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Dear Water Policy Analyst Laura Hartt,

As an Oregonian I am writing to ask you to support the new rules for issuing groundwater permits.

Too many permits have been issued, resulting in declines in our groundwater supply. Oregon's existing rules for issuing new groundwater permits do not take into account the needs of wildlife in fragile ecosystems, lakes, rivers and streams.

Wildlife is disappearing due to climate changes, we should be trying to preserve our groundwater and give a sustainable amount to wildlife.

No new permits should be issued in areas that do not have an abundance of available groundwater.

People and wildlife need groundwater to live and thrive. We should consider future generations and protect our beautiful state so animals and people can survive here.

Sincerely,
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