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Brenda Sanchez
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Dear Brenda,

Monument Soil and Water Conservation District has studied the current process and implementation guidelines, and spoken with our local partners affected by the scheduled SIA for the Middle and North Fork of the John Day River. We also had a lengthy discussion with our area representative, Maria Snodgress. Maria gave clarity to the selection, public outreach and implementation scheduling.

We feel strongly that we need more time to educate ourselves and our community on the SIA program. The questions asked by Grant Soil and Water Conservation District are a major factor in this decision. These questions mirror many of our concerns and we feel the need for answers prior to the scheduled SIA's. The training offered by Maria for the remote evaluation will be key in being well prepared.

Therefore we are formally asking for a rescheduling of the SIA in our area from 2021 until 2022.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter I have sent through "every mail direct" to our District landowners. I am sure you are aware of our commitment to the conservation directives of our SWCD and the value we place on the relationships with our landowners and land managers.

Respectfully,



BA Robbins,
District Manager

Enclosure

CC: Maria Snodgress, ODA
Kyle Sullivan, Grant SWCD
Valeen Madden, NFJDWC