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Comments: I am in favor of the Black Pine Mine. I was raised in Juniper, before I started farming the family farm for over two decades. Never having much of a knowledge about mining and what goes into the process. When we sold the farm in 2021 that all changed.

For the last three plus years I have been mining for Kiewit at their projects around Soda Springs. I started at their existing Rasmussen Valley mine and was then transferred to opening up their North Dry Ridge mine for a year. I'm currently on the Reclamation of the Rasmussen Valley project that was wrapped up and closed in October of 2025.

Having experience at every stage of mining from the planning and opening of a new mine, to the closing and planning of the reclamation of an old mine, and everything in-between. I feel I have a unique perspective on the processes that go into the disruption of the landscape and environmental changes of mining. I've seen the amount of planning and effort that goes into following state and federal regulations for the environment. Modern technology allows for very precise planning and modeling of long-term environmental impacts. Everything from dewatering operations to overburden excavation and placement is achieved with precise planning.

I am 100 percent in favor of this project, not only will it be good for the area environmentally but will also be a boost economically. I feel if I would have still been farming in the area had this mine been open back in 2021.

Sincerely,

Will Nelson