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In addition to the inadequacy of Quality and Quantity Analysis, the Darren Lee proposal failed to demonstrate a clear and non-damaging way to ingress and egress the property in question. The property has no means of access suitable for an aggregate mining operation.

It has been determined by multiple sources including the Malheur county road department and the Planning and Zoning commission, that Jasmine Road could not be crossed or used in anyway by this applicant due to the many unmitagatable conflicts.

As such, Darren Lee attempted to amend his plan and build a new road that would access Mesquite Road. This too, is inadequate and would result in a dangerous situation for local residents. Imagine if you will, a large, heavily loaded belly dump coming down a steep hill and then having to negotiate a 90 degree turn onto a narrow, 21 ft wide road. All the while crossing an agricultural irrigation ditch that carries water to thousands of acres of prime farmland.

An underground pipeline, with an easement, runs the entire length of the proposed mining operation from the East to the West. This underground pipe carries water from the Snake River to a two thousand plus acre farm to the south. An agreement to mine around this pipe, drive over this pipe or in anyway disturb the agricultural lifeline to this farm has NOT been obtained!

This location should not qualify for the Goal 5 inventory.