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Comments: Dear Craig Jones and Robert Grosvenor,

My name is Jerry Iverson, I am a resident and landowner in Sweet Grass County. I'm speaking as a member of Cottonwood Resource Council in Big Timber, an affiliate of Northern Plains Resource Council in Billings.

I was involved in the original environmental review and permitting of the East Boulder Mine, attending 1990 EIS scoping meetings and submitting written comments that were included in the 1992 Final EIS. I was on the original negotiation team of the Stillwater Good Neighbor Agreement and have been a member of the East Boulder Oversight Committee since the signing of the Agreement in May 2000.

The 1992 EIS evaluates the impacts of mine related traffic upon the local community and residents and provides estimates of employee and commercial traffic numbers for the preferred alternative.

I would like this environmental review of Amendment 004 to evaluate the impacts of mine-related traffic in relation to various tailings disposal alternatives.

There are many stakeholders that have indicated a high interest in examining the technical and economic feasibility of a filtered tailings alternative as part of this EIS. It is my understanding that an alternative for filtered or dry stack tailings, along with the changes in mining methods required by such an alternative, would create the need for additional additives (e.g. cement or fly ash) that are not available at the mine site. The need for increased materials for operations would also increase the need for increased traffic.

Please evaluate the impacts of both employee and commercial traffic when evaluating the impacts from various disposal alternatives for tailings and waste rock.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Jerry Iverson