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I own a home in Central Oregon that relies on groundwater that is drawn from the Whychus Creek watershed. For many years this waterway has been in violation of Clean Water Act standards due to low flows/warm temps in summer. More research is needed right away to determine effects of groundwater pumping and chart a course for proper management that allows for the needs of people and ecosystems to be balanced. Please support the funding and people necessary for OWRD to do critical research on this. That includes gauging stations, people to monitor water quality and studies of ground water pumping. With Oregon's fast growth, climate change and the explosion in water-intensive industries like craft brewing and server farms, we must plan our water future.

Thank you.

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