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**Sent:** Saturday, July 07, 2012 12:34 PM  
**To:** Wessel, Ann (ECY)  
**Subject:** Formal Comment for WRIA 18

Dear Ms. Wessel:

We am extremely concerned with the impact the new in stream rule will make to our community. We believe the cost outweighs the benefits of the Rule in its current form and that a simplified solution to the Water Exchange mechanism (i.e. securing the right to use water for development) be explored. In particular, the State capital budget might support bulk purchase or long-term lease of additional in stream flow conservation (or other projects that mitigate groundwater withdrawals), obviating the need for each new permit applicant to visit a local water bank.

At this point, the rule making time line should be stopped. An independent economic study should be made. And sufficient time should be allowed for the public To be made aware of the rule and its effect on their property. It will affect property values significantly.

Recently we spoke with a woman who lives in the Lost Mountain area. They purchased their property several years ago, they put \$25,000 in drilling a well. They use The property for vacation purposes and bring a recreation vehicle here part of the year. She is extremely concerned whether she will be able to use her Very expensive well once the rule is in place.

This process needs to be stopped, a new economic study done and allow the public to weigh in.

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