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As a rural resident of Whatcom County for 49 years, I strongly oppose these proposed rules. Considering the very small amount of water used via domestic wells, a fraction of a percent of available water, the 500 gallon and 1/12 acre limits are highly excessive and restrictive especially for rural Whatcom county. This restriction makes no sense whatsoever. Moreover most of the water that is withdrawn from wells is returned right back to the ground from which it was removed. There is no way that these restrictions will make any measurable difference to stream flow in the Nooksack River or Lake Whatcom. So what are these rules trying to achieve? It sure does not appear to be anything to do with protecting stream flow! I am frankly tired of restrictions imposed because of something that might happen without some significant basis of probability. The probability of significant harm caused by domestic wells in Whatcom County has not been established. The existing limit to 3000 gallons per day should be retained!