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Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 4:01 PM
To: WRD_DL_rule-coordinator
Subject: I support sustainable groundwater management!

Dear Chair Quaempts and Members of the Commission:

From the 1970s to 2001 I raised my family in a small town in Nebraska where I had to distill our drinking water because of nitrates in our drinking water. I know first hand the effects of not regulating agricultural ground water pollution. Thank you for the Commission's critical work to oversee OWRD's development of science-based groundwater allocation rules that implement Oregon's 1955 Groundwater Act. I support OWRD's proposed rules because they will result in more sustainable management of groundwater.

More sustainable groundwater practices will result in better protection of streamflows and cold water inputs to rivers and streams. These changes are an important first step in addressing water scarcity and drought associated with the impacts of climate change, and are critical for protecting aquatic ecosystems. Improving how Oregon issues new groundwater permits is long overdue, and I look forward to adoption of the proposed rules.

Please act swiftly to approve OWRD's proposed groundwater allocation rules!

Sincerely,

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