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As a landowner in Whatcom County I fully support the proposed WRIA Rule 1 Ammendment. My concern for a number of years has been the viability of our private well in the face of ongoing development. I will admit I am not an expert on water resources, but 500 gallons per day seems far more than adequate for private non-farm use - I would support even lower levels. There may be adequate resources forever - I doubt anyone knows for sure. On the other hand, we may be close to passing the aquifer renewal rate. That would mean loss of water quality or loss of wells entirely. We must start to plan for the long-term availability of an ESSENTIAL resource.