

Attorney General Bob Ferguson
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Dear Attorney General Ferguson,

I am writing in response to Fort Discovery Inc.'s proposal to develop a regional and national weaponry training center in Jefferson County, near Tarboo Lake. Fort Discovery has a long history of permitting violations and legal problems with Jefferson County's government, and is using a string of lawsuits, including one claiming \$100,000,000 in damages, to intimidate the County's Commissioners and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. In response, the County recently passed an ordinance that effectively removes any restrictions on developing large-scale commercial gun ranges.

One of my primary concerns is that Fort Discovery intends to market the Tarboo Lake facility as a "Rally Point" for anti-government elements to organize "when all else fails." The company makes an AR-15 called the Expedition Rifle that comes with a weatherproof bag and specially minted coin. Purchasers are encouraged to bury the weapon in a secret place with 1000 rounds of ammunition, and then bring the gun and ammo to the "Rally Point" when the government collapses, with the coin that will gain admittance for "Patriots."

I support our military, as well as small, recreational, gun clubs that promote sensible, safe training in the use of firearms. But I oppose the permitting of large-scale, privately-owned, commercial gun complexes that operate at the expense of the rural integrity of our county, and I stand against companies or individuals working against our democratic system of government.

We need your help. Please contact the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Phil Hunsucker, offering the resources of your office in responding to Fort Discovery's lawsuits.

Thank you for your consideration and for your great work for our state.

Sincerely,