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Yeah, so I would like to echo some of the concerns that the county staff just mentioned. Um...

Having lived in the area for over 40 years,

And seeing how climate change has affected our area.

I am I'm shocked, and I'm kind of overwhelmed by the quickness of the sudden change in our rainfall, And, um, our water in the area, um, the wetlands.

The Deschutes River, it all seems to be drying up, and many of us are very, very concerned about this.

To have ecology go forward With this rulemaking, uh, without, As was said before, funding.

The local agencies, such as Thurston County, to have the ability To deal with these issues.

Um, it concerns us all.

Uh, I admire, um, ecology going forward With this discussion, because this discussion about, uh, watersheds.

It's extremely important, and we all realize that water is life.

And this is the substance, uh, whereupon we have our agriculture. Um, in the area, and, uh, where we grow a lot of our food. So, of course, we are concerned about Uh, stream flow restoration, and we are very, uh, concerned that, uh, Having these permits, these water well permits, going forward Um... will hurt.

The water table for this area, and so it will hurt the river, it will hurt the wetlands, it will hurt the wildlife, it'll hurt the stream.

There are endangered species in this area that might be affected by the water table and the lowering of the water table. Many of us feel that perhaps there have not been enough studies to look into these issues, such as how this will affect the water table of the area,

And so, that is our concern. Thank you very much.