



December 12, 2017

City of Hailey
Planning and Zoning Commissioners and Staff
Re: Quigley Farms Preliminary Plat Request

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Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Over the last year, there has been many meetings involving landscape industry experts, non-profits, and planning staff from the Cities of Bellevue, Hailey, Ketchum, Sun Valley and the Blaine County. The goals of the group were to collectively address water conservation in the residential and commercial landscape in the Wood River Valley. Knowing that drought, climate change and water calls are a part of our everyday vocabulary, we desired to create a document that would help with educating our communities on sustainable resource use; and, a policy that would help entities when applying for state, federal and private grants for water conservation.

This group has developed a checklist of best practices to implement in new construction and new subdivisions to conserve and limit the amount of consumptive water loss in the landscape. The Water Smart Landscape Checklist is a policy guideline for soil, mulches, irrigation efficiencies and drought tolerant plants which has been successfully implemented throughout much of the arid west already. The industry experts researched and recommended these guidelines and together the group created the attached checklist.

In spring of 2018, the planners will be recommending this checklist to their commissioners and councils to adopt these guidelines as a Wood River Valley Resolution. Each of the above cities and the county has committed to this resolution as a first step in the educational process which are non-binding and non-enforceable.

Knowing that future growth is important, we are requesting that the Planning and Zoning process for the Quigley Farms preliminary plat require that these basic best practices are part of the development of the Quigley Farms subdivision. We believe that sustainable use of our resources will enable all of us to thrive as we look for a multitude of solutions to address our limited water resources.

Sincerely,

Patti Lousen

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