

2018

It's a Russian Plot...

As you may know living in California and especially having a business here has been getting harder and harder and a lot more expensive. So, several years ago we started thinking of moving, but didn't know where to move to. We started scanning online real estate sites and touring around the areas using Google Street View. All this was somewhat academic as we didn't have the cash to move right away. Well, in the spring of 2018 we unexpectedly sold our old domain name of *Interstellar.com* to a startup company for enough money to fund at least seriously look into moving. In July we made a trip to what seemed an ideal spot, the same distance from the sea as we are now, the same elevation on the landward side of coastal mountains, but a more rural, quiet area with higher rainfall than California and lots of surrounding forest with rivers and lakes. After 10 days there looking at houses and land and getting to know some of the locals, we decided this was the place for us. After we got home we got in contact with some more local people who could help us out such as a top lawyer to watch over the paperwork.

Fast forward to December and we're back there for 3 weeks. We determined that we would have to build a house to include a home office and shop as there was nothing in our price range with enough room. We purchased land in a gated community that is almost completely sold and built. This will give us security for our business plus the status of a prime location inside city limits. We will start construction of our house in early 2019.

So, where is this land? It s located in southeastern Europe in the Russian wine country about 100 miles north of Sochi (where the Olympic games were). The town is Goryachy Klyuch in Krasnodar Krai, Russian Federation. It translates to "Hot Spring", there's a famous hot spring resort at the western end of the town.

It may be a Russian plot...but it's OUR plot!

Information on the town in English https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goryachy_Klyuch,_Krasnodar_Krai and the town's home page in Russian: http://www.gorkluch.ru/

Our photos from the two trips <u>http://durandinterstellar.com/photos/Europe_July_2018/</u>

http://durandinterstellar.com/photos/Europe_December_2018/

Hope you and yours have a happy holiday season and best wishes for the new year.

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Goryachy Klyuch on Christmas Day

