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Comments: Dear Mr. Grosvenor,

I am writing to express my support for the Sibanye-Stillwater's Draft East Boulder EIS. I believe that this project is essential to the continued economic and environmental health of the Sweet Grass County region.

The East Boulder Mine is a major employer in the area, providing jobs for over 600 people. The mine also contributes significantly to the local tax base. The proposed expansion would allow the mine to continue operating for another 11-14 years, ensuring that these jobs and tax revenues will continue to flow into the community.

In addition to the economic benefits, the East Boulder Mine is also a major environmental asset. The mine is a source of platinum group metals, which are essential for a variety of industrial and technological applications. These metals are also critical for reducing pollution and improving air quality.

The proposed expansion would not have any significant negative environmental impacts. The project has been carefully designed to minimize the impact on water quality, wildlife, and air quality. The project would also include a number of mitigation measures, such as the construction of a new water treatment plant and the planting of trees to offset the loss of vegetation.

I believe that the East Boulder Mine Expansion is a responsible and sustainable project that will benefit the economy and environment of Sweet Grass County. I urge you to approve the project.

Sincerely, Chris Summers