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**Big Bend GMD #5**

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. Feel free to attach pages as needed.

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To whom it may concern:

I want to express my strong support for the LEMA that has been proposed by the GMD #5 board.

In all the years that the Rattlesnake creek issue has been studied and discussed, the main theme has always been to support the economic growth of the communities. While I would rather the issue have drifted away into the sunset, the fact is we all use the water, and need to work together so neighbors are not pitted against each other, and our schools have the population base and economic base to survive.

The plan that has been proposed will enable each water user to maintain their ability to use the water, at a reduced level, for beneficial use. Some discussion would have put neighbors out of business, and potentially causing people to cut back on hired labor, or default on loans.

As I stated at the top, I strongly support the proposed LEMA as presented by the GMD #5 board of directors.