

Dear Supes, Regarding our rangelands and open spaces, these massive grows (mostly from out of the area) may be just a short term gain for the county coffers and offer no protection to the small local growers that are already here. With Climate Collapse and guaranteed annual fires and drought big grows are not wise use. Add to that detriment the great amount of plastic and possible poisons, not to mention sucking up the precious little water there may or may not be and the draw on the power grid. I just returned from a day trip to the Mendocino Pass. Some of it absolutely beautiful and some devastated. All along the way there were hundreds of hoop houses whose plastic wrapping will soon be shredded and caught in the bushes, fences and waterways of our county. These grows go all the way to the edges of the Nat'l Forest. It is barely April and the water trucks are already out in force. Where is this water coming from? Who is paying for the damage to the roads that these very heavy trucks cause? There is not much ground water as it is. There is also no banking structure in place to handle this anticipated windfall for Mendo. cty. There will be increased crime associated with such grows that we are not prepared to deal with. There have been illegal grows in my neighborhood for years and they just keep growing larger and larger. 3 crops a year in these hoop houses, buying houses with cash to grow more, lights and fans on 24/7, and phenominal water use. There is no win here, just destruction of our beautiful county.

If this were to go through many restrictions have to be in place and enforced. No plastic covers, use local mat'ls, all outdoor, no lights, all water recycled and not ground, river or spring water. NO poisons, regular recurring inspections and a % of profits back to the county in addition to taxes and fees.

As you see there will be devastating effects.

Thank- you

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