

September 14, 2007

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To: Mr. Elliott and Members of the W.P.I.C.

I attended your meetings in Thompson Falls on September 12th and 13th. This Letter will hopefully be helpful for you to see the developer's point of view and his problems.

Attached are two plot maps of my proposed subdivision showing the difference between Public Well's and Shared Exempt wells. At this time I cannot get a Water Right to go ahead with the Public Water System therefore no subdivision approval. I am applying for the exempt wells and most likely will get approval. I have already drilled the two public wells that can produce 550 gallons per minute (They will now be used as exempt wells).

Cost estimate of the Public water system not including maintenance is \$162,500.00.

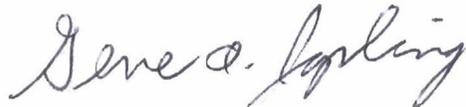
Cost estimate of exempt wells is \$111,150.00.

The benefit of the Public water system is less wells and also Fire Flows where going to be put in place. Our County now requires us to pay \$500.00 per lot or supply water for Fire. The cost is \$19,500.00 raising the cost of exempt wells to \$130,650.00. The savings of exempt wells is \$31,850.00. This savings will be gone very quickly by higher insurance rates and the maintenance of so many wells.

The time frame for getting water rights and the fact that they are almost impossible to get makes developers go to the exempt wells as the only means of getting subdivision approval.

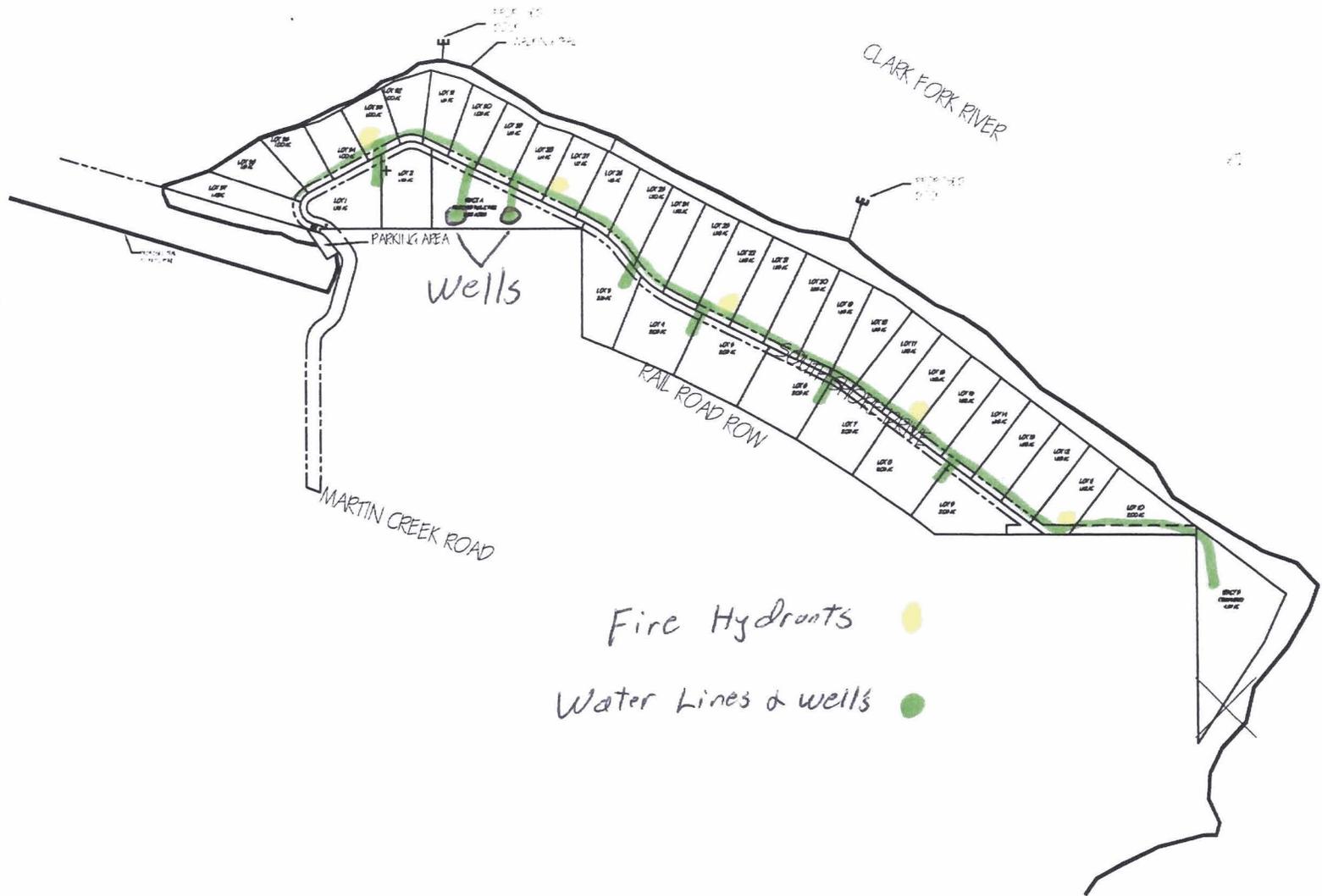
I hope this letter and figures help you in your research on what to do with our Water Policies. I have also included the well logs for the two wells already drilled.

