STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

HARD ROCK MINING IMPACT BOARD MEETING

DATE: July 13, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Montana Resources 600 Shields Ave, Butte MT, 59701

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://mt-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_lY5B4h7uSrOBhYoO77aoag

Webinar ID: 879 6001 2432
Passcode:956170

Clint Rech, Harlowton – Financial Institution
Ray Sheldon, Huntley – Public at large
Mark Thompson, Butte – Mining Industry
Jay Baum, Columbus – School District
Brent Teske, Libby – County Commissioner

Notice of Public Meeting

July 13, 2026:

10:00 a.m. The Board will gather informally for a tour prior to the meeting at Montana Resources, 600 Shields Ave, Butte, MT. Members of the public are also invited to attend. There is limited space for this tour. Commerce staff must have participant numbers no later than Friday July 3rd, 2026. Please contact Anita Proul at 406.841.2869 or anita.proul@mt.gov to be included in the mine tour.

The Board will hold a regular board meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, 2026, at Montana Resources, 600 Shields Ave, Butte, MT. For more information or to request reasonable accommodations for a disability, please contact Community Development Division staff at (406) 841-2770 or at DOCCDD@mt.gov before the meeting. Conference call information for this meeting is also available on the Hard Rock Mining Impact Board website (http://comdev.mt.gov/Boards/HRMI/Meetings).

Agenda:

1. Roll call
2. Housekeeping items
   - *Zoom application reminders*
   - *Introduction of Commerce staff*
3. Opportunity for public comment on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction
4. Approval of Minutes
   - Approval of October 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes
     - *Opportunity for public comment*
     - *Board discussion*
     - *Board action (as applicable)*
5. Update on Black Butte Copper Mine by Nancy Schlepp
6. Update on Silver Bow Mine by Doug Stiles
7. Hard Rock Mining Impact Trust Account Annual Payments
     - *Opportunity for public comment*
     - *Board discussion*
8. Adjournment

On July 13- 14th, the HRMI Board Members will be present at the Montana Mining Association Conference. Any board-related business will be discussed only at the Hard Rock Mining Impact Board Meeting. Information regarding the Montana Mining Association Conference can be found at Montana Mining Association | Montana, USA

Hard Rock Mining Impact Board
Draft Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2025
Zoom Only

Roll Call of Board Members:

Clint Rech - Present
Ray Sheldon - Present
Mark Thompson - Present
Jay Baum - Present
Brent Teske - Present

Montana Department of Commerce Staff Present:

Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager
Rachel Young, Administrative Officer
Anita Proul, Executive Assistant

Public Present:

Nancy Schlepp, Tintina Montana Inc.
Heather McDowell, Sibanye-Stillwater

Call Meeting to Order

0:00:03 Chair Sheldon called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.
0:00:39 Ms. Young called the roll for Board members

Housekeeping Items

0:01:05 Presenter: Ms. Young

Opportunity for Public Comment

0:01:59 Chair Sheldon asked for any public comments on items not on the agenda, but within the Board's jurisdiction: none provided

Approval of Minutes

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0:02:25 Motion: Mr. Rech – approve minutes
Second: Mr. Teske
Ms. Young called for a vote: all yes. Motion Passed.

Update on Black Butte Copper Mine

0:03:50 Presenter: Nancy Schlepp

Update on Sibanye Stillwater Mine

0:08:19 Presenter: Heather McDowell

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0:38:58 Presenter: Ms. Young

Adjournment

0:41:01 Motion: Mr. Baum – move to adjourn
Second: Vice-Chair Thompson
Meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

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SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.

SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA INC.

