

6/24/2014

Kittitas County Development Services
411 N. Ruby Street Suite 2
Ellensburg, Wa. 98926

RE: Written Comments on Graham proposal for farming operations related to KCC
17.15.060

I am submitting my objections to the proposed marijuana farming operation on Naneum Road, Project File number CU-14-00002.

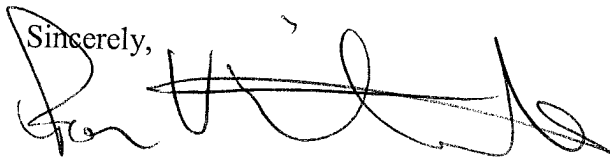
I requested a copy of the letter from CDS to the neighboring property owners on June 23, but did not receive a reply. Therefore I am submitting my comments late. I trust they will be considered.

I own 50 acres immediately north of the property in question. The owner has constructed a fence that appears to be approximately 10 feet from our common property line. My understanding is that State regulations require security cameras and lighting as part of requirements for approval of growing operations. I believe the presence of a marijuana growing operation in close proximity to my property will significantly decrease my property's value. Just as people do not want to live next to a pig farm, or a penitentiary, they will not want to live next to a marijuana farm.

I am also concerned about the migration of marijuana plant seeds to my property carried by wind, water, or birds. I am able to make a living from my agricultural land by raising crops that are sold out of the state of Washington, and even out of the U.S. The presence of a plant that is illegal outside of the State of Washington could severely impact me, and other farmers' ability to make a living.

I strongly urge you to deny application of a conditional use permit submitted by the Grahams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron V. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ron V. Mitchell