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I was just thinking about this issue and would like to make one addition to my comments below. That is, I don't know any individual or family that thinks it is a good idea to allocate additional water rights from the aquifer. The families out here (Deschutes County southeast of Bend) are on wells and many think we are over-allocated already. My guess is that many Bend and Redmond residents think the same thing. It seems to be the municipalities and some businesses that are pushing for more allocations. That is pretty short-sighted, in my view.

Richard Wininger

> On Jun 8, 2024, at 1:29 PM, Richard Wininger <rwininger@msn.com> wrote:

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> I am writing in support of groundwater allocation rules that address sustainable water use. I live in Deschutes County, we have a deep well (860') shared by 3 families. We have already had to drill the well deeper about 3 years ago.

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> I have watched with concern and disbelief the amount of development taking place in Bend and Redmond. We are continually talking about global warming, climate change and drought but seem to forget about that when the municipalities want to expand and have more water allocated to them. We need to stop doing that. I fully support sticking with the allocations they have now and Bend and Redmond can decide how, or whether, they want to expand. The actions they are taking to grow now are certainly not sustainable and will hurt current water users.

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> I know all of this is difficult politically, but you are doing the right thing in making sure water allocations are sustainable and we are not depleting the system.

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