A Community Benefits Agreement

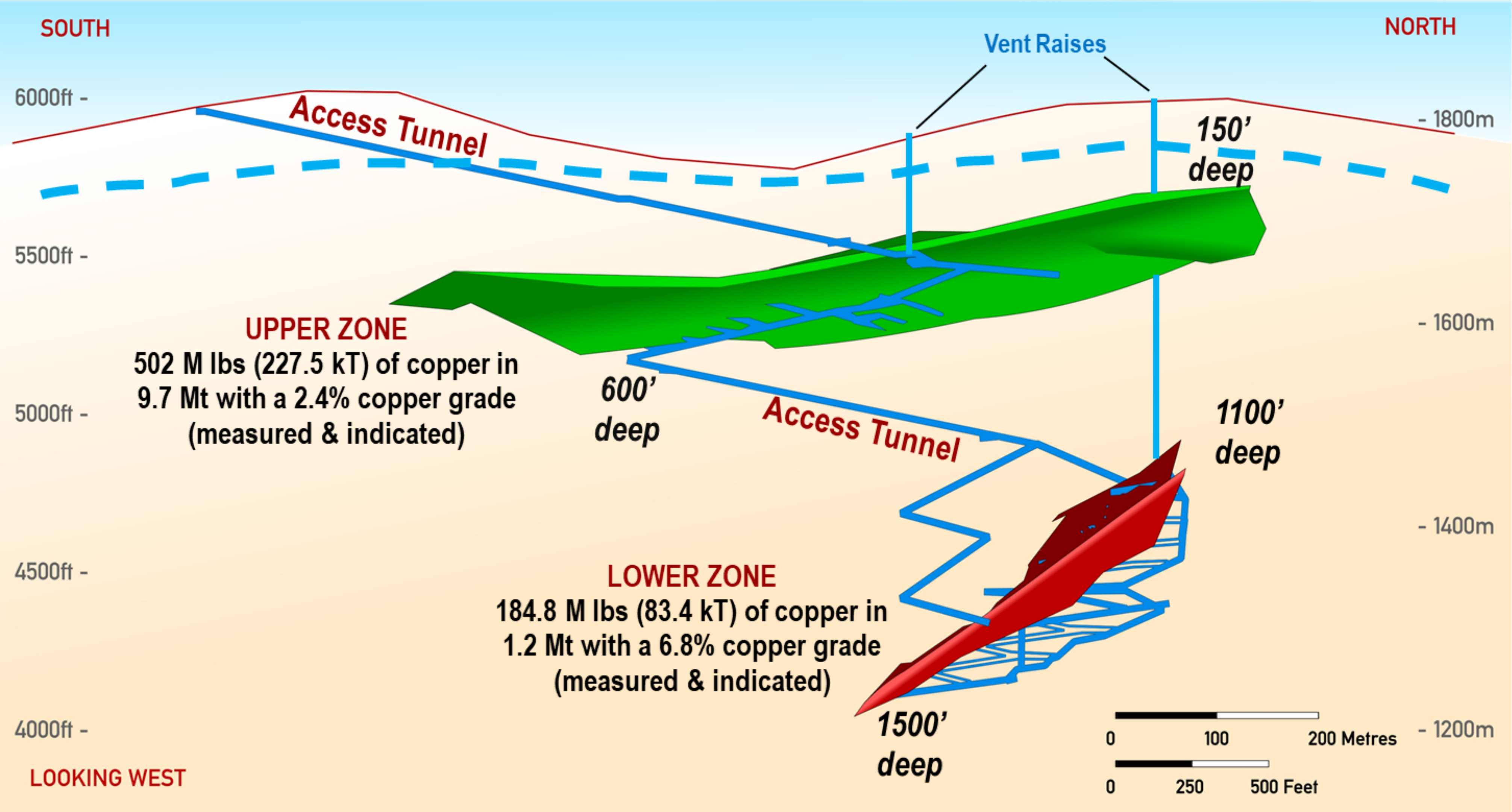
Presentation
2026

Modern Mining at its Best

- Creating a highly engineered underground mine.
- Protecting all water quality and quantity with no perpetual water treatment needed.
- Bonding fully for all reclamation with land returning to agricultural after the end of mining.
- Providing 240 top paying jobs for 11 years at minimum with family supportive wages.
- Enhancing the community and its sustainable growth.

