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Subject: Drinking Water Program Fees Proposed Changes

The City of Salmon opposes proposed increased fees to be passed along to local districts. As an enterprise system, we would then have to pass these fees onto our customers. Our rates have already increased significantly in the last few years to pay for maintaining our aging water infrastructure. We are in the middle of an almost \$8 million project, partially funded by loans and partially by grant monies through USDA. Salmon has a high percentage of low to moderate income households, and with current inflation on everything from groceries to fuel, this extra burden to citizens for clean water should not have to be faced by the local communities.

DEQ serves a need for keeping our water safe, and I'm disappointed that their federal funding is going to be cut since the environment is not a priority for this administration. It would be nice to have the corporations and other large pollutants in the country make up for the decreased federal funding.

- Thank you,
- Amy Fealko

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