

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
PRIOR TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION
ON
MONDAY, November 22, 2021
AT
10:00 A.M.

Questions, concerns or comments about these items can be directed
to staff or the Commissioners by contacting the Commissioners' office at

(503) 434-7501

OR

BOCINFO@co.yamhill.or.us

Carolina Rook

From: Michael Flynn <mflynn321@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Mary Starrett; Casey Kulla; bershauerl@co.yamhill.or.us; BOC Info
Cc: SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com
Subject: Marijuana TPM regulations

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

To Yamhill County Commissioners:

I am STRONGLY IN FAVOR of establishing common-sense Time-Place-and-Manner Regulations for the Marijuana industry in Yamhill County. As a property owner on Bald Peak, we are significant stakeholders in the outcome of this issue, particularly as it relates to fire hazard, water draw-down and health of our aquifer, and environmental degradation in an area that should not be allowed for what constitutes industrial use. The wildfire on Bald Peak that occurred in September of last year should be a wake up call to all regarding the potential for, and consequence of, fire in this area. The potential cost to property owners, as well as to the County and government agencies to fight these wildfires, could be absolutely devastating, and far outweighs the desire of any business concern looking to make a profit from the natural resources available.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Flynn
Kim Kahoot Flynn

Carolina Rook

From: LESLIE WINICK <elwinick@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 14, 2021 12:02 PM
To: Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla; BOC Info
Cc: SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com
Subject: Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

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Dear Yamhill County Commissioners,

Our property is located at 16800 NE Hillsboro Hwy in Yamhill County, and I am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in our County.

We maintain our own water well and are concerned by the likely damage and potentially full destruction of our shared aquifer based on a lack of government regulations. Additionally, a lack of guidance is particularly alarming given the fire seasons we've had in recent memory.

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I, along with neighbors who are sending letters and emails and signing petitions, ask the Commissioners to protect the County's land and citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

Sincerely,
Leslie Winick

elwinick@aol.com

16800 NE Hillsboro Hwy, Newberg, Yamhill County, Oregon

Carolina Rook

From: Mary Starrett
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Michael Flynn; Casey Kulla; bershauerl@co.yamhill.or.us; BOC Info
Cc: SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com
Subject: RE: Marijuana TPM regulations

Mr. and Mrs. Flynn,
Agreed. I share your concerns.
Hoping we can address some of these issues at the local level.
Thank you for getting in touch and letting us know how these conditions impact you.
We'll be discussing this at an upcoming Board work session.
Thanks again,
Sincerely,

Mary Starrett
Chair, Yamhill County Board of Commissioners
Phone: 503.434.7501

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From: Manfred Wiesel <Manfred_Wiesel@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla
Cc: BOC Info; SaveChehalemMountain@gmail.com
Subject: TPM - please consider this

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Date Nov 15, 2021

Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana: Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla,

I reside at 21415 SW Jaquith Rd in Washington County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

After several drought years, a HUGE FIRE in 2020 which ruined our grape crop, we are MOST CONCERNED about our well water.

It makes NO SENSE to plant a water hungry crop on top of a bone dry mountain and then drill and pump, there is plenty of farmland with water available. If you put a crop on top of Chehalem Mtn, make it dry farmes crop (like grapes). And ABSOLUTELY NO FIRE DANGER MATERIAL anywhere here, we had the TVFR fire marshall over at out house and tell us how to reduce fire danger.

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We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values. We would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding marijuana regulations to a work session for further discussion with the other Commissioners and staff.

Sincerely,
Manfred Wiesel and Sabine Baer , 21415 SW Jaquith Rd, Newberg 97132, Washington County,
anfred_wiesel@msn.com, 5036280531

Carolina Rook

From: Shirley Morgan <shirley.morgan@aecinc.com>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Mary Starrett; Lindsay Berschauer; Casey Kulla
Cc: BOC Info
Subject: Regulate Marijuana in Yamhill County
Attachments: Yamhill County Commissioners-Regulate Marijuana TPM Shirley Morgan.pdf

Importance: High

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]



Dear Chair Starrett, Commissioner Berschauer, and Commissioner Kulla,

Please see attached letter.

