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To: [Oil and Gas Conservation Rulemaking](#)
Subject: Re: Oil & Gas Rulemaking
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To Whom It May Concern,

As a family that will be directly affected by the rules IDL sets in place for oil and gas in Idaho, I would like to state several concerns that I hope the department will seriously consider, with the livelihood and well-being of Idaho citizens taking priority over out-of-state industry.

1. Please establish a setback distance of greater than 300 feet, especially as drill sites are considered being placed within residential areas (as in the case of Section 14). A small setback poses risks to property and health of those near the site, and calls for drastically higher bond amounts, which are already insufficient to compensate for damages these sites are capable of causing.
2. Particularly in the case of integration, there need to be very clearly defined surface use agreements that are also sufficient, should any loss of home or property value happen for the homeowners who did not wish to participate but were integrated.
3. Please require transparency by this industry. This will show that the State believes we can trust these companies with nothing to hide, and holds all parties accountable (including those choosing to lease property and mineral rights). Right now we are unable to acquire details as simple as specific location of proposed drill sites or access roads, and that type of information needs to be made available, especially to home and property owners who have been requested/required to lease.

I sincerely hope that these concerns will be addressed with the best interest of the tax-paying home and property owners in mind.

Thank you for your time,

Brynna Smith