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Comments: I am extremely excited about the reopening of the Black Pine Mine by Liberty Gold! I moved to the Malta area in the summer of 2020 and purchased a home in 2022. As an educator at the local high school, I can see the incredible opportunities the mine will provide to many of our local high school students to obtain gainful employment close to "home". Our students work hard and succeed in many of the trades and post-secondary educational programs that the mine will be able to utilize. However, they often have to move long distances to utilize their skills and knowledge. Having the Black Pine Mine right here in Cassia County will give them opportunities to remain locally if they choose.

In addition to benefiting our students, there are many around the community that will benefit from the reopening of the mine. I am hopeful that the influx of good-paying jobs that the mine will provide can also boost the local economy and allow this region to grow positively. Local markets and contractors will have more growth opportunities. Malta and the surrounding communities near the Black Pine mine can be a great place for the addition of new people and businesses. I am hopeful this project comes to fruition as planned.