

The proposed grow/ BHO processing facility located at 18505 NE Jaquith Rd is a facility requiring a massive amount of water that cannot be supported by the local, limited aquifer, as well as requiring on site storage and utilization of highly volatile chemicals for fertilization, propagation, and, most concerning, processing.

The excessive amount of water required by a commercial grow of the scale proposed by the two Limited liability corporations listed in relation to this address, coupled with the extreme fire danger brought by BHO and similar extraction/ processing facilities, and added to the lack of availability of expedient fire support in the case of an emergency, makes the location of 18505 NE Jaquith Rd or, frankly, any other address beyond the reach of the amenities provided within the constructs of an industrially zoned area (particularly for chemical processing facilities), is so far beyond simply wrong that it borders on negligence on the part of Yamhill County.

The proposed location of this facility has, thus far, been met with favorable consideration by Yamhill County, despite the vocal protestation of community members. Due to this, concerned community members have been forced to bring our case to you, the state legislature, with hope that we may meet with a group more willing to consider logic as this sensitive issue is discussed.

We fear for our wells. Should the models provided by independently hired geologists as documented at savechehalemmountain.com be even remotely accurate, the reality of privately owned wells running permanently dry could begin to manifest in 1-5 years across this aquifer that reaches from Sherwood to Gaston, and beyond.

We fear for our property values. With the strong potential of no access to ground water that has been depleted as a result of the senseless acceptance by Yamhill County of this, and/ or similar facilities in our remote location, the residents in this rural area will see plummeting property values. Why Yamhill and Washington County alike fail to stop what would be a congruent crash in property tax revenue to each of these entities is a mystery to those of us who will surely first feel this pressure.

There are many commercial marijuana facilities already in operation in this rural area, most notably indoor marijuana facilities and outdoor (non irrigated) industrial hemp operations. Facilities and agricultural ventures of these types pose a vastly reduced risk to the vitality of this desirable area and are not the focus of the request for this legislative consideration.

As concerned tax paying citizens, we strongly recommend the passing of HB 3239, and welcome the support of the State legislative body in determining appropriate locations for processing facilities that pose such dire risk to vulnerable persons and properties in every jurisdiction across this beautiful state.

Thank you for joining me in supporting HB 3239.

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