Thank you,

Shirley Morgan

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November 15, 2021

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Regarding Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner (TPM) Regulations

I would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding the lack of marijuana regulations (TPM) to a work session for further discussion with Commissioners and staff on Dec. 9th, 2021 at 10am.

7 years of evidence validates that marijuana legalization has not gotten rid of the black market, but rather has emboldened it and as well has proven that many of the licensed marijuana providers have impacted local communities in ways far beyond any other farming industry.

Such concerns as overwhelming odors, noise, increased traffic, no required setbacks, marijuana cultivation on small lots, abuse of easement road use, multiple licenses on single-tracts of land, intimidating fencing and security cameras, extreme exterior and greenhouse lights, and emergency concerns regarding water availability in limited groundwater areas are the topic of discussion across the State. Most importantly allowing dangerous chemical extraction processing in rural farming communities, creating potential fire hazards in vulnerable areas with limited water supplies and emergency responder access is of great concern.

Since May of 2021 Oregon Law enforcement has confiscated over 1,910,029 known illegal marijuana plants in hundreds of greenhouses in over 13 of Oregon's 36 counties and this total does not include the already cut and processed marijuana that law enforcement has confiscated. Many of these busts are leading to illegal drug cartels and hundreds of illegal workers who are being bused in from the border to work in these grows. This total also does not include local licensed growers who are violating the States marijuana and hemp regulations. Jackson and Douglas County have made requests for State of Emergency resources to help fight the cartel takeover of our rural farming communities and Josephine County and others are in the discussion of filing for State of Emergency resources.

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| 1. Klamath | 6. Union |
| 2. Douglas-REQUEST FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY | 7. Deschutes |
| 3. Jackson-REQUEST FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY | 8. Linn |
| 4. Josephine-COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSING A REQUEST FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY | 9. Lane |
| 5. Multnomah | 10. Washington |
| | 11. Curry |
| | 12. Benton |
| | 13. Marion |

We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana (TPM) regulations to help safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

REFERENCE INFORMATION

Nov. 12, 2021

JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Oregon lawmaker calls on feds for more oversight of hemp to combat illegal grows
<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Oregon-representative-calls-on-feds-for-more-oversight-of-hemp-to-combat-illegal-grows-575729031.html>

Nov. 11, 2021

LINN COUNTY

2,800 pounds of marijuana seized from U-Haul in Albany-173 large garbage bags

<https://www.koin.com/news/crime/nearly-2800-pounds-of-marijuana-found-seized-from-a-u-haul/>

Nov. 11, 2021

JACKSON COUNTY

OSP SW REGION DRUG ENFORCEMENT TEAM SERVED A SEARCH WARRANT ON ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW-**62 OUTDOOR GROW HOUSES-1191 PLANTS, IN TOTAL 18,360 GROSS LBS-\$80,000 CASH**

Downloadable file: [Illegal grow- Jackson County](#)

Nov. 9th, 2021

MARION COUNTY

OSP busts illegal marijuana grow in Marion County; **2,158 live plants** seized
<https://centraloregondaily.com/osp-busts-illegal-marijuana-grow-in-marion-county-2158-live-plants-seized/>

Klamath County

Clear links between illegal marijuana grows in Southern Oregon and Mexican cartels-3 uhauls **pulled over with over 17,600 lbs of processed pot** Many of the illegal pot grows in Klamath County have been linked to national and international criminal organizations.

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/marijuana/klamath-illegal-marijuana-grows-mexican-cartels/283-c472128d-8f6d-48be-8e4a-ef401e73b753>

Oct. 22, 2021

Lane County

Emergency responders looking to douse fire instead discover large-scale weed grow-op-**Creswell-\$2.5 million worth of pot seized-2000 plants, 200 lbs processed.** More than 2,000 marijuana plants estimated to be worth \$2.5 million seized from illicit grow in Oregon.

