

April 15, 2021

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

We oppose the proposed expansion of cannabis cultivation to 10 percent of total parcel acreage as well as the re-opening of Rangeland to cultivation.

As legal small farmers we gave up growing commercially because our farm could not comply with the county and state's requirements, particularly related to water use. So be it.

Looking south from our property toward Shimmins Ridge, we now see dozens of huge greenhouses, many of which we know are unlicensed. Some farmers have completely logged large parts of their parcels and use who-knows-how-much water to sustain their plants. Many shine lights at night and are on very steep slopes.

If the county can't regulate illegal grows today, what will happen tomorrow if new grows are allowed on rangelands and on up to 10 percent of acreage?

The county sheriff's log is already filled to the brim with reports of gun violence and other crimes related to cannabis. Must Mendocino County hire an ARMY of THOUSANDS to regulate new grows? Is that how we want to spend county money. Parts of Covelo have become a nightmare.

Please say "No" to large farms, at least until we can manage the many nuisance grows already violating planning and building codes.

Thank you for doing the right thing!

Sincerely,
Jane Fatcher & Erin Carney