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Comments: The East Boulder Mine is an extremely valuable part of our community, providing economic support in the way of jobs, property taxes, and license taxes. Sibanye Stillwater also donates to local charities. The school district is just one example of an entity that benefits greatly from the presence of the mine in our county. I work for the school district, which has been able to pay employee benefits and wages and to complete various improvements to the building, especially to improve student safety, using the funds from the Metal Mines License Tax. The operation of the mine is critical to the economy of Big Timber and the surrounding area, and this expansion is necessary for the mine continuing to operate.

Also, as a person who was born and raised in Big Timber, I know the Boulder River is just as beautiful as it was when I was a kid thanks in part to the commitment of Sibanye Stillwater to keep it that way. The company upholds the requirements of the Good Neighbor Agreement, which ensures the protection of our environment.