



# Iron County Farm Bureau

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Dear Mr. Olds,

The Iron County Farm Bureau would like to make comments on the public meeting held March 11 on the ground water management plan and points we think should be considered in the plan.

The first concerns that need to be addressed are: What is the real purpose of the plan? For whom is it beneficial? What are the consequences of the plan? What overwhelming evidence is there that there is a public interest need for the plan? Will the plan consider the impact on local cities, schools and businesses?

The plan should include not only the economic impact but also ways to mitigate them. The economic impact needs to include reimbursement for stranded investment like wells, sprinklers, mainline and compensating for water rights taken. An economic analysis needs to be done with local data rather than depending on county data.

The plan needs to include ways to help individual homeowners to secure senior water rights and timeline of implementation to reduce stranded investment.

If water rights are retired the land needs to be reseeded to native vegetation before water is shut off.

We feel that the date for the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting is untimely because it is in the middle of valuable haying time and needs to be rescheduled at a more convenient time for those involved.

Respectfully,

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