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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that an Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact have been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Inyo County CEQA Procedures, and are available for public review for the following application:

Conditional Use Permit #2021-02/Cook and Variance #2021-02/Cook

The applicant intends to cultivate hemp outdoors in three areas of their property totaling approximately 11,410 square feet. The applicant will be planting directly into the soil, and each cultivation area has been previously disturbed and used as a vegetable garden and orchard.

The applicant has also applied for a variance of 295 feet to cultivate hemp within the 300-foot setback requirements. The available growing area in this parcel is constrained by the shape of the parcel and the unique rock formations found on the property. This property is located in a remote area surrounded by state and federal land zoned OS-40 and is not within 600-feet of a school, daycare, park or library; and therefore, is not prohibited by state or county exclusion areas.

The 21-day review period for this Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on **June 22, 2021 and expires on July 13, 2021**. During this period comments may be submitted regarding the draft Initial Study and Negative Declaration. Inyo County is not required to respond to any comments received after this date. Written comments and all questions should be addressed to the Inyo County Planning Department at P.O. Drawer "L," Independence, CA 93526, faxed to (760) 872-2712, or emailed to inyoplanning@inyocounty.us.

Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), and the Inyo County Planning Department's website at <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/planning-department/current-projects>