

I was born and raised in Willits. I have resided on the same property in Little Lake Valley since 1969. During this 5+ decades I have seen the ravages of countless years of withering rainfall. During the past few years I have seen wells and springs run dry that never before in my lifetime ceased to run. Now the plague of legal and illegal marijuana grows are guzzling up water at a horrific rate.

Most not only don't or haven't lived here over the last 5 years and only see our beautiful valley as dollar signs, A resource to use and abuse and move on. They expand during Covid with no fear of real intervention. They drill wells with no permits. They use water carelessly and flagrantly and why not... they have very little interaction with neighbors and don't see the concerns of long time residents having any validity.

Please stop this insanity before our valley dries up into an arid waste land littered with abandoned hoop houses and refuse.

Sincerely,
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