

## TRINITY COUNTY PLANNING – CANNABIS

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## **Interim Deputy Director Edward Prestley**

## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

Wednesday, August 11, 2022

TO:

Planning Commissioners and Members of the Public

FROM:

Skylar Fisher, Associate Planner

SUBJECT:

Agenda Item 3 – Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Variance Request

(CCV-22-22)

Please find the attached comment received as of August 11, 2022.



## United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT Redding Field Office 6640 Lockheed Drive Redding, CA 96002 www.blm.gov/office/redding-field-office

August 10, 2022

Trinity County Planning Department Attn: Deborah Rogge P.O. Box 2819 Weaverville, California 96093

Dear Deborah Rogge,

Thank you for providing the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with the opportunity to share our concerns regarding county permitting for cannabis cultivation on private parcels and determine if this affects federal lands or requires any federal authorizations. This letter provides a response to the following letter(s):

CCL/CCV	APN(s)
CCV-22-22	025-180-010-00

The Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 and more specifically Title II of the Act (the Controlled Substances Act), lists Cannabis as a Schedule I drug. The BLM does not have discretion to permit activities on the public land that will violate the Controlled Substances Act or any other federal law. The BLM therefore cannot authorize any activities related to cannabis operations on public land such as the *cultivation*, *production*, *transportation*, *or distribution* of supplies or product.

Individuals that cause resource damage (i.e., erosion or soil contamination) to BLM-administered lands from illicit acts, including the manufacturing of cannabis, may be subject to federal criminal and/or civil action. Permit applicants should also be aware that transporting cannabis across an existing right-of-way (ROW) on federal lands to access a private parcel, is also illegal under federal law, and violators could face federal criminal action.

We recommend that permit applicants adjacent to or near BLM lands have their parcels surveyed by a professional land surveyor, so their operations do not trespass upon or cause impacts to federal lands. In addition, BLM recommends that private property lines have adequate signage so that public land user and private landowner conflicts are avoided.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you would like to further discuss this issue. You can reach me at 530-224-2100.

Sincerely,
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Jennifer Mata Field Manager