<https://theprovince.com/cannabis-news/emergency-responders-looking-to-douse-fire-instead-discover-large-scale-weed-grow-op/wcm/a94bc5b3-9d08-41ed-ba99-ae132cc1c05d/amp/>

Oct. 21, 2021

Douglas County

State of emergency declared for illegal marijuana operations in Douglas County

<https://katu.com/news/local/state-of-emergency-declared-for-illegal-marijuana-operations-in-douglas-county>

Oct. 19, 2021

Josephine County

Josephine County realtor suspected of working in black market marijuana trade-Grants Pass

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Josephine-County-realtor-accused-of-working-in-black-market-marijuana-trade-575563561.html>

Oct. 19, 2021

Josephine County

Realtor suspected of working in black market marijuana trade-Grants Pass

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Josephine-County-realtor-accused-of-working-in-black-market-marijuana-trade-575563561.html>

Oct 19, 2021

Klamath County-Klamath Falls

Another illegal marijuana operation found in Southern Oregon-Klamath Falls-street value \$20 million

<https://katu.com/news/local/another-illegal-marijuana-operation-found-in-southern-orego>

Oct 14, 2021

Benton County

Illegal marijuana grows on the rise across Oregon-**40,000 plants**

<https://www.kezi.com/content/news/illegal-marijuana-grows-increase-across-the-state-575534131.htm>

Oct. 13, 2021

Jackson County

Task force raids illegal marijuana grow and processing center near Medford

17,522 plants-3,900 processed-35 workers

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Jackson-County-task-force-raids-illegal-marijuana-grow-and-processing-center-near-Medford-575522741.htm>

Oct 9, 2021

Klamath Falls-Klamath County

Massive marijuana operation, worth more than **\$100M**, discovered in Southern Oregon-27,000 sq.ft. potato shed full of pot

<https://www.opb.org/article/2021/10/09/massive-marijuana-operation-discovered-in-southern-oregon/>

Massive marijuana operation found near Klamath Falls; street value tops \$100 million

<https://ktvz.com/news/crime-courts/2021/10/09/massive-marijuana-operation-found-near-klamath-falls-street-value-tops-100-million/>

Oct. 9, 2021

Washington County

Cops seize 800 pounds of illegal weed in Oregon-5,719 plants-North Plains

The responding team searched the 29-acre lot including a **6,000 sq ft house**, a **5,000 sq ft barn**, and a **13,000 sq ft horse arena**, all converted to facilitate an illegal marijuana grow operation. Investigators located and seized over 800 pounds of dried marijuana, 5,719 marijuana plants, an estimated \$500,000 in grow equipment, and \$22,000 in U.S. currency. The estimated street value of drugs removed from distribution was over \$6.5 million.

<https://nypost.com/2021/10/09/cops-seize-800-pounds-of-illegal-weed-in-oregon/amp/>

Oct. 8, 2021

Douglas County

Investigators bust large 'hemp' farm near Canyonville; related to earlier raid -66,000 Plants, 11,000 lbs processed

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/investigators-bust-large-hemp-farm-near-Canyonville-575483491.html>

Oct. 8, 2021

Josephine County

445 marijuana plants seized and two arrested during illegal grow bust in Grants Pass

<https://ktvl.com/news/local/445-marijuana-plants-seized-and-two-arrested-during-illegal-grow-bust-in-grants-pass>

Oct. 4, 2021

Lane County

Eugene meth bust largest in Oregon's history
The 384 pounds of methamphetamine seized had a value of more than a million dollars.

<https://www.kezi.com/content/news/Eugene-meth-bust-largest-in-Oregons-history-575454741.html>

October 1, 2021

Josephine and Jackson County

High levels of THC found in So. Oregon hemp grows
<https://roguevalleymagazine.com/2021/09/24/rogue-valley-news-friday-9-24-southern-oregon-hemp-testing-reveals-mostly-illegal-marijuana-nonprofit-compassion-highway-project-closing-down-grants-pass-police-have-busy-day-on-thurs/>

<https://kobi5.com/news/high-levels-of-thc-found-in-so-oregon-hemp-grows-168154/>

Sept 21, 2021

Josephine County

Authorities bust illegal grow in Grants Pass; seize 4,537 marijuana plants

<https://ktvl.com/news/local/authorities-bust-illegal-grow-in-grants-pass-seize-4537-marijuana-plants>

Sept 16, 2021

Klamath County

Police bust large-scale illegal marijuana grow in Bonanza-50,000 plants -132 greenhouses

https://www.heraldandnews.com/news/local_news/police-bust-large-scale-illegal-marijuana-grow-in-bonanza/article_104652af-423e-5037-b6b0-8059e6b38638.html

Sept 7, 2021

Douglas County

Oregon Law Enforcement Seizes \$50 Million Worth of Cannabis at Illegal Grow-50,000 marijuana plants, 150 greenhouses, worth \$50 million

The large-scale facility was operating under the disguise of a legal hemp operation.