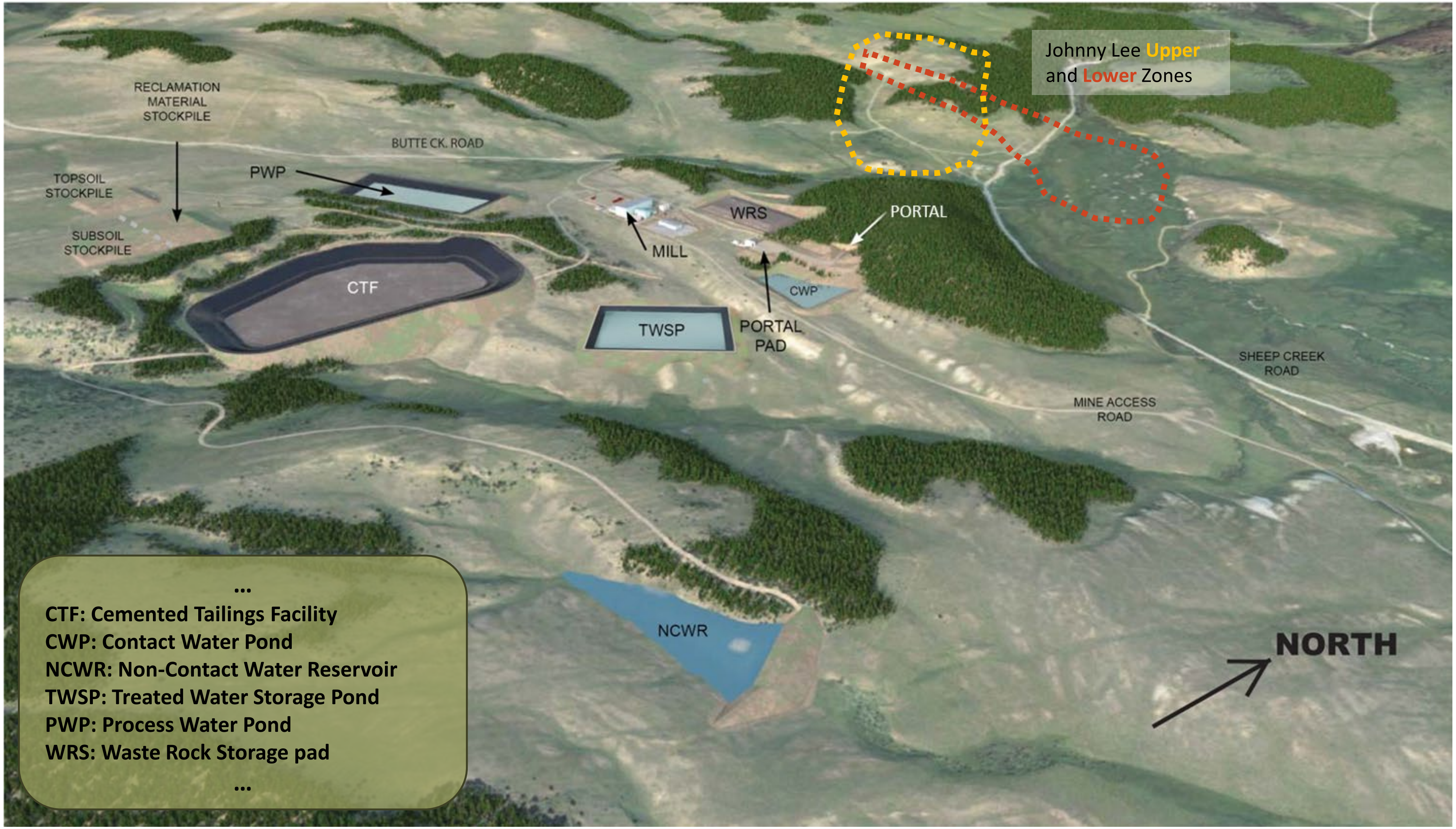
Black Butte Copper signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Meagher County Stewardship Council, committing to no open pit mining in the district.

Johnny Lee Deposit



Black Butte Copper is one of the highest-grade copper deposits being developed in the world.

Compact Surface Footprint



Our very small surface footprint is out of Sheep Creek Valley and will be 100% reclaimed.

Montana’s Hard Rock Mining Impact Act

- Montana’s unique Hard Rock Mining Impact Act requires a new large-scale hard-rock mine developer to prepare an impact plan identifying local government services and facilities impacted as a result of the mineral development and mitigate them before construction can commence including:
  - Pre-mine required County/City infrastructure, improvements, and support staff.
  - School district needs due to increases in public school enrollment as the mine progresses.
  - Post-mine transition preparation.
- In 2020, $437K was placed into escrow with money sent to Meagher Co. in lieu of future taxes for 3 years. Escrow money was received by Meagher Co. and the City of White Sulphur specifically for the salary of an additional Sheriff’s Deputy, a Deputy vehicle, and County/City planning.
- In 2026, $115K will be paid to Meagher Co. for continuing the Sherriff’s Deputy position.
- Every year this requirement is fully reviewed

Meagher County Stewardship Council (MCSC)

- **Creation of the MCSC-**
  - From first conversations to a signed MOU took 7 years. 2019-2026
  - Gives stakeholders an independent voice with the goal of sustainable positive net impact; environmentally, socially, and economically past the life of the mine.

