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Comments: I am writing in reference to the permit through the Forest Service the Stillwater Mine needs to get approval to build an additional tailings holding pond on their site up the East Boulder.

Although I have done some research and our family has attended town meetings, I do not pretend to be knowledgeable about anything pertaining to this permit. However, I have extensive knowledge of how valuable the Mine is to our community. They are the life blood of our very special town, Big Timber. Not only do they employ a sizable amount of our population, they are extremely generous in their donations to keep our town a desirable place to live.

To list a few: they have purchased much needed teacher housing, they have donated to repair our Civic Center, which is the location of many sports events as well as numerous community events, they donate funds for our baseball/softball teams to buy new equipment, they donated to the amazing playground equipment we have in our city park, they helped fund the building of our tennis courts, and purchased Chrome books for students during COVID for distance learning. They also distribute \$200,000 in scholarships to our local schools, and sponsor our yearly Sweet Grass Fest and Farmer's Markets. We hope that the Forest Service remembers the very human side of this Mine and grants them a permit to stay open. Thank you for taking the time to read this.