



# PAYETTE LAKES RECREATIONAL WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

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Board of Directors of PLRWSD,

This letter is submitted as written comment to the Petition for Annexation of Property filed with PLRWSD by Pine Creek Ranch, LLC, in accordance with Idaho Code § 42-3218(b). The comments and opinions expressed herein are my own and are provided in my role as District Manager. Upon review, it is my belief that annexing the "Stockton 90" into the PLRWSD boundary, as requested in the Petition, would not be good stewardship of the PLRWSD wastewater system (the "System") at this time. Without first having permanent allocations for phosphorus discharge into the North Fork of the Payette River or having a second storage pond in place, the District should not expand the PLRWSD boundary; particularly, in the meaningful way requested by the Petition.

As you are all aware, we invested a lot of time and thought into the PLRWSD Master Plan. In the planning sessions for the Master Plan, the impact area was removed in favor of focusing on the current PLRWSD boundary, and prioritizing it to a level of service to meet demand within the existing system. The expansion beyond the District's current boundaries should not occur at this time. Sticking to the Master Plan is what our patrons expect. Granted, the order of things in the Master Plan may get moved around a bit, but we need to stick to it as much as possible.

Our responsibility is to operate and maintain the System in a manner that ensures an adequate level of service for all PLRWSD patrons and to manage sewer connections consistent with the current limitations of the System and in a manner that safeguards the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the District. Adding a development of this size to a System that is already in jeopardy of being overwhelmed is not, in my opinion, good stewardship of the System or consistent with our duties. As you all know, we took ownership of a dilapidated system that will take years to get it back into proper operating condition. I welcome any questions you may have.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Bateman".

Jeff Bateman

Manager, Payette Lakes Recreational Water And Sewer District