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County of Lake
Community Development Department
Attn: Max Stockton
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Dear Max:

Thank you for providing the Bureau of Land Management with the opportunity to share our concerns regarding county permitting for cannabis cultivation on private parcels if this affects federal lands or requires federal authorizations. This letter provides a response to the Use Permit (UP 21-49) on parcel(s) 006-005-15 and 006-005-04.

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 any discretion to permit activities on public land that will violate the Controlled Substances Act or any other federal law. The BLM, therefore, cannot authorize any activities related to cannabis authorizations on public land such as the cultivation, production, transportation, or distribution of supplies or products.

We recommend that permit applicants adjacent to or near BLM lands have their parcels surveyed by a professional land surveyor so that their operations do not trespass upon or cause impacts to federal lands. Individuals that cause resource damage (i.e. erosion or soil contamination) to BLM-administered lands from illicit acts, including cannabis manufacturing, 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 on federal lands to access a private parcel, is also illegal under federal law, and violators could face federal criminal action.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. If you would like to discuss the issue further, please contact the Planning and Environmental Specialist, Sateur Ham, at 707-468-4096.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Barnitz
Acting Field Manager
Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument Manager

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Attachment: Map

