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Tina C. Lanier
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Dear Tina C. Lanier:

The Curry County Board of Commissioners passed an Amendment to the Curry County Code adding a New Article One, Division Fourteen relating to a Federal Coordination Policy, August 7th, 2013. This Policy, under Section 1.14.010, subsection (1) asserts additional coordination as outlined in the FLPMA and NFMA to, "provide early and frequent opportunities for.... local governments to participate in the planning process". The purpose of the Federal Coordination Policy, as outlined in Section 1.14.020, is that Curry County asserts its maximum rights to coordination, as provided by law, with all federal agencies conducting activities in or affecting Curry County and the policies contained in the Federal Coordination Policy are enacted with the express intent of developing meaningful and productive relationships with the federal agencies that coordinate with Curry County.

Section 1.14.030, Subsection (3) outlines the Federal Coordination Policy Mining Policies. The Curry County Board of Commissioners agrees that the proposed project to be conducted by the Red Flat Nickel Corporation will cause serious negative externalities to the project location at the headwaters of the free flowing Hunter Creek and Pistol River watersheds. If allowed to be developed; the board also recognizes there will be serious negative impacts to the surrounding area, restriction of access to popular recreational areas, degradation of the rare and unique botanical resources, as well as the health risks to the residents and wildlife. The board places higher values on it's citizens health and safety, the many recreational uses of the Red Flat area as well as the highly prized Hunter Creek and Pistol River fisheries for wild Chinook and Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat and resident trout than we do on the foreign owned Red Flat Mining Corporation interests. Furthermore, the BOC feels this proposed project is not in line with a number of other Curry County policies outlined within the Federal Coordination Policy.

This letter is the Curry County Board of Commissioners formal opposition of any permit issued to the Red Flat Nickel Corporation. A copy of Article One, Division Fourteen and Exhibit A, Curry County Federal Coordination Policy is included for your reference. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

David Brock Smith, Chair
Curry County Board of Commissioners