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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT

Notice is hereby given that an Initial Study and Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact has 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 #2021-05/ Tree Farm Cannabis

Chris Tcutsch of Tree Farms is applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to cultivate cannabis at 800 Ekenberg Rd in Sandy Valley, Assessor Parcel # 048-350-25. The applicant has a 40 acre parcel and is proposing to have approximately 8.5 acres of outdoor cultivation including 20,000 square feet of hoop houses. One new 12,500 square foot building for drying and curing is proposed. There is a pre-existing well which will supply water to the project. The property is zoned Open Space, which permits cannabis cultivation with approval from the Planning Commission.

The 30-day review period for this Draft Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact begins on October 6, 2021 and expires on November 6, 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration of Environmental Impact for this project are available for review at the Inyo County Planning Department (168 N. Edwards Street, Independence), County libraries, and the Inyo County Planning Department's website at https://www.inyocounty.us/services/planning-department/current-projects.