MCSC MISSION

"The Meagher County Stewardship Council shepherds efforts to safeguard and enhance the natural resources, culture, and economic interests of Meagher County for the benefit of current and future generations."

https://meaghercountystewardshipcouncil.org/

Step 1

Ban on Open Pit Mining

Signed April 26, 2019 — Years before the CBA

The Mining Practices Agreement was MCSC's first major win. It is an enforceable agreement signed before the CBA process began — proof that MCSC can and does secure binding, legally enforceable commitments from Sandfire.

Six Townships Covered

The agreement covers Townships 11N & 12N, Ranges 5E, 6E & 7E — the area encompassing the Black Butte Copper Project and surrounding Meagher County lands.

Binding on All Successors

Sandfire AND any future owners or affiliates are bound. If the mine changes hands, this agreement travels with it — MCSC fought to close that loophole from the start.

Public Record & Enforceable

Filed with the Meagher County Clerk and Recorder. MCSC has full legal standing to seek injunctive relief — this is not a handshake; it is a court-enforceable commitment.

Step 2

THE MEAGHER COUNTY STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL (MCSC) AND SANDFIRE RESOURCES AMERICA / TINTINA MONTANA INC. HAVE SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) THAT LAYS OUT THE FRAMEWORK FOR A LEGALLY BINDING COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CBA).

Step 3

THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED UPON CONSTRUCTION, FORMALIZING TINTINA MONTANA'S COMMITMENT ENSURING MEAGHER COUNTY WILL REALIZE LASTING BENEFITS FROM BLACK BUTTE COPPER

Community Benefits Agreement Details

- **<u>COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CBA)</u>**
  - Environmental Excellence
  - 3rd Party Testing
  - Noxious Weed Control
  - Smith River Watershed Enhancements
  - Socio/Economic Development
  - Revolving Loan Fund
  - Youth Program Support
  - MCSC Operating Funds
  - Permanent Fund Foundation

THREE CORE GOALS

What the CBA Is Built to Achieve

1. Long-Term Socioeconomic Benefits

Meaningful investments within Meagher County that deliver lasting economic and community benefits — well beyond the life of the mine.

2. Protection & Enhancement the Environment

Uphold and enhance the natural environment of Meagher County, including the Smith River Watershed and surrounding ecosystems.

3. Transparency & Ongoing Communication

Promote open, ongoing communication between Sandfire America and the Meagher County community throughout the life of the project.

Protecting What Makes Meagher County Special

Smith River Watershed Resilience

Support for initiatives that enhance the resilience of the Meagher County environment and the Smith River Watershed near the project site — leaving environmental conditions better overall.

Noxious Weed Control

Commitment to weed control around the mine site and adjacent waterways, with reportable results. Support for weed control initiatives in the greater area consistent with best practices.

Independent Water & Environmental Monitoring

Funding for MCSC to hire a third-party water/environmental consultant, providing an additional level of transparency and technical review. The Company will make reportable water and environmental data available to MCSC.

Building wealth for Meagher County that outlasts the mine

Contribution Formula

2% of net cash flow from operations

Minimum $100K/yr • Capped at $1.8M

Trigger Point

Capital repayment or 36 months

Whichever comes first after mine start

Projected Annual

Up to $1.8M

Based on contribution model

How Earnings Are Used:

- Distributed as grants to Meagher community organizations via a joint Community Support Granting Committee
- MCSC and Sandfire share committee representation while mine is in operation
- After mine closure, all remaining funds are distributed solely by MCSC
- All grants restricted to Meagher County

What's in the Agreement: Annual Funding

Up to $1.8M

per year (total cap)

Already Started

MCSC Operating Funding has been active since 2019. The $100K initial contribution to the Long-Term Fund is triggered upon CBA signing.

Program	Focus Area	Annual Cost
MCSC Operating Fund	Base Operations & ED Salary	$125,000–$150,000
Youth Educational Programs	Youth Education	$30,000
Noxious Weed Control	Environmental	$40,000
Smith River Watershed	Environmental	$50,000
3rd Party Water Monitoring	Environmental Transparency	$50,000–$70,000
TOTAL Annual Programs		**$295,000–$340,000**

+ Long-Term Community Investment Fund contributions on top of the above (up to $1.8M cap total)

MORE COMMITMENTS

Beyond the Dollars

Sandfire has also committed to the following — not funded through the CBA, but binding company commitments:

Housing Engagement

A proactive housing development plan addressing short-term construction needs and long-term workforce solutions, with stakeholder input.

