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Comments: To whom this may concern,

I am a resident of Montana who is greatly supported by the Sibanye Stillwater Mine, which is why I am in favor of the East Boulder Mine expansion. Allowing the mine to expand would not only make the mine and its surrounding safer, continue to support those who rely on the mine as a source of income and stability, and preventing the consistent threat of invasion.

Making the mine a safer and more resourceful place allows for less injuries and a safer environment by containing the mining waste safely and securely. Allowing expansion also allows for more people to work at the mine and use its benefits to secure stability in their life. Finally, statista.com says the top producer of palladium worldwide is Russia, the same country invading Ukraine. Closure of the mine would result in the buying of more Russian palladium, fueling their ability to gain weapons of destruction. This alone is a devastating side effect of not allowing the mine to expand.

Thank you for considering my reasons for why the mine should expand.