

Board of Supervisors (BOS), Mendocino County, CA
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Subject: **April 19, Cannabis Land Use Ordinance**

We record a strong objection to passing this proposal.

First: How does this Ordinance provide long term benefits for the people and habitat of Mendocino County? If it's about needing tax money, the BOS needs to provide a clear rationale to study and discuss; voters need to be sold on the benefits. This process feels rushed, under studied, and under discussed.

Second: we know permitting more development of range land is going to be disastrous. Our family has lived, worked and owned property near Round Valley for nearly 50 years and have seen, first hand, the environmental and social devastation that irresponsible cannabis farming has on a rural community.

We have witnessed the destruction: dosed trees, seasonal streams tapped for irrigation and tainted with cultivation chemicals, a million miles of plastic pipe + black hoop covering dumped everywhere, especially along the road. Overwhelmed by Waste. Wells drilled with no permits or testing. Roads punched into woodlands-to erode with the pounding leaky water trucks. Hours and hours of endless generator drone/roar to pump water, power light and TVs, punctuated, after dark, by automatic weapons fire and explosions- like Vietnam again. Then, there is the well known wild fire issues.

Third: Sheriff Matt Kendall, forcefully declared that Round Valley is out of control- it like the lawless wild west. At this time, there is insufficient manpower and money to provide proper law and order in Round Valley. Passing this ordinance would surely multiply law enforcement demands- compounding social and environmental harm.

In summary, if passing this ordinance is important to the Mendocino County government, it needs to present data for open debate. So, please slow things down and think long term. For fairness, put this critical issue on the ballot.

Please vote “**NO**” on the Cannabis Land Use Ordinance at this time.

Sincerely,

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