<https://www.cannabisbusinesstimes.com/article/large-scale-illicit-cannabis-grow-seized-in-oregon/>

Sept 3, 2021

Klamath County

Two unlicensed 'hemp' grow-ops shut down in Oregon Beatty-22,000 plants

Large illegal cultivations were, in fact, marijuana.

<https://ocannabiz.com/archives/40341>

[O'Canabiz Toronto 2021 | Two unlicensed 'hemp' grow-ops shut down in Oregon \(ocannabiz.com\)](https://ocannabiz.com/archives/40341)

Sept 3, 2021

Linn County

Cops: 14 arrested, 1,400 pounds of pot seized at illegal Oregon marijuana grow operations-Over 9000 plants

<https://www.oregonlive.com/crime/2021/09/cops-14-arrested-1400-pounds-of-pot-seized-at-illegal-oregon-marijuana-grow-operations.htm>

Sept. 2, 2021

Jackson County

Task Force Raids Black-Market Marijuana Grows Back-to-Back; Finds \$643k, 20,000 marijuana plants, 15k lbs. Processed

<https://jacksoncountyor.org/sheriff/News/task-force-raids-black-market-marijuana-grows-back-to-back-finds-643k-20k-plants-15k-lbs-processed-illegal-marijuana-photo>

Sept 2, 2021

Klamath County

Authorities bust illegal grow with 11,000 plants; 4.6 acre feet of water stolen

<https://ktvl.com/news/local/authorities-bust-illegal-grow-with-11000-plants-46-acre-feet-of-water-stolen>

Sept 2nd, 2021

Deschutes County

Oregon-LARGE ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW CONTROLLED BY CARTEL DISMANTLED IN ALFALFA – 9,227 plants-2,800 lbs of processed

News Release from Deschutes Co. Sheriff's Office
Posted on FlashAlert: September 3rd, 2021 5:55 PM

Downloadable file: [Bathroom](#)

Downloadable file: [Section 2](#)

Downloadable file: [Living Space](#)

Downloadable file: [Section 1](#)

Downloadable file: [Rifle](#)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: September 3rd, 2021 Released by: Sergeant Kent Vander Kamp Alfalfa, OR –

On Thursday, September 2nd, 2021, Detectives with the Deschutes County Illegal Marijuana Enforcement team concluded a long-term investigation involving a large-scale illicit outdoor marijuana grow near Dodds Rd and Alfalfa Market Rd in the Alfalfa community.

Sept 1, 2021

Douglas County

Sheriff's office, DINT bust illegal marijuana grow near Yoncalla 49,000 pot plants estimated at \$50 million-150 greenhouses

https://www.nrtoday.com/news/crime/sheriffs-office-dint-bust-illegal-marijuana-grow-near-yoncalla/article_5f65ebde-2170-5c9e-8694-41bdf01ebbcf.html

August 18, 2021

Josephine County

Sheriff finds 200 illegal marijuana grow workers in poor living conditions-72,000 pot plants-370 greenhouses

<https://kobi5.com/news/local-news/joco-sheriff-finds-200-illegal-marijuana-grow-workers-in-poor-living-conditions-165189/>

Aug 9, 2021

Curry County

Law Enforcement destroys cartel marijuana grow in remote corner of Curry County-11,992 plants

<https://abc16.com/news/local/law-enforcement-destroys-cartel-marijuana-grow-in-remote-corner-of-curry-county>

August 17, 2021

Josephine County

Man's death precipitated raid on massive marijuana grow-200,000 plants

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Law-enforcement-investigating-Illinois-Valley-marijuana-grow-involving-involuntary-servitude-575115951.html>

Josephine County

Report: Oregon cannabis workers in slave-like labor camps

<https://oregoncatalyst.com/54844-conditions-oregon-cannabis-industry-termed-narcoslavery.html>

