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Dear Water Policy Analyst Laura Hartt,

Improving Oregon's Groundwater Management rules is of utmost importance, particularly as our region faces an ever-increasing demand for groundwater and the intensifying effects of climate change. I support the Oregon Water Resources Department's proposed rule changes that provide an important, positive step toward preventing further degradation of Oregon's overallocated groundwater systems.

Water is life. We are water. We have polluted and incorrectly used the amazing water system of our planet. Let's stop doing that - and do the right things for all beings.

Improving how Oregon issues new groundwater permits is long overdue, and these proposed rule changes must be implemented promptly to prevent further worsening of a severely damaged system. Adopting the proposed rules is the bare minimum that Oregon should do to improve sustainable groundwater management for its residents and wildlife who depend on these important water sources.

Sincerely,
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