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\$10 Million Goal Reached to Protect Canadian Flathead

Land Trusts Meet Terms of Mining Ban; Further Protections Needed

September 18, 2012

Dear [member_name_first]:

Conservancies Reach \$10 Million Goal
The Nature Conservancy of Canada and The Nature Conservancy of Montana teamed up to raise the \$10 million required to satisfy the 2010 B.C. - MT MOU and B.C. Bill 2, the Flathead Watershed Area Conservation Act. With the final funds in hand this September, a major hurdle has been jumped in implementing a permanent ban on mining and energy development in the Canadian Flathead. Headwaters Montana salutes NCC and TNC for their fantastic effort and success!

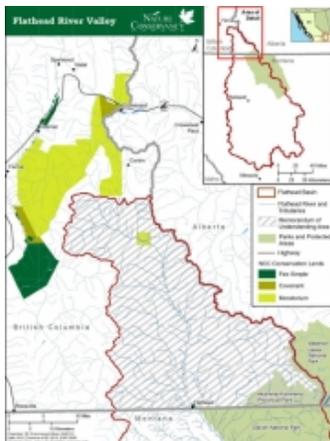
A private ceremony in Cranbrook, British Columbia, last week celebrated the successful fundraising of \$10 million to satisfy the terms of the 2010 MOU signed between Gov. Brian Schweitzer and former B.C. Premier, Gordon Campbell.

The sum was determined by B.C. to be the amount needed to implement Bill 2, the "Flathead Watershed Area Conservation Act" passed by the B.C. Legislature last November. The legislation banned mining and energy development in the headwaters of the watershed.

The money will be used to guide management and conservation of the Flathead and to pay off the invested costs that mining and energy companies had incurred in exploration of the area. Bill 2 effectively shut down these activities.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) and The Nature Conservancy Montana (TNC) stepped up to the challenge of raising these critical funds.

The Government of Canada contributed \$5.4 million to NCC through a federal conservation program. TNC raised the balance from private donors, including *Headwaters Montana* and other local groups and individuals.



What the Ban Covers

This NCC map depicts the Canadian reach of the North Fork Flathead River. Bill 2 bans mining and energy development in the watershed. One caveat: the Canadian Federal government still controls a block of coal in the north end watershed (not shown here) that is not covered by Bill 2. We will have more information on this coal block in the near future. (Click on map to download larger version. Map Credit: NCC)

**Opportunistic Free Enterprise**

Cline Mining continues to pursue a legal claim against the B.C. government for "expropriating" their exploration tenures on

The final \$2.5 million was donated by Warburg Pincus—the largest, single private contribution. Warburg Pincus is a leading global private equity firm, apparently heavily invested in energy, according to Creamer Media's [Mining Weekly](#).

Canadian newspapers and media reported widely on this success. Few U.S. papers picked up the story. See links below to read coverage of the event:

- [Globe and Mail](#)
- [Calgary Herald](#)
- [Washington Post](#)
- [Cranbrook Daily Townsman](#)
- [Creamer Media's Mining Weekly](#)

Cline \$500 Million Damage Suit Still Pending

On May 28, 2012, Cline Mining filed a notice of its intention to sue the B.C. government for expropriating its legal right to explore and develop its three coal properties in the Canadian Flathead, alleging

2012. Please [donate](#) today and Cinnabar will double your money up to \$1000.
~ Thank You! ~

In addition, the B.C. government has loosened restrictions on motorized access throughout the Flathead watershed.

Remaining Goals for the Flathead

Headwaters Montana remains committed to helping our B.C. friends establish:

- A new national park in the B.C. Flathead (doubling the size of Waterton Lakes National Park), and
- A *Wildlife Management Area* that is contiguous with the Whitefish Range in Montana.

Headwaters Montana is working to complement these conservation goals by:

- Securing passage of S. 233, the "North Fork Watershed Protection Act" that withdraws federal mineral, oil and gas rights from the U.S. North Fork Flathead; and
 - Developing a community-derived plan for the Whitefish Range that protect the US portion of the international wildlife corridor between Whitefish and Banff National Park.
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