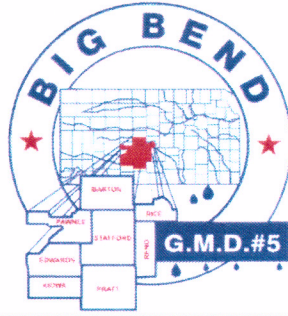


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In accordance with K.S.A. 82a-1041, Big Bend Groundwater Management District #5 ("District") is pursuing a Local Enhanced Management Area ("LEMA"). On February 15, 2018, the District board presented the key components of the draft LEMA plan at the 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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Dear Sir:

I believe your LEMA encompasses way too much of GMD #5 and it seems to go into the Ark River Basin and is not just contained to the Rattlesnake area. I do believe we at least need shut down the MDS wells first. I am also very concerned that GMD Board members are trying to protect their interest along the Rattlesnake instead of watching out for GMD #5 as a whole. It maybe that an IGUA for the immediate rattlesnake area should be looked at before effectin all GMD # 5. I do not believe this current proposed solution has been very well publicized by GMD #5. Nowhere has it been made public on how the well field to augment the stream flow is going to be paid for. There are rumors of a water tax that GMD #5 Board members seem to be hiding from the public. Maybe we need to follow the law as written instead of creating new regulations and limit or shut down the MDS wells and possibly even junior water rights in the immediate rattlesnake area(within 2 miles).