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First Idaho Power tried to renege on their agreement with residential customers who use net metering, and now they are going after the farmers. Farmers should have the right to power their irrigation pumps with home-grown solar energy, and the PUC and Idaho Power should be encouraging them to do so. Idaho Power should eliminate the arbitrary 100-kW cap on solar meters so that farmers and businesses have the freedom to invest in a solar system that is large enough to meet their energy needs. Before ending the current program, Idaho Power should establish new and fair rates. In addition, the comment period should be extended so that farmers will have an opportunity to prepare their comments after harvest. I have a small electric pump that I use to irrigate one acre in Owyhee County, and I was hoping to install a solar panel to replace the pump. The new proposal will likely prevent me from doing so. Converting to solar is good for the economy and good for the planet. Don't let Idaho Power stand in the way.

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