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Water for Flathead's Future is made up of farmers, homeowners, sportsmen and business owners from around Flathead Valley who believe in careful conservation of water resources that belong to all of us. We represent thousands of Valley residents from all walks of life. If wells in one neighborhood are not safe from the water export industry, then no one's well in Flathead County is safe.

LET'S LOOK BEFORE WE LEAP!

Clean water and healthy rivers are precious commodities that belong to all of us. Clean water supports our way of life and our economy, as well as the natural beauty of the Flathead Valley.

Blindly opening the Flathead Valley's aquifers to **unprecedented, industrial-scale water-bottling plants sets a dangerous precedent** that will have very real impacts on the Flathead's residents. Approval of the Creston water-bottling factory would **trigger a landslide of similar proposals** to ship our water out-of-state.

Water is life itself. **We have a responsibility to manage our groundwater resources carefully, for today and future generations.** The Creston proposal carries **too many risks and too many unanswered questions** for irrigators, neighboring homeowners, and the Flathead River and Flathead Lake. It's **simply unfair** for the developer to take in all the benefits, while the rest of us carry the risks and costs of redrilling wells, adding pumps, legal and consulting costs.

Let's look before we leap. *Now* is the time to put a moratorium on industrial-scale water bottling plants in the upper Flathead Basin, until we can guarantee we can use this resource without degrading the quality of life, property rights and natural resources around the Valley.

WE NEED YOU. YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

Large companies like Coca-Cola and Nestle are covering the globe, looking for cheap sources of clean water. Other communities have seen their water sources depleted when these companies move in. Let's not let those mistakes happen in Flathead County.

Spread the word! Visit our website - waterforflatheadsfuture.org Add your name to our growing list of concerned residents. Share articles, comment positively on our webpage, facebook page, etc.

DONATE NOW! We are up against corporate interests with deep pockets who have had a 2-year head start. We have been in existence less than one month. Our effort requires consultant hydrologists, attorneys, and other expenses. Send checks to. WFF, PO Box 10518; Kalispell MT 59904. Or donate through PayPal at waterforflatheadsfuture.org

Write Letters to the editor of all local papers (300 words or less):

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CONTACT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Ask them to hold off large scale water export operations in Flathead County immediately until ALL our rights are protected. Key points:

1. No one knows how opening up the Flathead Valley's aquifer to the water-bottling industry will impact our wells, our water rights, irrigation, and lakes, rivers and wetlands in the valley. We need to answer these questions BEFORE we open the door to this industry.
2. The water in our aquifers belongs to all of us, including future generations. We have a responsibility to manage this resource well, not just use it up as fast as possible. Shipping our water out of state is not a beneficial use.
3. Bottling plants have the potential to impact and degrade the wells and properties of neighboring landowners and traditional land uses. These impacts cost thousands of dollars to mitigate and devalue our property. This is not fair and not sustainable.
4. If wells and property rights aren't safe in Creston, they are not safe anywhere in Flathead County.

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