

Victoria Davis - Please Save Pine Mountain Olive Farm!

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Dear Mendocino County Planning Department,

I was born & raised here in Mendo County and have lived in Northern California for most of my 35 years. Having travelled the world, I can say that this area is one of the most unique & beautiful places I've ever been. And part of reason for that is the serenity of the landscape.

I beg you to reconsider your permit approval for a "campground with 18 guest tent units and individual bathrooms + 1 communal tent + a parking area with 34 spaces + multiple storage sheds + a trailer"

For those of us who have been here for years, the privacy, the noise, the light pollution, and the **FIRE DANGER** of 18 campfire spaces is not what we want for the county. If the development were going to bring tourism & visitors to our business communities here in Mendo, it would at least have some kind of silver-lining to offset the impact, but there is no access to this proposed project from Hopland. The only access road is through Cloverdale in Sonoma. It is convenient that you were able to approve a "campground" who's only access road is **not even in Mendo County**.

I also have a deep connection to the family at the Pine Mountain Olive Farm. I have been eating Pine Mountain's local organic olive oil for years and had the opportunity to be there this year to help pick olives during harvest. This is certified organic olive oil of a high quality that depends on the clean air of Pine Mountain and its distance from any high-traffic roads. There are currently only a handful of vehicles that travel this dirt road, but the development that you approved **would mean over 1,000 new vehicles** travelling the dirt-road **directly through their lower orchard**. This is a huge threat to the organic quality of their farm's crop!

I am deeply disappointed that you would make a decision to directly threaten a local family farm in favor of a new out-of-state development for more tourism in Sonoma. I sincerely hope that you will reverse your short-sighted decision to allow a campground development at 33380 Pine Mountain Rd and **take a stand to preserve our local landscape and stand behind our local organic farmers**.

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