Emergency Services Support

Active EMT-trained employees on site, emergency vehicles, a fire engine, and a wildfire response plan — reducing strain on volunteer services.

Noise Pollution Reduction

Minimizing noise from haul trucks and backup alarms. No 'jake brake' policy within White Sulphur Springs city limits.

Transparency Commitment

Both parties agree that transparency is key. Sandfire commits to sharing activity information with MCSC on an ongoing basis.

WHAT'S NEXT

From MOU to Binding CBA

Write the Full CBA

MCSC and Sandfire America begin the process of drafting the legally binding CBA document based on this MOU framework.

Board Approvals

The final CBA must be approved by both the MCSC Board of Directors and the Sandfire Resources America Inc. Board of Directors.

Mine Investment Decision

Sandfire's Board approval timing depends on completing work to support project economics. Updates will be provided as the investment decision advances.

CBA in Force — Benefits Begin

Upon signing, the $100K initial Long-Term Fund contribution is made. Programs ramp up through construction and into full operations.

"This CBA framework reflects the priorities voiced by our community and a shared commitment to long-term viability. It ensures the benefits of developing the mine are shared with the great people of Meagher County."

— Andrea Massey-Farrell, MCSC Board Chair

$1.8M

Annual cap
from mine operations

Life of Mine

CBA binding on all
future mine owners

100% Local

All funds restricted
to Meagher County


DONE RIGHT.
DONE TOGETHER.
THAT'S THE
MONTANA WAY.
BLACK BUTTE
COPPER PROJECT
Sandfire Resources America Inc. / Black Butte Copper
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Hard Rock Mining Impact Board

July 13, 2026

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Welcome

Thank you for being here

WHO WE ARE	A look at Silver Bow Mining Corp. and the people behind it
WHAT WE ARE DOING	Our current work in Butte
ENVIRONMENT & SAFETY	How our site is regulated, monitored, and protected
OUR COMMITMENT	What happens next and how we will communicate and stay accountable
YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED	Let's talk!

Who is Silver Bow Mining?

Assumed Black Jack Silver's exploration license and expanded upon it

Exploring for Critical Minerals in the historic Butte Mining District

Targeting the unmined resource identified by Anaconda

The current resource and focus is all above the water table

Aligning with U.S. Critical Minerals priorities

Company
Silver Bow Mining Corp.

