

Planning Dept.  
Crook County Community Development



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Dear Planning Dept.,

Once again I am so concerned about the water issue and finding that Knife River has permission to drill wells to irrigate and mine.

When Bassada Ranch started drilling wells the neighbors' started loosing water in their wells and had to drill new ones.

My business can't take a chance of having water that is contaminated or water levels to drop enough that I can't continue business at present state. What will guarantee that my business isn't interrupted? I feel very strongly about this situation even being considered.

Drought conditions even more so, tax the ground water, and environment. When large quantities of water are extracted. That will deplete the neighboring wells for sure.

Knife River offers me a cistern while they are planning to drill three wells on their site's makes no sense. They also have their experts saying my corner of the Vanier property will be most affected with water issues. Cisterns in our area freeze and have all kinds of problems including contamination. How can the county, state or any other agency approve this site knowing these issues could arise.

I think we have stated our case with facts not just hear say or unreasonable requests.

Thank you for your time.

Always,  
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