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**From:** anguscattleman@hotmail.com  
**Date:** April 17, 2024 at 2:01:19 PM PDT  
**To:** coordinator@water.oregon.gov  
**Subject:** **Ground water rules hearing**

Hello,

I received the email from Dana Kurtz the facilitator of Upper Grande Ronde Basin Placed Based water, which contained the 31 pages of OWRD proposed rules.

The language on page four (4) that implies surface water is connected to ground water is a concern. I'm aware of "models" that indicate this, but was once told that all models are flawed, some just more so than others. Where's the actual scientific boots on the ground data that unequivocally supports this theory?

If this language is allowed to continue then the water situation is only going to worsen for Oregon. OWRD has been mismanaging water use for decades and now they are scrambling for a "fix" that can only be corrected with **large capacity reservoirs** everywhere.

Regulating the groundwater by saying it's connected to surface water without accounting for natural recharge is also a flaw. It's a shame when agencies won't listen to the most knowledgeable people with decades of real world experience. There was a local accredited water individual who no longer attends our place based meetings who's voice of reason was dismissed by ODFW and OWRD. It's a shame that the voices of local people who have spent a lifetime studying the water in our Basin aren't being taken seriously enough by the agencies.

This is proposed rule is not good for Oregon, its residents, wildlife (not just fish!), and the stewards of the land, air, and water; AGRICULTURE. Scrap this proposal, talk with local experts who have a lifetime of observations, and regroup. With their input on this matter you will find the solution for all.

Tim Wallender  
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