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To: Whom it Concerns

RE: proposed New Horizons uranium mine

With a combined experience of some twenty-seven years in the real estate industry, my partner Garrett Weeks and I have faced many challenges and opportunities. Most recently we started Maverick Realty in 2003, a full service real estate brokerage catering to the needs of homeowners and buyers in Park County. A few weeks ago I picked up a Fairplay Flume and read an article about the proposed uranium mining operation near the town of Hartsel. Upon reading the article, my first concern was for the health and welfare of the surrounding residents near the proposed operation. Secondly, the negative impact on property values in and surrounding the proposed uranium mine would be devastating.

Addressing the primary concern of the health and well-being of the surrounding residents, one can clearly see the potential for very grave health risks. The aquifer which nourishes all the surrounding residents would be put at risk and potentially compromised with uranium-tainted water. As we all know, once tainted with uranium exposure, this situation cannot be "cleaned-up". Also, the potential risk could spread to an indeterminate number of residents far removed from the site of contamination. Not only human residents, but all species would be seriously affected by this contamination.

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The second concern which deserves immediate attention is the devastating impact which this uranium mining operation would have on property values. The very real health hazards coupled with the perceived threat of further health and financial damages would make any surrounding properties virtually worthless. Any equity accumulation would be gone. The years of hard work put in to building and maintenance would be thrown away. Years of taxes paid would be irretrievable. The hopes and dreams of many who toiled to be able to sell with some hopes of financial gain would be shattered. Retirees, who hoped to perhaps leave something of value to their families, or perhaps to help themselves in their golden years, would be left with nothing to fall back on. These are the very real hardships which face surrounding residents if this proposed operation is approved.

Not only would immediate property owners feel the negative financial impact, but all residents of Park County would be severely impacted by loss of tax revenue for the entire county.

Taken in conjunction, the horrible health hazards and the financial devastation make this a very foolish project indeed. The fact of the matter is, we do not need this uranium badly enough to devastate our livelihoods and the health and welfare of our families for generations to come.

Please feel free to contact me with comments or questions,

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