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Comments: I support Stillwater Mining Company and this expansion. Stillwater provides 1000s of high paying jobs (way above the average) for Montana residents and buys products and services from many local Montana businesses, again putting money into our economy. The taxes that Stillwater pays to Montana is also very important! Mining is now performed in a very environmentally responsible and sustainable way. This industry is one of the highest regulated in the nation/world. I have worked all over the world in the mining industry, principally in South America in the Andes and I know that mining can and is done in an environmentally responsible way. Unfortunately, my wife and I have worked the majority of our careers (28 years) outside of the USA on mining projects primarily due to the incredibly difficult mining regulations and environment permitting process. We need more mining and high paying jobs in our own Country instead of being dependent on mining done in foreign countries!! We need to support environmentally responsible mining in the USA and make it sustainable for future generations!