

To whom it may concern,

As a fellow ranch raised young woman, I personally vote against the 10% expansion for the following reasons...

1) not only are we still dealing with a drought, this year we have received only a fraction of rain that we normally get this rain season. Our water table is incredibly low due to the constant pumping water to then be sent to various locations for "cannabis" farms.

2) what will happen when this valley runs completely out of water? Let alone our surrounding valleys and small towns.

3) while I know there is good medicine that can come out of cannabis, I have also seen what happens when miss used and over used.

Not only is the market for land gone through the rough with the growth of "legalize weed", the "riff raff" that has been brought into this valley of Covelo that once was safe to walk peacefully down the street, now half our towns population refuses to speak english for one, and on top of that it is no longer safe for our elders to live in peace for a fear of random illegal activity next door when the landowner may be following permits and legalize his place, who's to vouch for the hired gardeners?

In my opinion, with the legalization of "cannabis" all that has done is make the grower want or need to grow more as it is.

What about the other agricultural jobs that are parishing because of the lower water table? Not to mention after the Eel river being pumped almost dry for the past couple of years, our children may not see the steelhead as their numbers deminish because of low water levels also.

This world is wounded as it is.

In closing, I oppose the 10% acreage expansion. There is far too much "cannabis" in this valley as it is.

Thank you for you time.

A concerned rancher-