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The comments that I'm submitting pertain to dryland ag in SE Washington. The largest concern of all is the ability to truly be site specific. BMP's and alternative farming practices are not new and in order to gain further acceptance from the working farmer, there must be recognition(by DOE) of the advances in resource protection that farmers have accomplished. Since the advent of Roundup herbicide(1970's) and the development of high horsepower/high clearance tools, I have witnessed, on my farm, at least an 80% reduction in soil erosion. What goes along with reduced surface water movement then is less turbidity, less pesticide to waterways and less temperature impact(turbidity is a heat sink).

We also don't have groundwater generally. We soil test for nutrients and do not fertilize above recommended fertilizer rates for the crop to grow.

Bottom line is.....don't regulate those that don't need or deserve it.