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To whom it concerns at the Department of Ecology:

I own an acre of undeveloped land within WRIA 18, in the outskirts of Sequim, which I bought for an investment and hope to sell one day to someone that wants to build a house. I feel very unfortunate to be in this position and am not happy about the new Dungeness water rule that will be imposed on landowners with undeveloped land. One of the things I have been unhappy about during this process over the last few years, is the lack of concrete information by the Department of Ecology on how this will be affecting people like me, bottom line: what is this going to cost a future homebuilder?

After attending the question and answer session before the meeting in Sequim on June 28th, I became aware that a mitigation fee will have to be paid before a building permit will be issued. The fee will range from \$500 to \$3500 with three levels that have not been determined yet. As a past resident of the same area, living on an acre with vegetable and flower gardens, I propose that the middle level of mitigation fee be set at \$1500 for the potential to use that amount of outside watering.

Another issue I am unhappy about is the fact that existing wells will not be metered at all, and existing homeowners are not held accountable at all for the amount of water that they use. A new homeowner would have to be restricted for their outside use while the existing neighbors have free rein over how much water they are allowed to use. This is inequitable and unfair. I encourage the Department of Ecology to implement some kind of standard to existing well owners to conserve on their water usage.

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