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To: Paul Jewell; Alan Crankovich; Mark D. McClain
Subject: Moratorium on Exempt Wells

Dear Kittitas County Commissioners,

Please Help! My name is Mark Wald, and I am a land owner in Upper Kittitas County. This email is to express my sincere disapproval on the moratorium. I own a 21 acre parcel outside of Cle Elum, have received preliminary plat approval and also followed all regulations in adding a well. I am not wealthy and do not work in construction or land development professionally. My wife and I worked very hard and diligently saved our money to be able to buy our little piece of paradise in the mountains to retire on. My goal was to be able to sell a couple of lots through this process to be able to help recoup some of our costs, which was the only way we could afford to do this.

Because we have to continue to save and slowly fund the project over time, I feel that this moratorium has completely pulled the rug out from under us. Something like this moratorium can financially devastate our family. In a slow economy, when we are all struggling to keep our heads above water financially, this moratorium is an absolute kick in the teeth for the little guy trying to build our retirement future.

This action by DOE essentially diminishes the value significantly of what we have worked so hard for. I feel that "saving the state's natural resource of water" is a disingenuous excuse at best, which in effect further chips away at individual property rights of common citizens.

Thank you for your time
Mark Wald
Land Owner