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Mr. Gunderson: I would like to object to eliminating fall spreading of nitrogen. If I view the map correctly my land south of Felton would fall into this category. I was always told to look at the C.E.C (Cation Exchange Capacity) number on a soil test and take it times 10 to approximate the amount of nitrogen the soil can hold without leaching. My soils usually run from 20 to 30. I am not sure that Ksat reading is the best indicator of leachable soils. The western edge of the map seems to split some of my land. One side of the road says I could not spread fall nitrogen, where right across the road says I could spread with basically the same soil. We have made changes over the years and now spread some fields with a reduced rate of N in the fall and come back with liquid nitrogen in the summer. However, there is no way that we or the CO-OP's could spread everything in the spring. Also, my friend who lives right in the middle of this restricted area told me his well was tested and had a reading of 0.3 ppm and he spreads all around his farm in the fall. Thank you for listening these comments and please look at other methods of determining which soils are very leachable. Thank you.

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