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To whom this may concern,

I'm writing about the Eagle Sewer District's plan to put Class A water in the Farmers Union Ditch.
Water users weren't told about this agreement until after it was signed. The ditch company could get out of it, but shareholders have found that very hard to make happen. ESD says it isn't responsible once the water enters the ditch, so if PFAS or other contaminants build up, landowners are left with all of the consequences without any choice in the matter.
According to the IDEQ Q&A page we can just not use the water but that isn't true. Idaho law limits domestic well irrigation to half an acre, and we have 2.5. Leaving the land unirrigated would make it a fire hazard and ruin our farm. It's like telling someone they don't have to live in the house they bought.
Irrigation also recharges the aquifer that we, as well as many of our neighbors, depend on. So, this affects drinking water too.
I've heard IDEQ is granting ESD exemptions and speeding up the permit. Is that true, and why? I want to know if this can be tabled until the regulations coming in 2027 that can help protect us from further contamination rather than pushing a permit that locks everyone affected into a permit that is grandfathered into regulations that do not protect the end users. Who is responsible if our soil or water is harmed?
Please reconsider the exemptions until these concerns are addressed. If IDEQ doesn't protect landowners here, who will?
Please confirm you received this and tell me how to submit formal comment.
Thank you,
Kelsey Fifer, Eagle resident.