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Public Comments for the Water Policy Interim Committee

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WRIS

Comment:

The new information is not the best. The large map that shows up first thing, taking up most of the screen, is totally irrelevant,. It does not show anything other than possibly the belief that all places of use are a square or rectangle. If the map were to show the place of use as mapped by the claimants, and submitted, that would be nice. The old system allowed you to click on a map, if you wanted to look at one. That was rarely the case. The map should not be the majority of the screen. In order to get to the information you need on a specific water right, you have to scroll, and scroll, and scroll from left to right. Usually, if you hit it wrong, the whole deal races way past what the place you need to be, so you have to scroll back and back and back. Opening an abstract takes on average 1 minute and 45 seconds. The one thing that works fairly well is the documents do open up fairly quickly. The ability to download a report is nice, however, once down loaded you cannot sort by date due to different date formats ie: 01/01/1902 or 1883/01/01, and you cannot change the format in the downloaded version. The search criteria should be separate, not on the same page as the map, if it absolutely has to be there and the findings.

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Subject:
DNRC Controlled 602 GIS layer & 602 water right exemptions allegation

Comment:
DNRC has a GIS layer named Controlled 602 areas or something like that. I understand the DNRC is capturing comments and notes on their subdivision determinations in this layer. The DNRC is limiting 602 exemptions to help subdivisions get approval in combination. For example, you would find notes like "Yes, you can build this subdivision and use exempt wells as long as you keep the total to under 35 GPM & 10AF". I want DNRC to share this data and have someone audit it. What authority does DNRC have to reduce a notice of completion?! What happens if someone completes a well above the limits? Is DNRC putting this on deeds? Would DNRC shut someone's house down because they use more water than DNRC decided they could? Are people being required by DNRC to report on the water rights exemptions, and under what authority? This seems par for the course, according to recent district court findings. DNRC, what say you? Are any of these things incorrect? Trust but verify... The unaltered data will provide the answers to these questions.

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