Sincerely:



Gene A. Jopling (Native Montanan)

Plot Map with Two Public Wells



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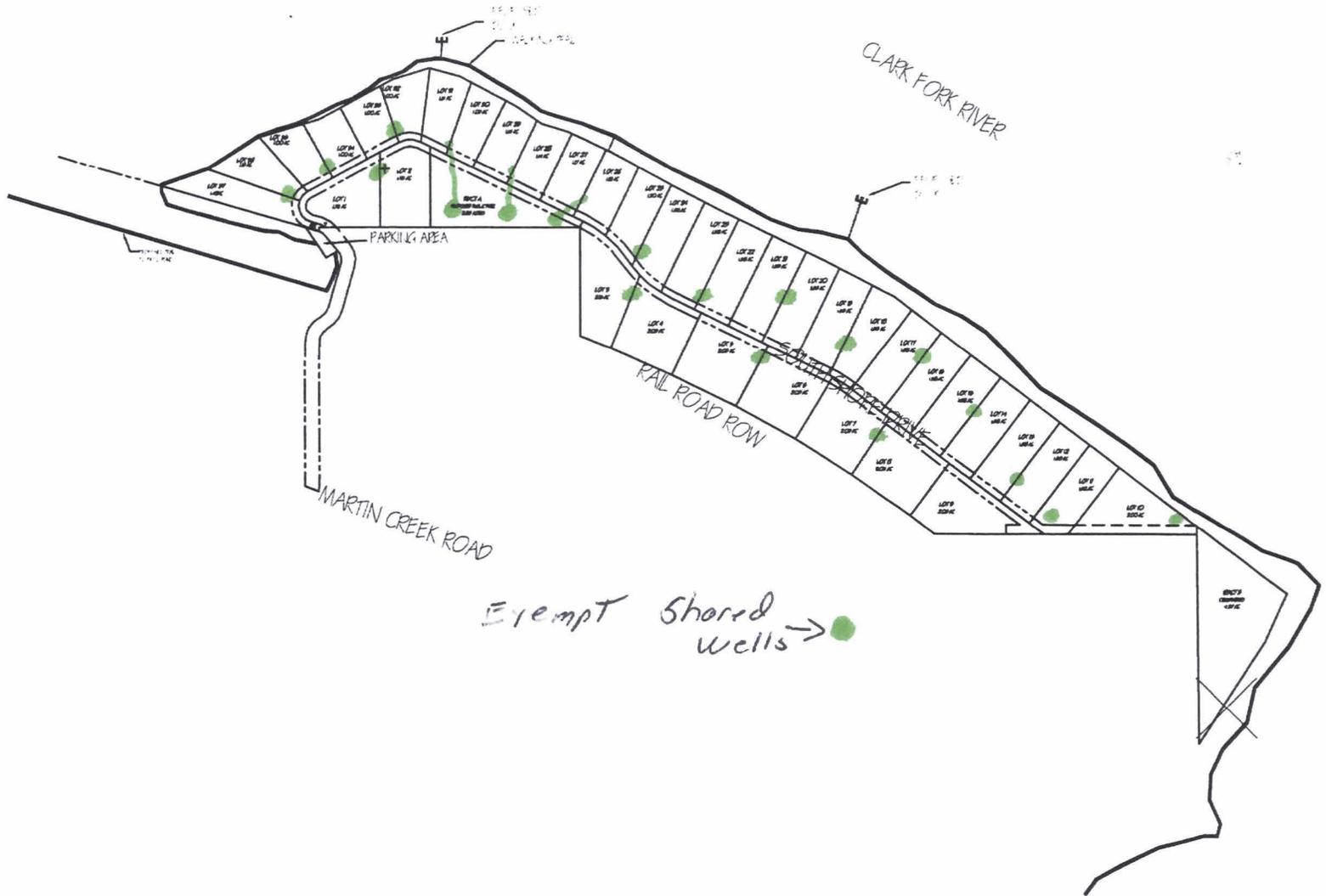
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LARCHWOOD SOUTH SHORES PROPOSED DOCK AND TRAIL SYSTEM

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09-13-07	ANDERSON, MICHAEL; BOON, BRYAN; DANIELSON, KYLE	
SCALE 1" = 500'	MICHAEL PILAUDIS	SHEET 2 OF 3

M01 Map w th Exempt Wells



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