

U.S. Attorney: Oregon has major pot overproduction

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PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The black market for marijuana is thriving in Oregon and an oversupply of weed from growers is flowing to more than two dozen states where pot remains illegal, a top federal law enforcement official said Friday.

U.S. Attorney Billy Williams said the state has a “significant overproduction” problem and that he would prioritize enforcement of overproduction, interstate trafficking, organized crime and cases involving underage marijuana use and environmental damage from illicit pot farms.

The comments, which echoed those he made earlier this year, were included in a memo that outlines his plans for enforcing federal drug laws in a state with legalized marijuana. Williams is the first U.S. attorney to issue such guidance after Attorney General Jeff Sessions rescinded the Obama administration’s guidance on pot-friendly states in January.

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Sessions asked federal prosecutors to determine marijuana policies for their districts, prompting Williams to convene a summit in

Portland earlier this year to discuss the state’s oversupply problem. At the time, Williams also penned an editorial that described a glut of marijuana making its way out of the state illegally and called for action by local and state leaders.

Those in the marijuana industry reacted with cautious optimism to the memo and said it didn’t seem to change federal marijuana policy in Oregon.

That doesn’t include 350,000 pounds (158,757 kilograms) of marijuana edibles, tinctures and concentrates.

The retail price for a gram of pot has fallen about 50 percent since 2015, from \$14 to \$7, according to a report by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. Legal growers and retailers alike have felt the sting.

The true amount of marijuana leaving the state is hard to pin down, said Beau Whitney, a senior

tough to estimate,” Whitney said.

“They’re saying, ‘If you’re exporting, then we’re going to come down on you.’”

To that end, Williams said Oregon needs to do a better job at gathering data about the marijuana industry and devote more resources to enforcement and oversight. Federal prosecutors have finite resources in Oregon, he wrote, and they will “strategically consider”

civil punishments over criminal prosecutions.

Entrepreneurs who have successfully navigated the oversupplied market said they hoped Williams’ approach wouldn’t jeopardize their state-legal businesses. William Simpson, founder of Chalice, will soon open his seventh retail store in Oregon and is hoping to expand into California, Nevada and Canada.

“I’m fearful with this oversupply it basically puts a lot of people in a desperate situation ... and it forces them to do illegal things. What that’s going to do is bring a microscope by the federal government over the state of Oregon,” he said.

“It can put the whole thing in danger. I think we’re past that point, but we definitely don’t want to give them a reason to rethink that.”

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economist at New Frontier Data, a national cannabis analytics firm.

The state has 21 million square feet (195 hectares) of legal marijuana growing and a \$1 billion market statewide, he said. Of that, about one-third — or about \$300 million — is diverted to the illegal market within the state, but it is not clear how much is leaving Oregon, he added.

The amount being grown legally is “more than enough to handle all of the demand in Oregon and so to me, it’s no wonder that there’s excess supply in the space. What people choose to do with it, it’s

