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Hi, Mike,

It was great to meet you last night at the public meeting for the CFAC Superfund Site. As we discussed, Flathead Land Trust and our Flathead River to Lake Initiative partners are interested in talking with you and other stakeholders (i.e., Glencore, CFAC, DEQ, and others) about a potential conservation/community option for the approximate 800 acres south of the Flathead River owned by CFAC/Glencore (see CFAC South on attached map). I appreciate your interest in this possible positive outcome for this ecologically valuable property.

Flathead Land Trust is a non-profit organization working to protect special places in the Flathead to conserve our excellent water quality, abundant fish and wildlife, rich farmland, and unsurpassed outdoor recreational opportunities. We work in partnership with the Flathead River to Lake Initiative, a collaborative effort to conserve the Flathead River and north shore of Flathead Lake. The Flathead River to Lake Initiative involves private landowners, land trusts, conservation organizations, and county, tribal, state and federal agencies working together to conserve critical lands such as wetlands, floodplain, riparian areas, and associated uplands in this vital part of the Flathead Valley. The Flathead River to Lake Initiative has helped conserve over 5,000 acres of these critical lands adding to a network totaling over 11,000 acres of protected private and public lands along the Flathead River and north shore of Flathead Lake (see attached map). This network safeguards 41% of the 100-year floodplain of the Flathead River, 29% of the banks of the main channel of the Flathead River, 51% of the wetlands in this area, and 49% of the high quality riparian areas among other conservation values. The CFAC land south of the Flathead River would significantly add to this conservation effort as it borders over 2.5 miles of the Flathead River, has over 150 acres of wetlands, and 0.7 miles of a spring creek along with a lot of great riparian and wildlife habitat. The CFAC land could also continue to be a community asset and outdoor recreation resource especially for those who live in Columbia Falls.

I look forward to talking with you more perhaps prior to the next meeting in Columbia Falls regarding the CFAC site on Nov. 3. Our Executive Director, Paul Travis also looks forward to meeting you in November.

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