

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a 30-year veteran of the Van Arsdale neighborhood over the hill from Potter Valley, who is feeling the effects of a blatant invasion of illegal pot grows. Our peaceful river valley is being degraded beyond recognition. As an older woman living alone, I feel I cannot stay. I kept this house with the intention to pass along to my daughter, and now I cannot recommend this as a safe place to raise a family.

I have contacted air quality, 911 fire department, and fish and wildlife, and Cal-fire.

### Paradise Destroyed

#### 1. Fire danger is a grave concern

Last month there was an unpermitted fire across the road from me, my horse area was filled with thick smoke

911 declined to help because it's burn season and the fire was contained to one property, however this burn was NOT conducted properly as it was 5pm and windy

#### 2. Unsustainable water and electrical use

My neighbor's well ran dry last year -overuse of water is and will continue to affect the local water table and river-

Even before these big grows came in, people have been pulling water from the river to grow pot

I hear they are doing *4 grows a year*, which we do not have the resources to support

#### 3. Environmental, Noise and Light Pollution

I see lit-up hoop houses up to the fence line along the road & up the mountain

More and more of these hoop houses are going up each day

Large grows typically use and dump chemicals in the local environment & plastic hoop houses degrade and introduce more plastic

I fear the overuse of electricity will cause more power outages - they will need to use generators, increasing noise, air pollution and fire danger

#### 5. Road Safety - I used to walk my dog on the road, and now I can't because of speeding cars and trucks and heavy equipment

Drastic Action is needed to save our environment

We must clean up what we have before we introduce any more initiatives to enable large pot grows.

This continues to get worse as more people get away with breaking the law, and more will come if it is not stopped.

My Asks

Please do not authorize this new program

Conduct an EIR for Van Arsdale Road and other suspicious grow sites in the county

Bring in the National Guard to deal with these outlaws

Respectfully,

Helen Hauk \_\_