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**Subject:** Kneeland grow

My name is Earl Bootier. I have lived on this mountain since 1984, and worked my ass off to make a safe, secure, comfortable home for me and my first wife, and after she died, my second wife, to live.

I know this mountain inside and out having lived and breathed it for 37 years, and now this project rears its ugly head. If approved, it will be the death of all that I have worked so hard for, we may have to move to town. I now have leukemia and don't have the energy I used to have, but my wife is up here, happily working HER ass off looking after me and our animals, garden, orchard and homestead.

I've broken my back up here, cutting in the road originally, doing ALL the road maintenance, cutting the grass along the road for fire suppression several times a year, building and installing our water tank and our fire suppression pond, installing culverts to prevent slides, though there are several. Any flat land on my property is flat because I MADE it flat (with a tractor). I've installed fences to keep the neighboring cows out, I helped install my neighbors' water tank, I've taken rock from the quarries here to put on the road, I built the house we live in and the shop down the hill from here. I also added a generator/pump house and a tree house for my adopted son. I've been a super good neighbor, living by the Golden Rule always.

This barely scratches the surface of what I've done up here, but maybe you'll get an idea of how hard I've worked, and what this property means to me!

So, in the strongest terms possible, I OPPOSE this "Special Permit" - does it even have a number? My red-legged frogs will not survive this. This project will take the water we need to live.

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