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As a small farmer, I responsibly confine my livestock to a heavy use area during the rainy months of the year in order to protect water quality. This permit requirement would contradict Best Management Practices for livestock in Western WA. Statewide programs, such as the Voluntary Stewardship Program and technical assistance of Conservation Districts and NRCS, are already in place to support livestock owners in safely and responsibly keeping livestock in a manner that is best for their health and for the natural resource concerns of their specific area. Increasing funding and resources for these highly effective and highly sought after services is a much better use of public funding.