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My name is Kim Thiel and I live on Benson Creek Road in Twisp. On one Benson Creek parcel, the county and Liquor Control Board has allowed 5 licensed marijuana Production/Processing facilities and one more is pending. They have been in production for a couple years now.

Every day, when I look out my window or go outside, I see the facilities. They are a half mile from my home but they are in full view with the green houses, cargo containers, campers, whatever.

There is no buffer around any of the grow facilities, except the state required fencing, which for some has been just sheets of plywood. And I don't know if it's the wind or some other problem, but I have noticed several times, the fencing has pieces missing. There doesn't seem to be any enforcement for something as obvious as that.

Their grow lights are on all night – shining bright in what was a peaceful dark sky. I am not sure how to put in words how disruptive it is to look out at night and always see the glow of their facilities.

There is a distinct odor that fills the air. I smell it at my home. Having morning coffee outside or opening a window in the summer to enjoy a cool breeze is now subject to the byproduct of this multi-grow complex.

There is a definite increase in traffic on Benson Creek Rd. Employees of the facilities, trucks for bringing in the pot plants or taking out finished product - or the owners visiting their businesses have created a distinct change in the traffic – on a road that doesn't even have a center line.

I am also concerned that the multiple companies on this one parcel are using domestic well water to support their commercial operations. I don't know the impact that has on the water supply for the actual residence of Benson Creek.

And if quality of life isn't enough to sway someone – then I am certain my property value has decreased by no fault of my own. It's not fair that my personal investment- in my community, has been impacted by these grow operations.

I am glad to hear that the Commissioners and the Planning Dept are considering action to stop this situation from happening to other County residents. But I *really* hope that you will correct what has *already* been allowed to happen and make any and all requirement retroactive to existing production & processing facilities, including those on Benson Creek in Twisp.