August 12, 2021

Jackson County

LAW ENFORCEMENT RAIDS CENTRAL POINT WAREHOUSE FULL OF BLACK MARKET POT-6,000 lbs

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Law-enforcement-raids-Central-Point-warehouse-full-of-black-market-marijuana-575086451.html>

August 11, 2021

Union County

ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW-2,168 PLANTS
OREGON STATE POLICE NEWS RELEASE

August 5, 2021

Klamath County

ILLEGAL MARIJUANA GROW--85 greenhouse, theft of water, damage to environment, 150 acres, 85-30 x 100 greenhouses

<https://klamathalerts.com/2021/08/05/illegal-marijuana-grow-klamath-county/>

August 4, 2021

Multnomah County

Sheriff: Fairview home used for illegal pot grow 1,600 pot plants seized

https://www.kptv.com/news/sheriff-fairview-home-used-for-illegal-marijuana-grow-operation-1-600-plants-seized/article_a1e69d5a-f55b-11eb-b178-abbad03964bf.html

Aug. 3, 2021

Curry County Sheriff:

6 men arrested south of Brookings for illegal marijuana operation-worth \$15 million

<https://katu.com/amp/news/local/sheriff-6-men-arrested-south-of-brookings-for-illegal-marijuana-operation>

July 26, 2021

Jackson County

Task Force Raid on Black-Market Marijuana Grow finds Illegal Weed, Guns, Unsafe Living Conditions-Central Point-7,400 pot plants, 35 non-permitted greenhouses, 1,800 lbs of processed, 71 vials of extract, cocaine, 6 guns, \$9 thousand cash-35 people were detained

<https://jacksoncountyor.org/sheriff/News/task-force-raid-on-black-market-marijuana-grow-finds-illegal-weed-guns-unsafe-living-conditions-photo>

July 14, 2021

Josephine County

Over 27,000 illegal marijuana plants and \$255,611 cash seized from three properties

<https://ktvl.com/news/local/over-27k-illegal-marijuana-plants-and-255611-cash-seized-from-three-properties>

June 23, 2021

Klamath County

String of burglaries linked to illegal pot grow Over **6,000 marijuana plants**

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Sheriff-String-of-Klamath-County-burglaries-linked-to-illegal-marijuana-grow-574693561.html>

June 21, 2021

Josephine County

POLICE RAID ILLEGAL POT GROW OPERATION **86,500 plants** 12 DETAINED

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/oregon/articles/2021-06-29/police-raid-illegal-marijuana-grow-operation-12-detained>

June 18, 2021

Josephine County

Rogue Valley-Over **200,000 illegal pot plants** seized

<https://ktvl.com/newsletter-daily/over-200000-illegal-marijuana-plants-seized-and-destroyed>

June 17, 2021

Jackson County

52,804 illegal marijuana plants seized and destroyed in over **74 greenhouses**

<https://ktvl.com/newsletter-daily/over-50000-illegal-marijuana-plants-seized-and-destroyed>

May 27, 2021

Josephine County

Over **30,000 illegal marijuana plants** seized in raid

<https://kobi5.com/news/over-30000-illegal-marijuana-plants-seized-in-josephine-county-raid-151281/>

Deschutes County

100's of pot plants seized in raid in Alfalfa Oregon

<https://ktvz.com/news/crime-courts/2020/09/25/one-arrest-100s-of-plants-seized-in-raid-on-alfalfa-illegal-marijuana-grow/>

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YAMHILL COUNTY BOC

November 14, 2021

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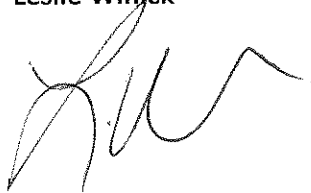
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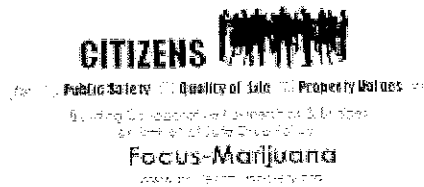
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Winick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Regarding Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner (TPM) Regulations

I would like to thank Chair Starrett for bringing our concerns regarding the lack of marijuana regulations (TPM) to a work session for further discussion with Commissioners and staff on Dec. 9th, 2021 at 10am.

