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It is very upsetting that a new effort to infringe upon landowners' water rights is in the works. One wonders when these efforts will stop, or if they will stop. Restricting the acreage watered by new permit-exempt domestic wells to 1/12th of an acre, limiting to a meager 500 gallons per day, and opening the door to metering of wells is not necessary and is an infringement upon our rural way of life. These onerous policies would limit the hobbies of rural landowners, unnecessarily increase costs by necessitating metering (effectively taxation for not being on city water), and bring no substantial benefit to the Nooksack watershed. Why is the Department of Ecology determined to punish (future) rural landowners--and what will prevent the DoEco from soon attempting to apply such limitations to existing wells? Why not ensure that small household wells can withdraw a reasonable 3,000 gallons per day, as our legislators have fought for? City elites should be aware that local landowners care about the well-being of our local ecology and do not abuse it. Enforcing arbitrary limits like the ones suggested is unnecessary. This should not happen.