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Mr. C. Michael Hoffman 6373 Cove Road Ellensburg, WA. 98926

Dear Mr. Hoffman,

I would like to take this opportunity to follow up on the water questions you asked Ms. Moynihan of the planning department in the e-mail you sent this week. Your question about the impact of what additional wells in your area could have on the ground water availability is a good one. During the time I have spent working for Kittitas County I have become familiar with those areas in the county that are more difficult to find water. I have not noticed a problem in the area of your concern. Some studies of ground water have been done during recent years but no complete studies have been performed specifically on the ground water in Kittitas County.

If you continue to be concerned about water in your area you might want to monitor the static water levels in the casing of your well. This can be done by installing an air line depth gauge. This will establish a base line of comparison for you to use over the years to come to determine if your well is being affected by the increased number of wells in your area.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance please contact me at (509)962-7580.

Sincerely,

Holly Duncan Environmental Health Specialist