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In view of a pattern of hot dry summers in the northwest and pressure to proceed with rural development for residential and commercial water users, conservation is of the utmost importance. Thank you for reducing withdrawal limits to 500 gallons per day. A bonus of conservation will be expensive projects requiring many permits such as Projects 8, 24, and 28 won't be needed when water conservation is implemented.

Please complete and make available the modeling of the integration of ground and surface water. Whatcom County can no longer permit rural development until it is known if sufficient water is available for salmon migrations up all streams .

To maintain the rural character of Whatcom County, please don't subsidize rural development with agriculture water projects.

Keep taxpayers informed on which projects do the greatest good for the lowest cost.

Thank you