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In accordance with K.S.A. 82a-1041, Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 ("District") is pursuing a Local Enhanced Management Area ("LEMA"). On February 15, 2018, the District board presented the key components of the draft LEMA plan at the annual meeting. These components are: 1) end gun removal within entire LEMA area, 2) implement streamflow augmentation at a rate of 15 cubic feet per second ("cfs"); and 3) promote movement or retirement of water rights out of sensitive areas of the LEMA. The draft LEMA document is available for public review and comment. Please use this form to submit comments and concerns to the District by **March 1, 2018**.

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To the GMD5 board,

The MDS wells were not properly addressed at your last meeting in St John. A citizen in the audience attempted to ask about these wells and their classification but Mr Barfield only addressed them as one group, simply they were included and treated the same as all junior wells to "The Refuge". My understanding is they are the first to be shut down when there is a water shortage to the marsh. There is a very distinct difference between MDS wells and all others. Why was this not presented to the water users in attendance? I believe the majority of those in attendance were not MDS holders. I also believe that most, if not all involved in the LEMA draft, are MDS holders. I am suspect of my representation in this matter, because of the responses at the meeting and as the draft is written. With that said I am in support that all of us need to sacrifice some in rectifying this matter, but I also believe the MDS holders need to stand up and own the legal document and honor its implications and should suffer the larger restrictions before the rest of us are asked to suffer equally as they.

Also I am very dubious of the boundaries of the outer LEMA borders as was voiced by several in attendance from the southern borders to the northern borders. I just happen to be on the very north boundary and as was stated at the meeting by one of my neighbors, all our water runs to the Arkansas and our water permits designate the Ark River basin. We believe there's an attempt to expand those boundaries well beyond where they should be, just to ease the restrictions on water holders in the greater than 40% area. I would like to hear my concerns addressed by the GMD5 board and I think all questions and replies should be post on this message board for everyone to see. Again, we do need a unified front to combat these Government take aways. If the action by "The Refuge" is successful we all lose, even those outside the LEMA. Because the taking of, and restricting of our water will continue to the next Government overreach. Please respond to these important questions.

Thank you.  
Chris Pinkston

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