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Comments: The Blue Copper Project #303864 should be halted.

The documents they provided do not serve as sufficient research of the land they tend to disrupt, nor does it provide research into the lasting effects of their "exploration." Exploring the "long-terms effects would be evaluated within 3- 5 years after disturbance is complete (Scenery Issues Worksheet)." So even before they touch any of the land, they don't fully understand what the impact will be, and won't explore until 3-5 years after they have disrupted it.

If this goes ahead, this is what is expected at each drill site:

Their "exploration" consists of the construction 127 pads that fluctuate from 40'x50' up to 100'x100' that can be "field fit" on site. At these pads it is expected up to 6 holes, with the exception of the 37 on amendment 4, which can go up to 7. Each hole can fluctuate from 2.98 inches (NQ-size) (Water Resource Questionnaire) and go up to 10 inches (Exploration Plan of Operations), with depths that range from 300 to 7,000 feet.

Meaning they can have 796 boring locations, which could go up to 5,572,000 carved out of the counties, and all for an "exploration." Of those potential 796 holes, "at least three monitoring well conversions" (Blue Copper Project Environmental Assessment). 127 sites, up to 796 holes bored, but only 3 monitoring wells to cover the 10,816 acres of estimated land. This will not accurately provide data on the damage this project is doing to the land.

For this project, they will be working 24 hours a day for 5 years. To comply with Scenic View and Dark Skies, they simply state lights "will be hooded and shielded as appropriate" (Exploration Plan of Operations). They do not list how they are shielded, specify lighting fixtures, light kelvin range, nor what the appropriate factor is with which they are dampening them. In the same lack of clarity, they treat the noise pollution, stating that they are considering it by "operational controls, equipment practices, and site management strategies"(Exploration Plan of Operations). Neither of those environmental concerns are addressed appropriately nor does it represent a detailed plan of operation.

"Falcon Copper does not know of any data that will provide information about the depth to groundwater over the project drilling locations."(Water Resources Questionnaire) They do not know the depth to groundwater, don't have specifics on their operations to bore, nor fully identified their building pads but expect to go "explore" these counties with minimal precautions of the disturbance they will cause the land.

The documents provided by Falcon Copper lack clarity and awareness of their impact. As someone whose private land will be affected by this, Blue Copper Project needs to be halted until all aspects are developed into a detailed, cohesive plan.