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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to ask you to review information regarding Park City when it comes to the possible extension of the mining permit for Stillwater Mine. Having lived in Park City for 38 years, I have seen the impact the mine has had on our community and especially the school. During that time Park City has received nothing to help with that impact.

It is vital that you revisit the facts. When you are completing the socioeconomic analysis, you must use current home and property values rather than those from 1998. The value of homes has changed dramatically since the original agreement. I believe the original agreement anticipated a workforce of approximately 700 people. This number was exceeded long ago. At it's height, 1700 men and women worked for the mine. This, of course, meant much more housing was needed than originally thought. This additional housing was found in Park City and in turn put a strain on the school and the tax payers. At no time did the people of Park City get a share of the property tax the mine had to pay to help the school accommodate this increase in its student population.

Park City School has done extensive research into the numbers of families that moved into the district that were employed by Stillwater Mine. They also have the data to show the number of families that moved out when the Mine dramatically downsized. This clearly shows there is an impact for Park City School and the taxpayers that support the school. Originally the agreement did not require the entities to show that information. Park City has gathered that and shared it with both the Mine and the County Commissioners. I ask that you perform an administrative record review to see the repeated attempts by PCSD to secure mitigation. The audio information and transcripts from the Mine Impact Board meetings dated September 24, 2021 and November 30, 2023 would be particularly helpful.

In short, I am asking that the Final EIS include a specific directive requiring an amendment to the Nye Mineral Development Impact Plan. The socioeconomic analysis must conclude that the current plan is not adequate and it must be updated to formally designate Park City School District #5 as a affected local government unit that is eligible for tax-sharing allocations.

Thank you for your consideration.