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Comments: I write in support of the proposed Lewis Gulch tailings and West for waste rock facility. The tailings facility design meets or exceeds the Montana TSF regulatory requirement which are amongst the most stringent in the world. The design has been reviewed and approved by an independent review panel.

Similarly the lined waste rock facility includes drainage systems that will protect the water resources in the area. The metals mined at these facility, platinum and palladium are recognised as critical minerals and play a significant role in cleaning vehicle emissions. Without this permit, mining could cease within the next 4 to 5 years, which would bring a halt to the economic contribution made by this operation.

Current mining takes place with a benefit to all stakeholders and will continue to do into the future.