

I own a ranch at 74030 Hill Road in Covelo, Round Valley and am in partnership with another rancher who owns additional acreage in our area and I see pros and cons to the proposal to replace the County's current cannabis ordinance but one thing I and other ranchers in my area want is better enforcement of existing regulations whether they are enforced by the Cannabis Enforcement Officer and his staff or to be enforced by the County's Planning Department or some other agency.

Only a single permit application made since 2018 in my area, and there have been many, has been acted upon, i.e., is no longer "Under Review" but has been accepted or rejected, meanwhile grows of cannabis have continued to enlarge on these properties, structures for growing and processing marijuana have been built, and more water tanks have been installed, and our complaints about some of these grows expressed to the Cannabis Enforcement Officer, the Sheriff, and the Supervisor responsible for policy in this area in the last two months have not resulted in any change in the status of these permits, which leads us to believe that these growers expect to be forgiven if they are ever judged to have exceeded their permitted limits or done damage to the environment or archaeological sites, and have no reason to respect any existing regulations. .

So please come up with concrete proposals for how you can better enforce the existing ordinance and other relevant regulations or will enforce any new plan you propose.

Sincerely yours,  
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