

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Paula Fugman and I have lived in Round Valley for 47 years.

I am requesting you, our governing board, to listen to the profound concerns of the citizens of Mendocino County, in crafting Phase 3 without our input and in expanding the allowed cultivation of cannabis to two acres (two football fields) per parcel of over 10 acres.

In your plan to open Mendocino County to increased cannabis expansion, (expanding the prior size limitation for growth by 400% to 800%) what is being put at risk is the safety and well being of us all, land owners with our own shallow wells, legacy small farmers, first responders, the general population, and the environment that needs our protection as wildfires continue to threatened us.

I will be supporting the referenda so that before proceeding with any expansion, our county has the opportunity to stop and assess where we are and how best to serve the needs of the general population.

Cannabis cultivation policy needs to include:

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- 1 how water is prioritized for use by fire departments, first responders, residents and businesses in this severe drought
- 2 how rangeland can best be protected
3. how enforcement of illegal grows will be enforced
4. how our planning department can responsibly facilitate the legacy growers, who have tried, in good faith to obtain their proper permits

My strident hope is that you will reconsider any hasty action so that we can move forward together in safety and with respect for the needs of all our communities well being.

Respectfully,

Paula Fugman