Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/28/2022 10:35:10 AM First name: Mari Last name: Nichols Organization: Title: Comments: To Whom It May Concern;

I have serious questions about the proposed expansion of the East Boulder Mine per Amendment 004 (EIS #61385). The potential risks seem far too great and, as stated already, include:

"Surface Water and Groundwater

-Construction and operation of mine infrastructure may inpact water quality and quantity.

Public Health and Safety

-Public health and safety could potentially be impacted throughout the life of the mine.

Wildlife

-Construction activities and operations could affect wildlife species and habitats including fish such as Yellowstone cutthroat trout."

We can little afford for public lands and living ecosystems to be sacrificed to benefit private profit given such risks. Therefore, I oppose such an expansion.

Sincerely, M Nichols