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To: [Planning Clerk](#)
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> I am submitting public comments for Project BLM Holdings, LLC: Garberville Area; Record No. PLN-12618-CUP; APN 220-331-001

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> My name is Joanne Bower. I have been a resident of Briceland, Humboldt County for nearly 50 years and am a landholder on Miller Creek where this project will be located.

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> I would like to begin by saying the notice and time to respond are seriously far too short, so I will make my comments brief.

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> RESIDENTIAL LOCATION

> This project is located in a homesteader's residential location with most landowners on parcels of 40 acres or more. Most of the land on this road have the original owners and/or their children in residence. After the ranch was converted to residential parcels the original landowners were part of the "back to the land" movement seeking a lifestyle of self-sufficiency, simplicity and community. They are now part of an aging population that struggles with the challenges of private road maintenance, fire, flood and other natural causes of concern.

> The road use for this size operation, not only in the current business plan operations, but also the plans for tourism and future facilities and operations far exceed the capacity of the road, bridges, general access, fire protection and the intrusions into the lives and well-being of residents.

> It may also be the case that this project is located to an adjacent parcel that is owned by Beginnings, Inc., a non-profit community center that includes pre-school and elementary school campuses.

> The size of this project appears to be inappropriate for this residential location.

> WATER

> It is my understanding that the County limits it's square footage of cannabis use for water sources. It appears that this project is requiring more than is appropriate for their share.

> Water storage for the town of Briceland may be located at the corner of this parcel. The closeness of these proposed facilities to Miller Creek, a known spawning area for salmon, and additional ponds on adjacent properties could adversely effect wildlife habitats.

> In my time living on Miller Creek, I have seen ponds fail in this vicinity.

> The water considerations appear to make this project inappropriate for this location.

> LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

> This corporate structure is most concerning to me as a private citizen and neighbor to a group that chooses to limit their personal liability and legally separates from their business with liability protection. The cannabis industry is rapidly growing and changing. As longtime residents and stewards of this land, we have a legal and moral duty to look to the future and act accordingly.

> COMMUNITY

> The fact that the notice-to-comment-deadline period was only one week, we, as a community, were not able to meet, discuss, research, clarify, meet with the petitioners, talk with County planners or take any of the myriad steps that would have brought us to a comfortable position on this petition. Therefore, I am requesting an extension for public input time.

> I do not support the approval of this petition at this time.

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> Respectfully, Joanne Bower
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> Sent from my iPad