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I am writing about the rule-making requirements for new exempt wells in the Nooksack Basin (WRIA1). It is very important that you include metering as part of the new regulations. The principle is simple -- if you do not measure it, you cannot manage it. Without facts and data there is no way to accurately determine then impacts of well water usage on the Nooksack basin.

My well is on Sumas Mountain and is 220 feet deep. The well water is brackish so I process the well water through a reverse osmosis system. I also have a large garden. I mention this because RO water is expensive and therefore I manage it carefully. Nevertheless, I can grow an adequate supply of fruit and vegetables for my family within the 1/12 acre limitation proposed in the new rules. It's possible but requires a little care. Therefore, the new rules impose no unusual burden on rural households. I certainly use far less than 500 gallons a day during the summer.

Thank you for considering my comments.