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My comments about the proposed water use rule changes

I am so pleased to see Oregon take action towards managing our water resources. While it is good to see the proposed changes in the NEW ground water usage applications, it seems likely that the CURRENT users are already over-appropriating the ground water, as evidenced by so many wells going dry.

I am encouraged that the trend is towards more assessment and management, but I think the management needs to include the existing users. I realize this would be controversial. The bigger users will talk about economic viability, while the smaller users, who can't afford new wells or lawyers, will suffer.

If I could wave a magic wand, I would fund lots more studies and testing of the current situation, and then keep up that data gathering over many decades, so that we can have a much better handle on how to allocate our water resources.

Thank you
Jill Jolly