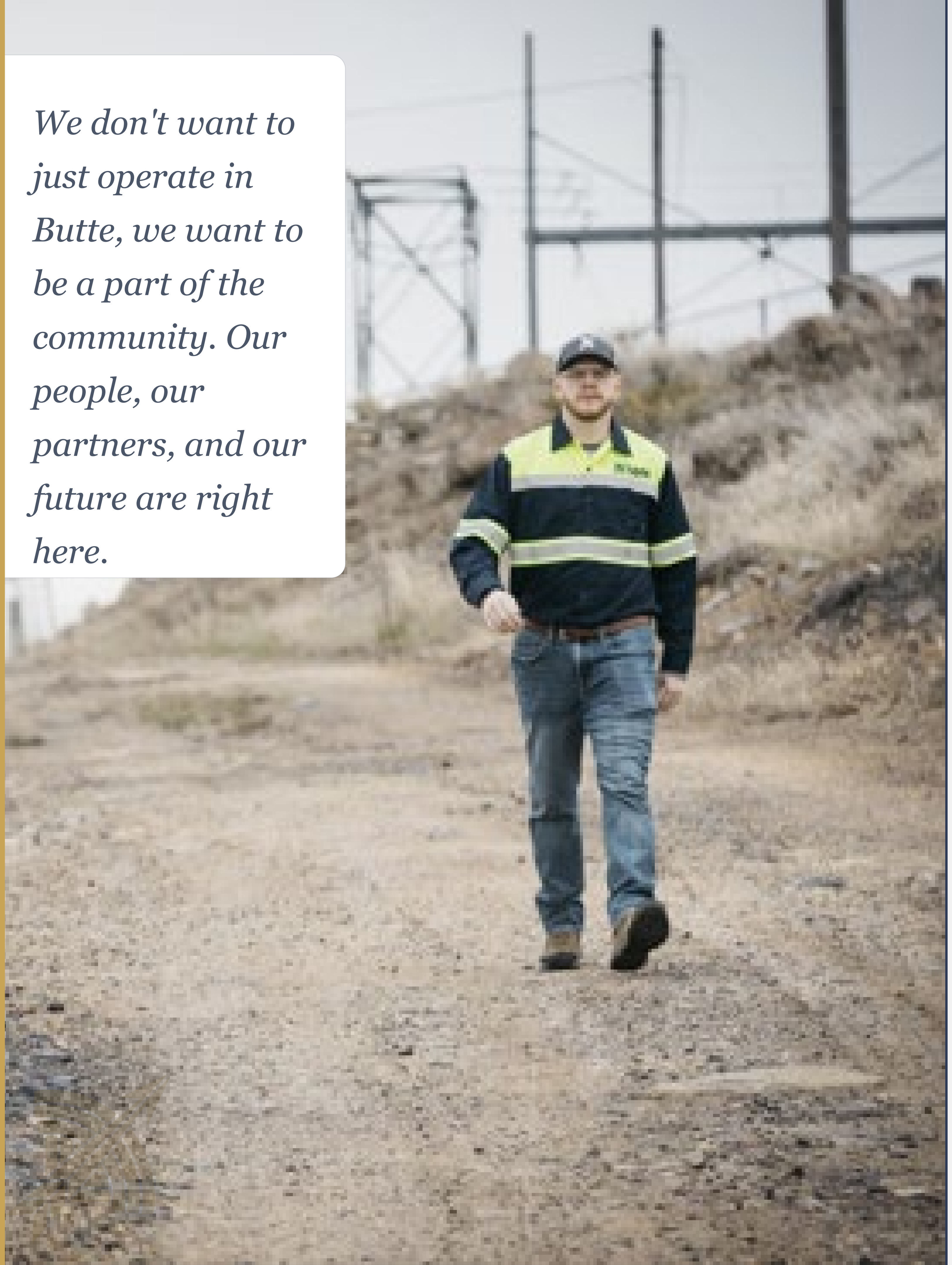
Headquarters
1401 Idaho St., Butte, MT

Management
Mining Professionals

Current Plans
Mineral Exploration

Land Position
~ 4,193 acres of mineral rights
~ 1,410 acres of surface lands

Workforce
U.S. and Montana-based team



We don't want to just operate in Butte, we want to be a part of the community. Our people, our partners, and our future are right here.

Our Local Operations

Our Team

We currently employ a local team of geologists, engineers, and project professionals who work out of our uptown Butte offices and core logging facility

Local Partnerships

Working with Butte area contractors and services providers where expertise and needs align

Montana Technology University

We work closely with Montana Tech where we can, hiring graduates, hosting interns, and supporting students

Long-term Presence

Establishing an operating presence that contributes to Montana's mining and technical workforce

The People Behind the Project
Executive Team

Travis Naugle

CEO & Chairman

25 years of mining experience. Began career at Stillwater Complex in Montana. B.S. in mining engineering from Montana Tech and MBA.

Kevin Shiell

COO

30 years in underground mine development, operations, and mineral processing across the U.S. Former vice president of mining at Stillwater, overseeing all mine operations and concentrator facilities in Montana.

Dr. Phil Nickerson

VP Exploration

Economic geologist with extensive metals exploration experience across the USA. Former U.S. exploration manager at Rio Tinto. B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. in Geophysics and Geoscience.

Doug Stiles

VP Regulatory & External Affairs

Expertise in Montana mining permitting, regulatory compliance, and government relations. Former general manger at Hecla Mining Company's Montana projects. B.S. environmental engineering, Montana Tech and MBA.

