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Subject: Mitigated Determination concerning Yelm Water aquifer

All;

I reside at 14207 93rd Ave SE in Yelm and it has come to my attention that there is currently a movement underway to bypass public opinion and education concerning the existing water aquifer. I served my country with the US Special Forces for over 26 years and moved to the Yelm area for a variety of reasons one of which was the well that is present on my property.

I am very distressed at a number of actions taken by Yelm city officials that are not only changing the social economic situation that exists in Yelm but more importantly the basic resources required by its citizens for their basic needs. The extremely poor decision to allow the development of 5000 additional houses without the supporting resources is unfathomable. It is very clear that those involved with this decision and its continued support have agendas that are not in the best interests of the local inhabitants of this community. This development will consume up to five times more water that is currently drawn from the aquifer which will reportedly dramatically damage the water supply and prematurely exhaust it.

This housing development has most certainly resulted in more negative issues than positive ones not the least of which are the current traffic issues and the huge impact to the water supply. Should the unapproved water mitigation plan be placed into action without both a public consensus and an in-depth unbiased review from the state, EPA and professionals specializing in these areas a huge injustice will be done to the citizens and local population of Yelm.

To be clear my well is my only water source and should this situation be adversely impacted by city officials who seemingly are more interested in the advancement of their own agendas I will not have any recourse. I strongly urge you to immediately initiate an environmental impact study before decisions are made and acted upon that cannot be reversed and most certainly will unjustly cause great harm to the environment and the local citizens.

Thank you for your time and hopefully for your action

Michael Haugen