

August 3, 2023

Dear Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Jones,

I am writing this letter to support Sibanye-Stillwater's proposal for tailings and waste rock storage facilities at the East Boulder Mine. I would like to thank the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, the Custer Gallatin National Forest (CGNF), and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for preparing the Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed major amendment (Amendment 004) in the East Boulder Mine.

As a resident of and employee in Big Timber, I see the major contributions of the mine in my community and the surrounding communities. The tax base alone dramatically influences the way our community operates and functions financially. In addition to the financial benefit, the mine is also very involved in the community with its constant support of different boards, events, and people here. They are truly an asset to the community, state, and country with their global presence.

I am a member of the Hard Rock Mining Board and, therefore, have toured the East Boulder Mine, Butte Mine, and the proposed Black Butte Mine in White Sulphur Springs. I am also familiar with the Signal Peak Mine since I grew up in Roundup, Montana, witnessing the mine's development over my lifetime. The professionalism and care taken at the East Boulder Mine is impressive—so impressive that they are the template for responsible mining throughout the world. They have a proven track record recommending them for this project.

The Good Neighbor Agreement, Sibanye-Stillwater, and the GNA Councils have collaborated for more than two decades to balance the need for positive rural economic development while minimizing impacts on the physical and human environments. Through this collaborative arrangement, they have developed standards that exceed state and federal standards. Please consider acknowledging the community benefits created through the mine's use of the best currently available technologies (including water treatment), air quality control measures, and traffic and housing limitations. This is a testimony to their desire to be an advocate for the environment while providing real economic and socio-economic growth.

I appreciate your thorough analysis and the opportunity to participate in the public process. If the amendment is approved, continued operations at the East Boulder Mine will have beneficial long-term impacts for our rural communities, Montana, and the United States.

Respectfully,



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