John Margerison

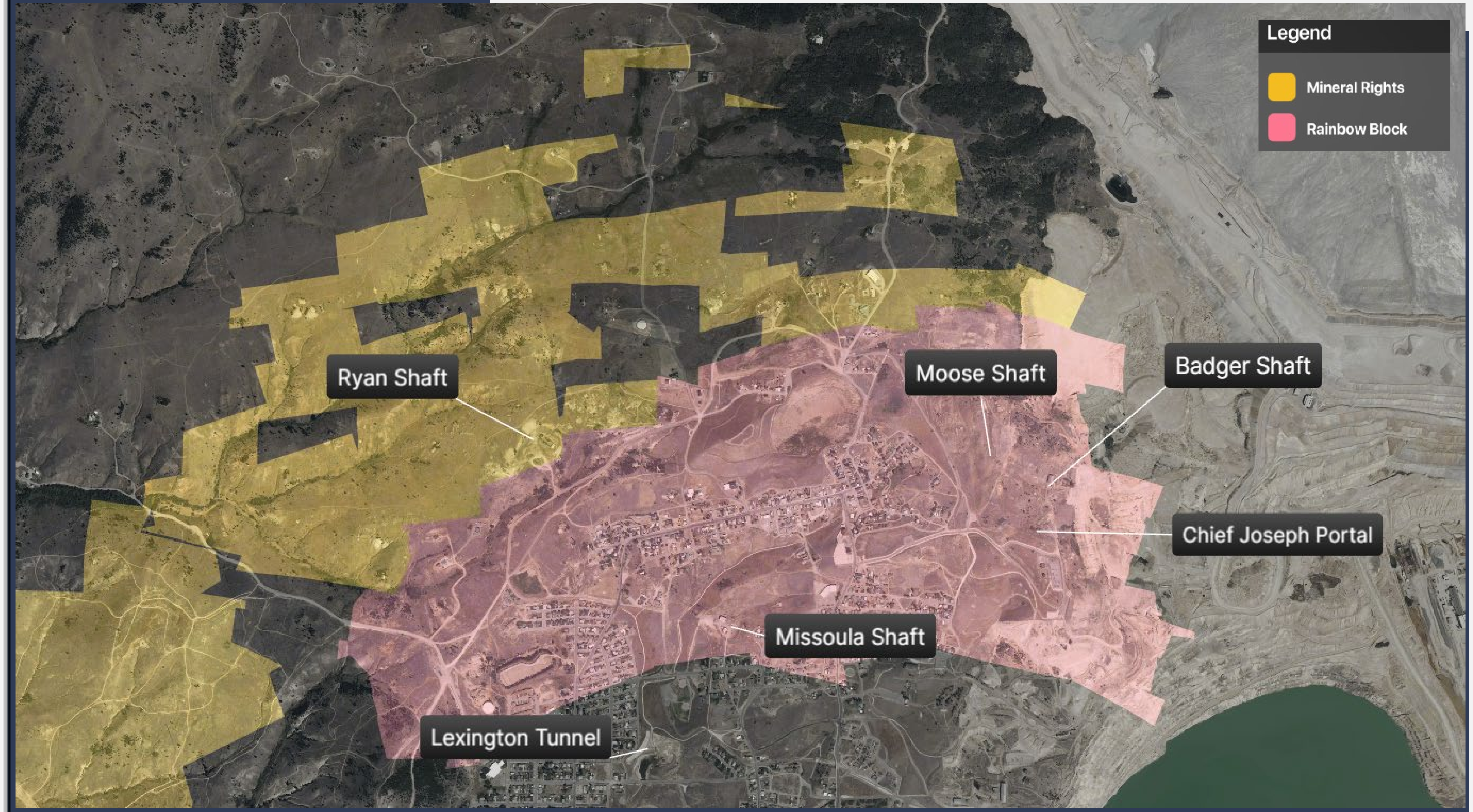
General Manager

Butte native with 28 years in underground engineering and operations. Senior project engineer at Sibanye Stillwater in Montana. B.S. in mining engineering.

Rainbow Block

~4,193 acres of mineral rights
~1,410 acres of surface lands

- Past production by Anaconda and New Butte Mining from silver-zinc-gold-lead veins, and copper veins at depth
- Location of the Company's Mineral Resource Estimate
- Over 100 years of high-quality exploration, mining and assay data
- The Company has digitized and modelled extensive mining plans & sampling data from Anaconda

