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The day that the Washington State's Department of Ecology, Whatcom County or any other government agency considers steps that will lead to metering of private wells, which will ultimately lead to charging the landowner for their water, is the day that said agencies should pay for the drilling, installation and maintenance of all these wells. And we know that isn't going to happen. Nor should it.

Every property owner that I know that relies on their private well is very water-use conscious. Unlike their municipal counterparts, you do not see them watering lawns or other vegetation unless it's for their (garden) private food production.

Shame on local planners for failing to resolve water rights issues locally and allowing them to become DOE concerns.