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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 GMD5,

In my opinion the chief engineer should have the MDS wells shut down in the entire Rattlesnake basin. This should provide sufficient acre feet of water to satisfy the need of the impairment.

Our families have been farming since the first wells were put in. The last two circle systems we replaced had no end guns and had extra sprinkler drops very close to the ground. The last system installed last year was an underground drip system.

I have no problem with removal of end guns. In fact I think it is a great idea. The junior water rights folks knew what the risks were when they signed their agreement.

If more cutbacks are required they should be taking the hit just as their agreement states.

Thanks for listening.

Frank and Helen Wewers

Sent from my iPhone