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As an instream-flow biologist who has done extensive field & watershed-planning work in WRIA 1, I heartily endorse limits on groundwater withdrawals by new landowners. Indeed, standard withdrawal limits are too high & don't encourage water conservation, the latter of which I've done & gotten utility-bill reductions every month since I've owned my home in Thurston County. Moreover, streamflow & riparian restoration of Bertrand Cr. (given irrigation impacts) & the S. Fk. Nooksack R. (given climate change) are important for instream-flow & thermal benefits to Pacific salmonids.

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