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Thank-you for reading my comment on the WRAI 1 rule making. I would like to see more emphasis on water conservation strategies and implementation. Incentives for reducing water use should be implemented as well as rebates for water saving technology.

Agriculture in the county is an important business both economically and culturally therefore subsidizing rural development with agricultural water projects does not sound like a good plan (projects 2 and 26). If the agriculture community is conserving water then that water should benefit ag not development.

Please remove expensive, unpredictable projects requiring many permits. Projects 8, 24, and 28 won't be needed if water conservation is prioritized and implemented over the next few years.

Please remove those 3 projects.

Please remove the new section on exemptions. WAC 173-501-074 opens up interruptible rights for Projects 2, 8, 26, and 28. This won't be needed if water conservation is implemented.

Address climate change impact on projects. Please add information on what effect climate change will have on all of the projects.

Reduce water demand. Thank you for reducing withdrawal limits to 500 gallons per day (this is down from 3,000 gallons per day annual average).