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Dear Oregon Water Resources Department:

I live in rural Linn County near Sweet Home and get my water from a well. There is a subdivision proposed to be developed immediately adjacent to me even though it is 7+ miles to the nearest town. I am very concerned about the potential negative impact the subdivision's groundwater use could have on my well and on the seasonal creek that runs onto my property from the site of the proposed subdivision. My situation is just one small example of groundwater allocation issues being faced all over Oregon.

I strongly support the OWRD proposed groundwater allocation rule revisions for the following reasons:

- 1) It is past time for Oregon to update the requirements for new groundwater permits to allow for the sustainable management of groundwater.
- 2) The effects of climate change make it imperative for the state to stop over-issuing groundwater permits.
- 3) The new rules are needed to protect stream flows from the impacts of overuse of hydrologically connected groundwater.

I look forward to the adoption of the proposed groundwater allocation rules.

Sincerely,

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