

# Cannabis cowboys: Taming the wild west of marijuana

**Cannaguard wants to let you focus on growing, they will handle the rest.**

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The ever changing marijuana marketplace is seeing new businesses pop up and others are transforming in hopes to cash in on the fledgling cash crop.

Cannaguard out of Portland area wants to be a one stop shop. "Let the growers do what they do best, grow the best cannabis they can, and we will take it from there," said Cannaguard President and CEO Noah Stokes.

Cannaguard is an offspring of Omniguard, a Beaverton based home security company. According to Stokes he started to get calls from marijuana growers who had been burglarized or robbed and the national companies would not service "I remember meeting a guy at a Starbucks thinking this is unusual." But Stokes continued, "Word spread amongst the growing community and here we are today."

Stokes plans to keep adding services to growers that ultimately will meet the needs between plant and point of sale. Cannaguard is currently working with labs to come to the distribution center to test, saving the grower time and expense of travel. Add the trimming and packaging service and the grower never needs to leave his farm, while the whole time the product is fully insured and protected.

Stokes believes in his product, because it's a proprietary system, there is not a place on the web someone can research how to disarm our systems and he confirmed with, "I believe that our system can actually protect someone."

Once a plant is harvested and ready for sale, a large issue is safety during transportation and Cannaguard Transport comes into play to fill that need. After verifying your manifest, Cannaguard will safely transport your product to their secure location in the Portland area. When your product is sold to a dispensary they will deliver it there.

"The transport company was an idea to fill a void in the market; many newcomers are treating this like it's any other product. Our customers are not comfortable driving around with hundreds of thousands of dollars on their own," Stokes said.

Stokes feels they can perform their service for half the cost normally accrued getting the product to market.

As for changes and the future in the ever evolving marijuana industry, Stokes said "It's coming and if you work this hard to get this far you can't close your eyes and get hit by someone more professional

and take your niche. Focusing on core competency is where you

will succeed, how you best take advantage of the situation."



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)  
Asset protection guards load a van for transport Monday, Dec. 19, 2016 in rural Cave Junction.

## Obama expands Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

AP-ASHLAND - President Barack Obama has expanded the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in southwestern Oregon to protect its rich biodiversity.

He also designed three new national monuments to recognize the nation's journey from the Civil War to the modern Civil Rights Movement, and expanded the California Coastal National Monument to protect natural and cultural resources.

The Cascade-Siskiyou expansion adds about 48,000 acres to a landscape of rich forests, grasslands and shrubs that was established as a monument in 2000. It includes about 5,000 acres in northern California.

Obama said in his proclamation that the

expansion will create a landscape that will connect vital habitat, protect the watershed and preserve the area's extraordinary biodiversity. The monument, originally 65,000 acres, is home to rare plant and animal species.

Conservation groups and Oregon's Democratic U.S. senators praised the decision.

Oregon Public Broadcasting says detractors have expressed concern that a larger monument would hurt the region's economy with limits on logging and grazing. The Oregon Cattleman's Association said in a news release that the decision will have a rippling effect on ranchers, farmers and outdoor enthusiasts.

## Clatsop withdraws from timber lawsuit

ASTORIA, Ore. (AP) — Oregon's Clatsop County has dropped out of a class-action lawsuit involving more than a dozen counties seeking \$1.4 billion from the state over logging harvests on state-managed lands.

The Daily Astorian newspaper (<http://bit.ly/2ipCQDx>) reported that the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners voted Wednesday to withdraw from the suit.

The lawsuit alleges the state failed to meet an agreement to maximize timber profits.

Clatsop County's forestland represented 23 percent of the land cited in the lawsuit.

The counties rely on logging money from harvests on state lands and say they are owed \$1.4 billion.

In voting to leave the lawsuit, commissioners cited concerns from residents that the state would raise taxes if it lost the legal battle to pay counties the timber revenue they say they lost.

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