

Dear Mendocino County Supervisors,

I don't envy you the stresses placed upon you regarding the important decisions you must make regarding cannabis cultivation in our county. Thank you for your patience and the time you have spent and will spend listening to the concerns of Mendocino County residents.

I wish we could all step back and look at this through the Precautionary Principle Policy adopted by the county in 2006. How much cannabis cultivation can our county reasonably support given our limited water resources, fire risk, limited law enforcement, and steep topography? How many species are we willing to sacrifice due to erosion, grading, tree removal, stream sedimentation, light pollution, increased fossil fuels, pesticides, stream and ground water depletion? Although it is impossible to stop all the legal and illegal activities that are currently taking place while this determination is made, there should be a reasonable attempt to find what the landscape can endure. I believe we've exceeded that capacity, at least in how cannabis is currently grown in the county.

Thank you,
Andrea Davis