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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Klane Hill, and I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed Black Pine gold project in southeastern Idaho.

I previously worked at the Black Pine site during its earlier operation under Pegasus Gold, and I now have approximately 16 years of experience working in the mining industry in Nevada. Because of this background, I have firsthand knowledge of how modern mining operates and the importance of responsible resource development.

Today's mining operations are held to high environmental and regulatory standards. I have seen these standards successfully implemented to protect land, water, and wildlife while still producing essential resources. The industry has made significant advancements in reclamation, water management, and environmental monitoring, ensuring that land is responsibly managed during operations and properly restored afterward.

Projects like Black Pine provide meaningful benefits to local and regional economies. Mining creates high-paying jobs, supports small businesses, and generates tax revenue that helps fund schools, infrastructure, and community services. In rural communities, these opportunities are especially important and can provide long-term economic stability for families.

In addition to my work in mining, I am also involved in agriculture. I understand the importance of land stewardship, water resources, and maintaining productive ground for future generations. From my perspective, well-regulated mining and agriculture can successfully coexist on the same landscape.

I also strongly support the concept of multi-use land. With proper planning and oversight, land can be responsibly used for mining, agriculture, grazing, and wildlife habitat, both during and after the life of a project. This balanced approach helps ensure that natural resources continue to benefit communities long into the future.

Based on my experience, I am confident that projects developed under today's standards can meet both economic and environmental expectations. I respectfully ask that this project be given fair consideration based on the facts and the proven ability of modern mining to operate responsibly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment.

Sincerely,
Klane Hill