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I may not be able to make Wednesday's meeting and wanted to get these comments in to you. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns and desires. Mary Sue Roach

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People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel - Maya Angelou

To: Eric Wilson

After attending additional rulemaking sessions I want to urge IDL to make the following changes to the oil and gas rules and regulations:

1. As has been urged in the past sessions, a third party entity needs to monitor the meters that are in place on the wells. This is the only way the State of Idaho, mineral owners and the industry will have accurate data. It insures transparency also.
2. For the protection of surface owners, a minimum 500 foot setback for gas wells, gas processing facilities and tank battery farms should be established. As a surface owner your "good faith" negotiating power is very limited. If you own your minerals you can have the well head placed just about anywhere reasonable that you want. A precedent has already been set by the well placement on Highway 52. Surrounding states have 500+ foot setbacks (Colorado, Wyoming and North Dakota) and one county in Montana has just adopted a 750 foot setback. Increased setbacks are critical for the protection of surface owners. The reason that was given for keeping the setback at 300 feet was based on a stated range of 200-2000 feet. I find it unacceptable that 300 feet is considered an adequate setback for surface owners in Idaho!
3. The \$5,000 bond to enter a surface owner's property is also inadequate. It should be increased to \$10,000 for the protection of the surface owner.

Comments were made implying that "this or that" issue surrounding oil and gas development could be written into the lease agreement. I find it interesting given that many of the mineral owners who have signed leases had little or no knowledge about what they could really have included in their lease agreement. Too little information too late for some lease holders!

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