

The Okanogan valley is without a doubt one of the greatest places you'll find anywhere to live and raise a family, but the quality of life here would be gravely jeopardized if we allow the pot growers to take over our valley. That's thier plan, and that's exactly what will happen if we don't set some strict zoning rules. It is absolutely absurd to allow these extremely offensive operations to continue within residential neighborhoods. They should be kept miles, not feet from residential neighborhoods. In other words, out of our valley and in more remote areas. It not only changes the lives of those close to such operations, but it renders thier home nearly unsellable. Something most people have worked hard to aquire.

The short term affect would indeed create more revenue for the county government, but the long term affect would be devistating. In order for this valley to prosper, it has to grow. Who is going to want to move to the pot growing capital of Washington State. More pot growers. I am sure our county officials would not want to live surrounded by pot farms. This should't have to happen to anyone. The county officials are employed by the residents of this great county and it's up to them to keep it that way. We need to do everything in our power to preserve the quality of life we have enjoyed here for many years.

Thanks, John Denison; long term Tonasket resident.

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