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Subject: Comment for Planning Commission Meeting on Record Number PLN-11248-CUP Assessor's Parcel Number 221-021-008

Attention Planning Commission and others,

On behalf of Parcel #:PLN-11248-CUP Assessor's Parcel Number 221-021-008:

I am asking those who have the power to vote "no" on the permitting of the above listed parcel to please do so for the following reasons:

*** The growing operation on this site has already caused significant environmental and social harm to the community. The current owners (managers) have shown consistent insensitivity regarding complaints about light pollution from uncovered greenhouses, excessive traffic from water and diesel deliveries, as well as multiple fires that have been accidentally started on the property.**

*** The commercial growing operation on this property was poorly designed and poorly situated due to the degree of steepness and slope instability.**

*** The 3-5 acre conversion that was excavated on the steep slope represents a net loss of forest cover, groundwater infiltration/percolation and biodiversity loss.**

*** The site of the original 3-5 acre conversion failed (caused a land slide) the first winter after it was cleared and terraced. The area was then re-contoured the following spring and sprayed with fertilizer and erosion control mix (nonnative annual grass seed).**

*** Owners of this property built an illegal pond on an adjacent property owner's land that failed and caused direct impacts to aquatic species in Salmon Creek. (CDFW forced them to mitigate and restore the site.)**

*** This illegal grow site has already been busted/eradicated by law enforcement at least twice since it has been in operation.**

The Salmon Creek watershed has an exceptionally fragile geology and many sensitive species. Poorly designed and maintained growing operations such as this pose a direct threat to the landscape and its inhabitants. Sites like this should not be permitted or allowed to expand. This site in particular needs to be shut down and restored to mitigate the environmental impacts.

I have lived permanently in the Salmon Creek watershed for over 26 years. I am a land and farm design consultant for Sanctuary Forest as well as an educator and restorationist who has worked directly with the Eel River Recovery Project, USFWS, NRCS and Humboldt State University. I am deeply committed and rooted in this community and fully in support of permitted, commercial cannabis operations that do not present a significant impact to the environment.

Please consider not allowing this grow to be permitted.

Sincerely,

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