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Dear Agriculture Commission

I'm responding to the meeting notification re: CCUP20-0001/Lee Tannenbaum Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Commercial Cannabis Use Permit.

I have two primary concerns:

*** Safety & Security**

*** Environment**

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The size & potential (\$) value of this grow significantly increases the visibility, identification, as well as safety of people in the area (\$\$\$ attracts additional risk - 3 homicides have been recorded in El Dorado County with "LEGAL" grow sites).

Sheriffs department has been responsive and greatly appreciated. But, response time for this remote property is challenging (could be 30-60+ minutes to arrive)

Concern about the ability (manpower & priority) to enforce evolving county ordinances.

Enforcement is reactive in nature.

<https://www.mtdemocrat.com/news/county-planners-amend-cannabis-ordinance/>

Deputy Sheriff Ishmael (need I say more) - was ambushed & killed.

Cartels & syndicates are known to operate in El Dorado County.

In the recent past (not associated with this permit), an illegal grow was on my property, trespassing, taking water from the river (breaking through locked gate), etc. This situation lead to feelings of being less safe on this remote pristine property. Now a request for a legal grow site is next to and traveling across my property (easement access).

*** Environment**

<https://www.pharmout.net/environmental-impact-of-cannabis-crops/>

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) impact? (GHG management accurately measure, record and minimize the volume and intensity of emissions)

Water-resource management, irrigation, drainage, and water-waste disposal

<https://daily.jstor.org/the-environmental-downside-of-cannabis-cultivation/>

Water-hungry crop, requires almost 22 liters of water per plant a day. Run-off will have an impact on environments.

Potential impact on ground water (water well at neighbor property)

Cultivation sites also interfere with the restoration of distressed habitats (recently replanted after #Sandfire)

Impact on pristine wildlife habitats - black tail deer, black bear, mountain lion, bobcats, foxes, coyote, owls, turkey, quail, dove, band-tail pigeon,

Commercial cannabis cultivation could affect the atmosphere. Cannabis plants produce volatile organic compounds or VOCs that can produce harmful pollutants. (High concentrations of VOCs have been linked to a range of human health issues, from nausea and fatigue to liver damage and cancer).

Concerns about easement access to the proposed grow area, utilizes approximately 3/4 mile of low used gravel road owned by neighbor owner - concern about deterioration of road by high impact traffic (# & frequency of traffic and large truck impact, regular maintenance, etc).

Last, I purchased this property for my family to enjoy the great outdoors that El Dorado County can provide. Not to have a commercial operation immediately next to my property (crossing through our property, road easement). Not only is this a commercial property but one know to be of HIGH risk (personal safety). I live on and I'm active on this property, we enjoy all the wildlife and I/we enjoy the low impact, low traffic, we currently enjoy. Literally looking over your shoulder, or being wary of what is around the next bend, over the next hill or potentially hiding behind a tree is a very uncomfortable feeling to have when you are used to walking freely on your own property.

In closing, the significant concern is regarding our Safety & Security... on a remote property proposing to produce \$millions of dollars in cannabis (where it takes 30-60+ minutes for law enforcement to respond). And where the owner of the property, where the grow will be, is not living on the premises

Sincerely yours,

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