



**Sweet Grass County
Conservation
District**

July 24, 2023

East Boulder Mine EIS Scoping Comment

Dear Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Jones,

I am writing to you on behalf of Sweet Grass Conservation District (SGCD) and Boulder River Watershed Association (BRWA) in support of Sibanye-Stillwater's Proposal for the next phase of tailings and waste rock storage at the East Boulder Mine.

Over the past several years, Sibanye-Stillwater has proven that mining in Montana can be done sustainably and responsibly. SGCD and BRWA have a long history of collaborating with Sibanye-Stillwater including projects to improve and protect the natural resources in our county. Conservation Districts in Montana are the gatekeepers of The Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, also known as the 310 law, whose purpose is to keep rivers and streams in Montana in as much of a natural or existing condition as possible.

We truly believe that Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Company officials go above and beyond to explain to the public that this proposed storage facility has been designed and implemented to the highest degree of engineering excellence, permitting standards and given all due diligence to every aspect of public safety and natural resource protection as possible.

We fully support continuing progress in the operations of the new storage facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandi LaVoy".

Sandi LaVoy
SGCD Administrator
BRWA Coordinator