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You have been working on this plan for 2 years now, with no input from the public until now. This is nothing but a land grab for the government. This update zeroes in on one target: rural agriculture. Cities get a pass. Suburbs get a pass. But if you have livestock, open pasture, or even a garden near a creek, you're in the crosshairs.

Nonpoint pollution—from fertilizer runoff to oil from roads—is hard to trace, hard to measure, and impossible to regulate fairly with a one-size-fits-all mandate.

At the very least, before the state takes away my ability to use my own property, it should be forced to meet a clear test:

Identify the harm: A real, specific harm to other people.

Prove it's real harm: Using real data, not speculative or imagined harm based on cherry-picked studies that predict theoretical harm.

Prevention is fair: But only if the harm is a credible, demonstrable risk to other people.

Proportionality: The regulation must match the scale of the threat.

This standard protects both clean water and property rights. Without it, you regulators can—and will—impose sweeping restrictions without ever proving I, personally, am causing any harm to other people.

Washington's Dept. of Ecology needs to extend the comment period, open the process to everyone and require testing before regulating. This must be a data-driven plan.