

Dear Board Members:

I am writing to urge the Board of Supervisors NOT to adopt the proposed Cannabis Land Use Ordinance. It is my firm belief that expansion of cannabis in Mendocino County must be preceded by a county-wide Environmental Impact Report (EIR). This proposed Cannabis Land Ordinance would open 738,000 acres of rangeland to new and greatly expanded cultivation areas. Such an expansion would create massive and irreparable environmental damage. Our rangelands, rivers, and springs are already extremely dry and more humans on the landscape means greatly increased water consumption. Our rangelands are fire-prone and hundreds of additional humans, machines, tools, and the inevitable generators will greatly heighten fire danger.

In addition, this expansion would add up to 10,000 miles of 6-8 foot high fences, many on ridges. These fences would trap, injure, and kill migrating and resident birds and obstruct the movements of animals.

Thank you,

*Elisabeth Cornu*