

To the Board of Supervisors:

I understand that the BOS is planning on continuing a ban on marijuana production on land zoned Range Land. As an owner of a 160-acre parcel of mostly range land, I would ask that you reconsider. Why are you penalizing range land owners over forested landowners? It's patently unfair and extremely poor policy on the face of it. It's discriminatory and a blatant disregard for the economic needs both of the range land owners and the County. WE NEED INCOME! These times are horrendous for everyone, but especially for farmers and ranchers. WE NEED TO SUPPLEMENT OUR INCOME in order to make ends meet. Planting one acre of marijuana out of a parcel of 160 acres is NOT going to ruin the grazing value of the land. As long as sufficient water is available, which in my case it definitely is, owners of Ranch Land zoned parcels should be allowed to utilize a portion (one acre?) of the that land for marijuana. Everyone will benefit.

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