

To the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors:

Please count me as a very firm "NO" to expanding cannabis grows into our rural rangelands as you will be voting on Monday.

We're in a drought. We're again up against a very scary summer of dry heat and wildland fire danger.

The previous cannabis regulations have been very difficult for small farmers to qualify for permits, with ridiculous requirements (like ADA bathrooms in woodland habitats!), and the county can't seem to keep personnel to see the requirements through to permits, with ridiculous wait times.

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The scourge of illegal grows in all our rural areas have not been addressed sufficiently, water supplies are seriously threatened by illegal diversion as well as low water table levels, danger is a serious threat to our rural residents, due to Law Enforcement's inability to shut down many of these illegal grows.

I believe that until the county can show some progress in these areas, you Supervisors have no right to open things up to larger grows and into more terrains.

Please, you should not put your constituents in this position. You can have no conscienable reason to do so.

Thank you,
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