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Prohibiting cafos in ground water management areas is a good first step towards protecting people and the environment. We need only think back to all the news reports about the huge dairy caffo in Eastern Oregon and the numerous violations of ground water before it was finally shut down. However, the rest of the State needs protection as well. Some of your may recall the issues over the three large poultry cafos attempting to set up in the Stayton Scio area. While two did back out after the bill to limit ground water extraction for livestock watering, the JS Ranch facility, which is to be located only about 1,500 feet from the Santiam River, was approved by the State. A suit was filed and I believe it is still pending. For personal health, compassion, and the environment, we need to ban cafos and phase out existing cafos. Thank you.