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Dear Director:

I want to express my concern at your proposed changes in water policy in East Erda. A year or so ago, I purchased a five acre lot with three acre feet of water. I knew I'd need additional water in order to at least take care of part of the property and have a yard of more than just weeds.

With the help of my dad, we bought some additional water rights planning to transfer them to this property. When I met with DWR staff just prior to starting my home, they indicated - proceed with your home and once situated, you could then make the transfer. This is the first spring I have now been in my home. You can imagine the surprise that I now have learning that I can't transfer the water we now own.

I am also surprised that I have received no communications or notice regarding this. I'd think a letter might be sent from your office. I learned about it from concerned neighbor. Proper prior notification seems essential in important legal matters such as this. The effective date of April 16, 2008 is unfair.

I support the Division of Water Rights making changes when it comes to substantial amounts of water but consideration should be given to single family home owners with small needed transfers. Alter your policy so that it addresses the needs of different groups rather than being applied to all. Permitting the movement of water for a single family home is quite different that moving a large amount of water for a major sub-division.

Surely consideration can be given to such applications.

Sincerely,



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