

Check with any Fire Marshall and you will know about the numerous residential and industrial fires involving legal and illegal processing of cannabis, hash oil and related processing. These fires are difficult enough to fight in areas with industrial fire suppression in place, or residential areas with fire hydrants. In rural areas where response distances are greater, water needs to be brought in tankers, and local fire response is more than likely to be volunteer is a recipe for disaster.

Do we really need another event like last summer's Bald Peak Fire ? Consider if that fire had reached a CBD/RSO processing facility with commercial quantities of oils and other chemicals, no industrial controls in place, no fire suppression available.

Consider also the environmental impacts not only of a fire, but of normal operations. Limited ground water, difficulties in enforcing water rights, difficulties managing hazardous waste and byproducts all make these operations more difficult to regulate. There is a reason for industrial zoning, and these operations are why. We should ensure this processing takes place in the right locations with the right regulation, monitoring, and risk management in place.