7 years of evidence validates that marijuana legalization has not gotten rid of the black market, but rather has emboldened it and as well has proven that many of the licensed marijuana providers have impacted local communities in ways far beyond any other farming industry.

Such concerns as overwhelming odors, noise, increased traffic, no required setbacks, marijuana cultivation on small lots, abuse of easement road use, multiple licenses on single-tracts of land, intimidating fencing and security cameras, extreme exterior and greenhouse lights, and emergency concerns regarding water availability in limited groundwater areas are the topic of discussion across the State. Most importantly allowing dangerous chemical extraction processing in rural farming communities, creating potential fire hazards in vulnerable areas with limited water supplies and emergency responder access is of great concern.

Since May of 2021 Oregon Law enforcement has confiscated over 1,910,029 known illegal marijuana plants in hundreds of greenhouses in over 13 of Oregon's 36 counties and this total does not include the already cut and processed marijuana that law enforcement has confiscated. Many of these busts are leading to illegal drug cartels and hundreds of illegal workers who are being bused in from the border to work in these grows. This total also does not include local licensed growers who are violating the States marijuana and hemp regulations. Jackson and Douglas County have made requests for State of Emergency resources to help fight the cartel takeover of our rural farming communities and Josephine County and others are in the discussion of filing for State of Emergency resources.

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| 3. Jackson-REQUEST FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY | 8. Linn |
| 4. Josephine-COMMISSIONERS DISCUSSING A REQUEST FOR A STATE OF EMERGENCY | 9. Lane |
| 5. Multnomah | 10. Washington |
| | 11. Curry |
| | 12. Benton |
| | 13. Marion |

We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana (TPM) regulations to help safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

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Regarding Regulation of Medical & Recreational Marijuana:
Implementing Marijuana Time, Place & Manner Regulations

Dear Chair Starrett, Vice Chair Berschauer and Commissioner Kulla,

I reside at 19438 SW Neugebauer Road near the southern edge of Washington County and am writing to voice my support of the implementation of Marijuana Time, Place, and Manner (TPM) Regulations in Yamhill County.

My main concerns are twofold and are related to the groundwater rights application G-18843.

First, we get our water from the Chehalem Mountain Groundwater Limited Area. The groundwater rights application G-18843 at 18505 NE Jaquith Road requests permission to draw 21 acre feet of water annually. According to the hydrogeologist who testified during a previous meeting (who is very knowledgeable about this aquifer) stated that local wells would very likely be dry within a year if the permit is granted. The permit applicant has stated an alternative option for getting the needed water would be via trucking water from McMinnville. This would dramatically increase heavy vehicle traffic on Highway 219 which would increase wear on the roadway. To accommodate the water need via trucking, 5000-gallon tanker trucks would have to complete the round trip 16 times per day from March through October each year. That's too much.

Secondly, it's common knowledge that processing marijuana employs chemicals that dramatically increase the risk of uncontrollable fire. After last year's wildfires, it should be obvious that increasing the fire risk on wooded Chehalem Mountain by allowing marijuana processing makes no sense at all.

In November 2014, the majority of Yamhill County citizens voted against allowing any recreational marijuana production, processing, wholesaling or retailing in unincorporated Yamhill County (18,720-NO to 18,660-YES). The Commissioners at that time chose not to implement marijuana regulations with the authority they had under HB3400 and rather took a "let's just wait and see" approach. The County uses its Site Design Review process to try to minimize the impacts to neighbors in our EFU-20-40-80-acre zones for recreational marijuana and provides NO regulations for medical marijuana. Since that time, our rural communities have been subjected to overwhelming odors, noise, increased traffic, no required setbacks, marijuana operations on small lots, abuse of easement road use, multiple licenses on a single tract of land, intimidating fencing and security cameras, extreme exterior lights and constant greenhouse lights, and major concerns about water availability in limited groundwater areas. Most importantly Yamhill County is allowing dangerous marijuana

chemical extraction processing labs to operate in our rural farming communities, creating potential fire hazards in vulnerable areas with limited water and emergency responder access.

Chemical processing facilities belong in industrial zones, not on a heavily wooded rural property. We ask the Commissioners to protect its citizens by adopting marijuana regulations that safeguard public health and safety, quality of life, and property values.

Sincerely,

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