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Hi,

I strongly support the Oregon Water Resources Department's new rules to help protect groundwater from overuse. Over-allocation of water resources, combined with accelerating climate change, has led to unsustainable decreases in water supply. This has resulted in dry wells, higher pumping costs, instability for existing users, and lower water quality. Although the proposed rules do not fix the problems that have already been created by over-allocation, they are essential to avoid making the situation worse. The proposed rules are thoughtful, science-based, and consistent with the original intentions of the 1955 Groundwater Management Act. The proposal will help protect our groundwater and the surface water that depends on it while also including an appropriate level of flexibility and location-specific considerations. Sustainable management of the state's groundwater is going to become increasingly important as the climate continues to change. Please adopt these rules to help protect this critical resource for Oregonians for generations to come.

Sincerely,

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