

Fremont County Commission

151 West 1st North St. Anthony, ID 83445

DATE: December 21, 2020

To: Honorable Idaho State Land Board and Idaho Department of Lands

From: Fremont County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) Eastern Idaho Regional Solid Waste District (EIRSWD) Land Re:

Exchange Letter of Support

As a founding member of the EIRSWD who has been actively seeking to establish a regional solid waste solution for our county for many years, the BOCC of Fremont County would encourage the State Land Board to approve the proposed land exchange.

We understand the proposed land exchange will bring significant benefit to the state's endowment lands and Fremont County is committed to making sure this is the case. We also see that the proposed exchange will block up endowment lands with other adjacent endowment lands.

The County considers the proposed location as an ideal location for a landfill use for its central location, topographical orientation of natural valleys, soil content and environmental and regulatory considerations. The BOCC were on location when Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Fish & Game (DFG) staff conducted a physical site visit. This included digging necessary trenches to view soils and depths. The County's understanding is that both the DEO and DFR are supportive of this application for its regionalization efforts for Eastern Idaho citizens and Idaho's air, land and water resources.

We understand the State Land Board's prime directive of adding value to the endowment lands. The proposed exchange certainly adds value and will also be a significant regional solution to the areas solid waste needs. We appreciate your consideration of the District's land exchange proposal.

Sincerely,

Jely Mil. Jut Strady Bill Bayte LeRoy Miller, Chairman Jordon Stoddard, Commissioner Bill Baxter, Commissioner