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Kittitas County Community Development Services

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Re: Project Name File Number: CU-14-00002

Project Name: NMF Enterprises

Applicant: Michael Graham authorized agent for Sean Graham, landowner

I would like to express my concerns regarding the special permit to grow Marijuana on this particular piece of property.

My husband and I raise timothy hay adjacent to this property and I am concerned the chemicals used for growing could have some effect on our crop. I was born and raised in this valley with my family raising timothy hay for over 60 years. We never have had to worry about a crop like marijuana having an effect on what price we will be paid for it. There are a lot of unknowns in my mind and I don't want to have our crop compromised because of it.

I would like to think I have always lived in a relatively safe neighborhood. It concerns me that, with an outdoor marijuana grow, there will be individuals who will want to "sneak" in to steal from it. I realize there is a fence and a security system around it but individuals will still try. There is a road leading in to our property that is not gated. It leads to two other homes as well. I feel it gives easy access for trespassing on any of our properties to get to the marijuana grow. We do not want to attract unwanted individuals.

I feel the marijuana grow will also have an effect on the property value. We recently purchased the approximately 7 acres adjacent to the grow location. If we decide to sell the property at some future date it could be difficult and the value may have to be lowered.

Since they will not be able to use water from the Kittitas Reclamation District to irrigate with using well water will have an effect on the aquifer. I hear marijuana takes quite a bit of water to grow. The surrounding homes, and property we recently purchased, could be affected by the water use. There has been no statement from Bonneville Power that they can use power from the federal hydro projects to grow and process this product since it is illegal by federal law.

Please take these facts into consideration when looking at this permit.

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