84 corridor from Boise to Mountain Home - especially as it pertains to water in the Mayfield area. I have a family emergency that will require my traveling out of state. I do not know if I would have necessarily been able to add anything new to what I have already stated in my protest letters but as a small land owner living in the area I know that I will be directly impacted by any decisions made and regret being unable to be there in person. This letter will provide you with some of my thoughts on the issues at hand and will also let you know that I have asked Lori Atkins to be a spokesperson representing my concerns in this matter.

My concerns primarily focus on the sufficiency of the water source to sustain the dramatic increases in water usage being proposed. Historically, building along that portion or the I-84 corridor has been limited by the availability of water. When the building boom hit the nation, land was cheap and the local building ordnances so less restrictive when compared to Boise that a large land grab was created leading to big plans for mini cities in an arid area covered mostly by sagebrush. The type of growth being proposed is unprecedented for that area and I feel we have yet to fully understand the implications of approving water permits for large scale use in areas which include or are very close to the Mountain Home Ground Water Management Area and the Cinder Cone Butte Critical Ground Water Area.

I agree with all of the conclusions of the November 14, 2012 document "Water Supply Evaluation for Proposed Projects along the I-84 Corridor" that was prepared for the Idaho Power Company. Water being used for municipal purposes cannot be easily interrupted when ambient conditions have led to a shortage. Even the applicants have had to admit that the water supply is known to be limited, and that the un-appropriated water is not sufficient for the uses being proposed and yet they have not yet identified reasonable alternative sources – a pipeline from the Snake River is unrealistic in my opinion and will be fraught with its own concerns regarding water availability. And of upmost importance to me, that the diversion of and use of ground water for the proposed applications will injure existing water rights. I know of one neighbor in the last few years who has had to drop the water pump in his well and has felt that it was in direct correlation to a drastic increase in water (often running 24/7) being used on fields near the Indian Creek/Desert Wind Intersection and further in on land that has been approved for a large scale development known as Mayfield Townsites. As a homeowner in the area, it worries me to hear of this as without sufficient water I will not be able to live on my land nor will I be able to sell it if forced to move.

I appreciate all of the time and effort that IDWR has put into evaluating this issue. The willingness to proceed slowly and with care has provided me with some relief and I hope that the hearing process will also focus on the goal of doing what is best for existing water rights and water users.

Sincerely,
Mary Frisch 4/16/2013
Mary Frisch

Gibson, Deborah

From: danaq@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 10:15 AM
To: Gibson, Deborah
Subject: Fwd: Mayfield water resources meeting today, problem, D & S Quinney

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Thank you for your help!
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Sent: Wed, Apr 17, 2013 8:17 am
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Dear Ms. Gibson,

My husband and I are protestors of these new applications and had planned to go to the meeting today and speak (well, I was going to speak). However, we both woke up with the flu and feel too awful to come. We would like to have Lori Atkins represent us at this hearing.

Thank you much.

Dana and Scott Quinney
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