

Victoria Davis - PLEASE RECONSIDER!

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Hello members of the Mendocino County Planning Commission,

I am writing to strongly urge that you stand-up for the safety and environment of your Sonoma County neighbors to the south, by restricting the development of what is essentially a private campground-resort at 33380 Pine Mountain Road, Hopland.

The fires this year have been truly horrific for Sonoma as well as Mendocino County. What we DO NOT NEED is a new resort with campgrounds and OPEN CAMP-FIRE PITS.

I grew up in Northern California and spent time at Sonoma State propagating native plants for local restoration projects. I have spent many fire-seasons on Pine Mountain and consider the area like a second home. You may or may not be aware that the overall wind patterns during the fire season here blow from the North TOWARDS THE CITY OF CLOVERDALE.

The proposed campgrounds may be in Mendocino, but in Cloverdale we are also taking on A HUGE FIRE RISK. We all know that it is possible, even with the best intentions and a reasonable amount of fire-safety training, to have something unexpected take-off and cause irreparable damage. Add to that a resort of 150 vacationing visitors, 18 open fires, a little intoxication and THE RISK IS NOT WORTH IT.

Also, it is worth clarifying that although your "Staff (in Mendocino) considers the access to be sufficient." In reality, the ONLY ACCESS ROAD is a SINGLE-LANE road in SONOMA COUNTY. If there are 15 events per year, with 150 attendees + staff, that is likely to MORE THAN DOUBLE THE TRAFFIC flow and create an EXCESSIVE COLLISION RISK with unfamiliar drivers. Again, this is a decision that although you are making in Mendocino, is impacting us in Sonoma. Also worth noting:

- Family farms and local Vineyards don't need their serene views of rolling hills covered in asphalt.
- The native plant species and migratory birds that call this mountain home, do not need the threatening impact of runoff into their water shed.
- Neighbors and established small-scale agriculture does not need the additional pressure on an already strained water-supply.

I sincerely hope that you will make the right choice to reconsider your hasty approval for the development of a campground-resort on Pine Mountain.

Sincerely,
Jamie Uyematsu