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Kittitas County Community Development Services
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RE CU-14-00002

We would like to voice our objection to the request by NMF Enterprises, File Number CU-14-00002, for a CU permit to grow Marijuana at their Naneum Road location. Each step of the way, they seem to change the intent to fit the needs of their purpose to grow pot in an AG20 zone. North and East of this property is clearly AG20 Farmland. Cannabis is not an agricultural product. It is not a good fit with the neighboring properties. The Grahams should have done their homework prior to purchasing this beautiful historical piece of property. The grow and production operations are clearly closer than the distance laid out in I-502. They have asked for revisions with the most recent one on June 3, 2014. The latest revision includes a tiny little box marked Well on the June 3rd revision. This we assume is due to the fact that they will not receive water under Federal jurisdiction (KRD). Again, they should have researched before putting all their eggs in one basket. How much will be allowed when the rules have already been in place with the State and Feds? Again, this is just not the right location for such a product. We have been asked for our opinion and it is a sound 'NO'. The risks of an outdoor grow and grazing animals is too great. Animals can and do get through fences. This is in Open Range and while no one wants their animals to be outside of their property, it happens. It is also near the school bus stops to drop off or pick up our grandchildren if they stay at our home. We have lived in the same area our entire adult lives. Raised our children and they are now raising theirs and their grandchildren. Our great-grandson begins school in the fall and we fully expect that he will be riding the bus to or from our home when we are needed to help with childcare. We are in our 80's and are concerned with the property value of our land as it is and has been prime ground for hay production. The hay grown on our property is exported. Any contamination of a seed that is illegal by federal law within an agricultural area puts that hay crop at risk. We lease our property and are responsible to make sure their crop is not at risk of contamination, considering only the adjoining land owners are given the opportunity to speak up. We do not want attention drawn to the location and our surrounding property. If they decide not to risk their crop, we would need to find another lease. That will not be easy as they may have the same concerns.

One other point is what will happen with this property once all the special amendments have been made and they do not make the big bucks they have banked on? Any seasoned farmer knows they can't bank on one crop. What happens with the by-product? What kinds of chemicals are used and how will they prevent groundwater contamination? Will birds or bees be at risk? There is a natural honey farm down the road. Does anyone know the effects of honey bees and pot plants?

Please do not bend the rules. Please do not allow this in our beautiful neighborhood. Our concerns are with the water source from a well, runoff of fertilizers, and the wildlife including deer, fawns, eagles, geese and ducks as this is an outdoor grow, nighttime lighting, view obstruction and the historic and cultural preservation. The barn and I believe the houses are both on historic registries, extra traffic.

Sincerely,

Robert and Marilyn Edwards