

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
501 Low Gap Road
Ukiah, Ca. 95482

Dear Chair Haschak and Members of the Board,

I respectfully request that you allow much more discussion between the public and the BOS on the possible expansion of cannabis farming in our county. Although, the additional income would be welcome, it comes with repercussions.

I can only speak from what I know of the laws already passed and how they have changed things in my and my friends neighborhoods. There has been a lot of effort put into encouraging tourism here in our beautiful valley and yet, some of us are already experiencing a degradation of that very thing. What was once a magnificent vista, from our living room windows, is now blighted by eleven, side by side, LARGE, glaringly white, greenhouses. Even the proposed larger acre parcels with only one greenhouse will further patchwork the natural beauty of our countryside.

There are other, even more pressing issues; improper road cutting leading to erosion and river pollution, diminished water supplies, abandoned grows with heaps of garbage and the attraction of unwanted intruders looking to make a fast buck, among others. It just seems there aren't enough resources to enforce the codes we already have in place. Thoughts of expansion feel premature.

Sincerely,
Diane Clifton
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