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We are greatly concerned about the "Clean Water Act". As it is being approached by the Federal Government Agencies, it is discriminatory, arbitrary and capricious. The agriculture industry of the sparcely settled West is being forced to bear the task of cleaning up waterways to compensate for the pollution generated by human confinement.

The large cities and states where humans are confined in large numbers generates more waste and pollution in a single day than the agriculture industry can generate in 100 years.

Your plan will not work. As your "Federally Protected Waterways" wend their way to the sea, they all eventually pass through urban and suburban areas where they pick up the pollutants generated by confined humans. Landfills leak. Lawns are greened with nitrates that shed into the waterways and leach into aquafers. The sheer numbers of the confined humans overwhelm any actions you might consider.

For example, the large human confinement in the state of Florida is generating pollutants that are killing off fish and coral reefs. We fail to see how watershed management on Federal lands will clean up Florida's mess.

Take appropriate action and clean up human confinement and their pollutants, then come to agriculture to continue the project. You have the cart before the horse. You need to prioritize your project.

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