which cases to pursue, in some cases favoring asset forfeiture and other



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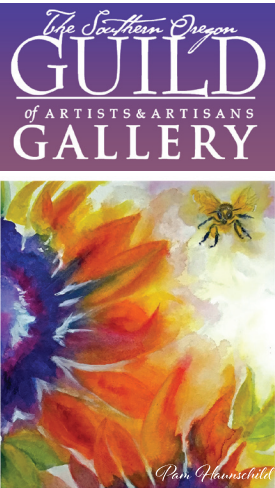
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LEGAL NOTICE								
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY								
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sheriff of Josephine County, Oregon will offer for sale to the highest bidder the county real property described and listed below.								
TIME AND DATE OF SALE: 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 30, 2018 Registration begins at 1:00 PM Bidding begins promptly at 2:00 PM				PLACE OF SALE: Anne Basker Auditorium, Courthouse Annex 600 NW Sixth Street, Grants Pass, Oregon				
No.	Tax ID#	Map & Tax Lot No.	Address	Type of Property	Acres	Zone	Real Market Value 2017	Minimum Bid Price
18a-01	R326240	38-05-02-00-001300-00	Water Gap Road	Lot	40	FC	\$184,720	\$97,700
18a-02	R300602	33-07-27-00-001001-00	Poorman Creek Rd.	Lot	3.33	FC	\$30,690	\$19,500
18a-03	R323508	37-05-25-00-001100-00	N. Applegate Rd.	Lot	18.16	FC	\$158,360	\$69,900
18a-04	R301086	34-06-05-00-001801-00	Leland Rd.	Lot	1.72	WR	\$18,760	
	R301111	34-06-05-00-000202-00	Leland Rd. w/est.	Lot	0.87	WR	\$1,130	
			\$10,260 of timber	Total	2.59	WR	\$19,890	\$19,800
18a-05	R321139	34-00-001200-00	Ridgecrest	Lot	40	RR5	\$379,830	
	R3211392		TOTAL	60	RR5	\$569,750	\$189,920 \$437,000	
18a-06	R32815	38-08-28-00-000300-00	Eight Dollar Mtn. Rd.	Lot	160	S	\$46,110	\$46,110
18a-07	R332395	40-08-28-00-000500-00	3300 Waldo Rd.	Lot	5	S	\$56,990	
	Lot			27.86	S	\$76,310		
	Total			32.86	S	\$133,300	\$97,500	
18a-08	R300492	33-06-34-00-000401-00	Lower Wolf Crk. Rd.	Lot	14.98	WR	\$48,530	\$31,500
18a-09	R321143	36-06-34-00-001400-00	Demaray Dr.	Lot	1.04	RR5	\$16,500	\$5,500
18a-10	R314337	36-05-20-CB-020-3000-00	899 Rogue River Hwy., Grants Pass	Improved	.34	GC	\$184,140	\$169,000
18a-11	R322975	37-05-16-00-000400-00	Board Shanty Crk Rd.	Lot	15	WR	\$38,130	\$26,700
18a-12	R303127	35-06-09-00-000807-00	255 Sugarpine Dr., Merlin	Lot	2.17	RR2.5	\$88,320	\$49,000
18a-13	R326914	38-06-02-A0-000400-00	Murphy Crk. Rd.	Lot	6	FC	\$31,880	\$22,300
18a-14	R330360	39-08-22-BC-002601-00	230 Fir Dr., (formerly MH site)	Lot	0.52	RR5	\$60,890	\$29,900
18a-15	R332964	41-09-02-00-002100-00	37065 Redwood Hwy.	Lot	0.60	RR5	\$31,260	\$14,250
18a-16	R301117	34-06 REMOVED 0-00	Lower Grave Crk. Rd.	Lot	30.40	WR	\$52,630	\$52,630 REMOVED
18a-17	R338120	35-06-20-A0-004801-00	Stonebrook Way	Lot	0.05	RR1	\$3,600	\$2,000
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BOARD ORDER DIRECTING THE SALE:				Order No. 2018-032, dated April 18, 2018				
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Notice is hereby given that on November 6, 2018, an election will be held for the purpose of electing board directors to the following three positions for the Illinois Valley Soil and Water Conservation District:

Positions: Zone 2, 4 years; Zone 3, 4 years; At Large 2, 4 years.

Zone boundaries, eligibility requirements, and copies of the required elections forms may be obtained at the SWCD Office located at 219 S. Redwood Highway, Cave Junction, OR 97523. They can also be reached at (541) 592-3731 or samantha@ivstreamteam.org

Election forms and information may also be found at: <https://oda.direct/Elections>

Each candidate must file a “Declaration of Candidacy” and a “Petition for Nomination Signature Sheet” with the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Natural Resources Division. The filing deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018 and filing will open on July 19, 2018. Candidates must also file campaign finance reports with the Oregon Secretary of State’s office. More information will be available in the candidate packet you can pick up from the SWCD office.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Cave Junction, Josephine County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 will be held at City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, Cave Junction, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 2018 at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget documents may be inspected or obtained on or after May 25, 2018 at City Hall, 222 W. Lister Street, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (excluding noon to 12:30 p.m.).

This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee.

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