

As a fourth generation Chehalem Mt resident, I am steeped in the agricultural and historical background of Chehalem Mountain. There are SO many reasons why a cannabis processing plant is a wrong fit for the top of Chehalem Mountain, that I don't know really where to begin, but here are the main objections

1) historical lack of water for agriculture - growing season on top of Chehalem Mt is 2-3 weeks later than in the valley, and there has always been inadequate water supply for row crops. Cannabis would be grown in a controlled environment, but would pull water from an already endangered aquifer as has been reported. (see previously submitted documents)

2) historical lack of adequate fire and police protection - on a good day it can take fire trucks 20-25 minutes to respond to the mountain top. Police response is slower. From personal experience it has taken 45 minutes to get a police response to some juveniles breaking into a neighbor's residence when they were on vacation, and the suspects were still in the house when the call was made to 911. As we saw with recent wildfire activity, the logistics of steep hills with little road access caused the wildfires to blow unhindered up the canyons on the north side, and cross over to the south side of the mountain. Fires were contained only with the help of ODFW specialists.

3) additional dangerous traffic on adjoining roads - Hwy 219 is not an adequate roadway for an increase in additional commercial trucks (see previous documents on anticipated increase in traffic) I personally talked with an acquaintance who has a contract with WAG for hauling water to the site. He said he can't bring a bigger truck on the roads, and therefore has to make more trips. This is a statement from last week, not even anticipating the increased hauling if WAG has to contract to bring more water in.

4) many watersheds and city water supplies come from Chehalem Mt. Some have previously been listed, but the city of Newberg also gets spring water from water bubbling up nearly directly below the WAG site. There would be too many opportunities for leaching and seepage to contaminate not just the aquifer, but run-off that feeds some wells and water sources.

Please, please, consider that this is NOT the place for a facility that has the opportunity to necessitate increased police response, make roads more dangerous than they already are, contaminate ground and sub-terranean water sources, and deplete an already tenuous aquifer. I'd like my grandchildren to continue our Oregon Trail legacy and history without all of these dangerous concerns.