12/16/2017
County of Mendocino
Department of Planning and Building Services
860 North Bush Street
Ukiah, CA 95482

Re: Case# U_2017_0009
Applicant: Collective Hotels and Retreats Inc.

Honorable Commissioners,

I have been very fortunate over the past few years to have spent time at Rodger and Kate Schafer's home and organic olive farm where they make their Pine Mountain Olive Oil. They run a small family business and are two of the most conscientious and kind individuals that one could ever meet. Their home feels like a sanctuary with quiet and serene beauty. Therefore, it is with grave concern that I write this letter.

On the Shaffer's property sits a pond that hosts a variety of migratory birds, reptiles, amphibians, aquatic plants and other creatures. If this resort and campground are built then the run off downhill will have dire consequences for all the animals that depend on this habitat to remain unspoiled. Further questions about the septic and how this will affect the downhill parcel are also in question.

Pine Mountain Road is a curvy, steep, one lane dirt road with cliffs on one side and many blind turns. This is a very real concern regarding people who are both unfamiliar with the road and will have been served alcoholic beverages that might cause them to miscalculate the severity of situation. The people who live there and drive this road daily should not have to fear that they or their family members will encounter drivers who have been drinking and are driving on this already dangerous road.

Many of the people visiting the resort/campground will have come from the city and will have very little knowledge or education regarding fire safety. There have already been numerous fires that have threatened the safety of the properties in this area. It is deeply troubling that there will be wood burning stoves and a fire pit implemented when fire danger in this dry wooded area is such a real threat.

Thank you for your time and consideration in regards to this matter.

Sincerely,
Allegra Laurence