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To: Planning; Perry Huston; Jim DeTro; Sheilah Kennedy; Ray L. Campbell
Subject: Excessive Lighting from Marijuana Grow operations
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Greeting again,

My name is Robert Johansen and I live at 18 Rolling Hills Dr., Tonasket WA. Most recently I forwarded to you a letter that our Windy Flats/Rolling Hills Drive neighborhood provided our local marijuana grow at 3 Rolling Hills Dr. citing our concerns with concerns for their new greenhouse(s) excessive light emission. Photographs with their new marijuana greenhouses are included below. Since delivering that letter, the managers at that particular grow have opted to tamp the light slightly per their positioning of the internal grow lamps with light deflecting shields and lessened the emission by using either thicker plastic or internal tarp, or are using less lighted grow lamps. They have also chosen to turn these green houses on at some point after 10:00 pm...

As neighbors talk about these subjects of marijuana grows located amidst rural residential neighborhoods (such as ours), it was learned that my neighbor Roger Sawyer, at one time had to remove his external security lights from his mine operation in Oroville due to the adverse effects on the wildlife... He mentioned the breeding habits of some moth as well as the ecological disruption of the nocturnal predatory birds. This was apparently decreed in the mid 1990's? Another neighbor of mine, with some legal background, and says that this sets a "precedence" on light emissions in Okanogan County. It was discussed that some marijuana grow operations in Ephrata, Moses Lake and Spokane have "0 light emissions". I recall from the 1st planning community meeting, a gentleman had a concern for the glaring lights near his home at the Beaver CreeK(?) grow in Twisp. I also recall that the owner of that operation later stood before the committee and called that gentleman a liar and further attacked his character - In a public forum!

I live 4.6 miles outside of Tonasket and pass >33% of the marijuana grow operations in Tonasket. Each of these put out light as well. Each of those affect the surrounding rural residential neighborhood they are established in. I know lots of folks provide criticism. many provide suggestions. I would like to respectfully request that you politely consider:

When considering Zoning options... Would it be possible to Zone so that there are no residential homes within 1/4 mile, or even 1/2 mile line of sight? There are local marijuana grows tucked into hills, on isolated roads and buried within orchards for an example of how this works well for their neighbors.

When considering Zoning options... Would it be possible to have a no light rule from standing buildings and roofs?? Could there be some sort of time restrictions for external green houses green houses, something like - "no lights on before 11:00 or midnight?"

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