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Re: Zoning Boards says No, judge says Yes

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Here's something that makes you go hmmm (made me go hmmm, anyway). Let's say the state did "sell" the top foot of water from the 4 lakes and lets say it roughly equals a billion gallons.

Then let's say (just for calculation purposes) that the 3 sites inquired about on Big Pine would involve the withdrawal of 5 million gallons/day between them (likely conservative given the amount they want to take out of Big Fishing Creek and the comparative size of the streams).

OK...

Total the daily proposed withdrawals from the three streams at 8.5 million/gpd and assume this water would come from the lakes.

Do the math..

The lake withdrawal would replace the need for withdrawals from the 3 streams for 117 and 2/3 days of operations.

That's all it would do. A little less than 4 months. And this is based only on the 3 streams listed (God knows how many other withdrawals are in progress/proposed from streams throughout the region) as well as on the likely conservative hypothetical that they would only be asking for 5 million gpd from Pine.

That's spooky. And speaking only for myself, it really makes me go hmmm.

This is rape. There has to be a better way.