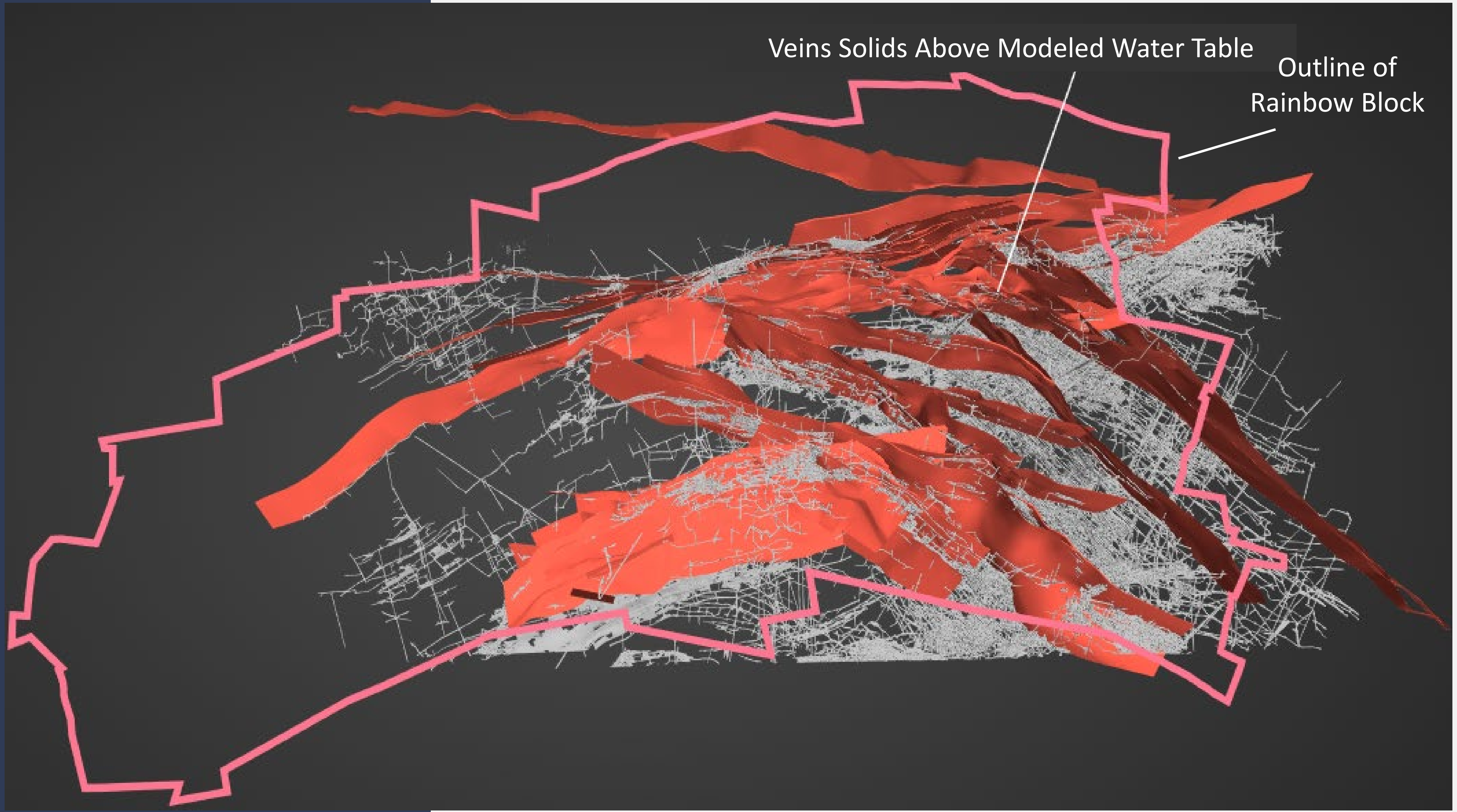


Rainbow Block

Vein Solids Above Water on Rainbow Block

Vein Solids

- The 2025 Mineral Resource Estimate includes over 40 polymetallic veins within the Rainbow Block
- SBM's geologic model includes over 80 veins[1] & historic data which could indicate even more mineralized veins are present
- Modelled water table is the elevation cutoff for Mineral Resource Estimate
- Water table elevation is controlled by the Berkeley Pit "Protective Water Level" and is monitored by Montana Resources & Atlantic Richfield[2]



[1]Technical Report Summary, Rainbow Block, Butte Mining District, Silver Bow County, Montana, USA, prepared by Dahrouge Geological Consulting, effective date of December 31, 2024.
[2]https://pitwatch.org/learn/protective-water-level/

What Are We Doing?

Authorized Work Areas – Missoula and Badger Sites

Location

- The work is in and around Walkerville and Butte
- Inside the Rainbow Block mineral claims

Focused Exploration Program

- Purpose to assess and better understand mineral potential through drilling and underground access

Missoula Site

- Western part of the project area, between the Lexington and Anselmo Mine Shafts

Badger Site

- Eastern part of the project of the project, near the edge of active mine operations

What Are We Doing?

Exploration Drilling from Surface

Surface Drilling

- Up to 7 drill pads constructed within pre-existing areas
- Up to 53 total drill holes; approximately 102,000 feet of drilling

Surface Drilling Sites

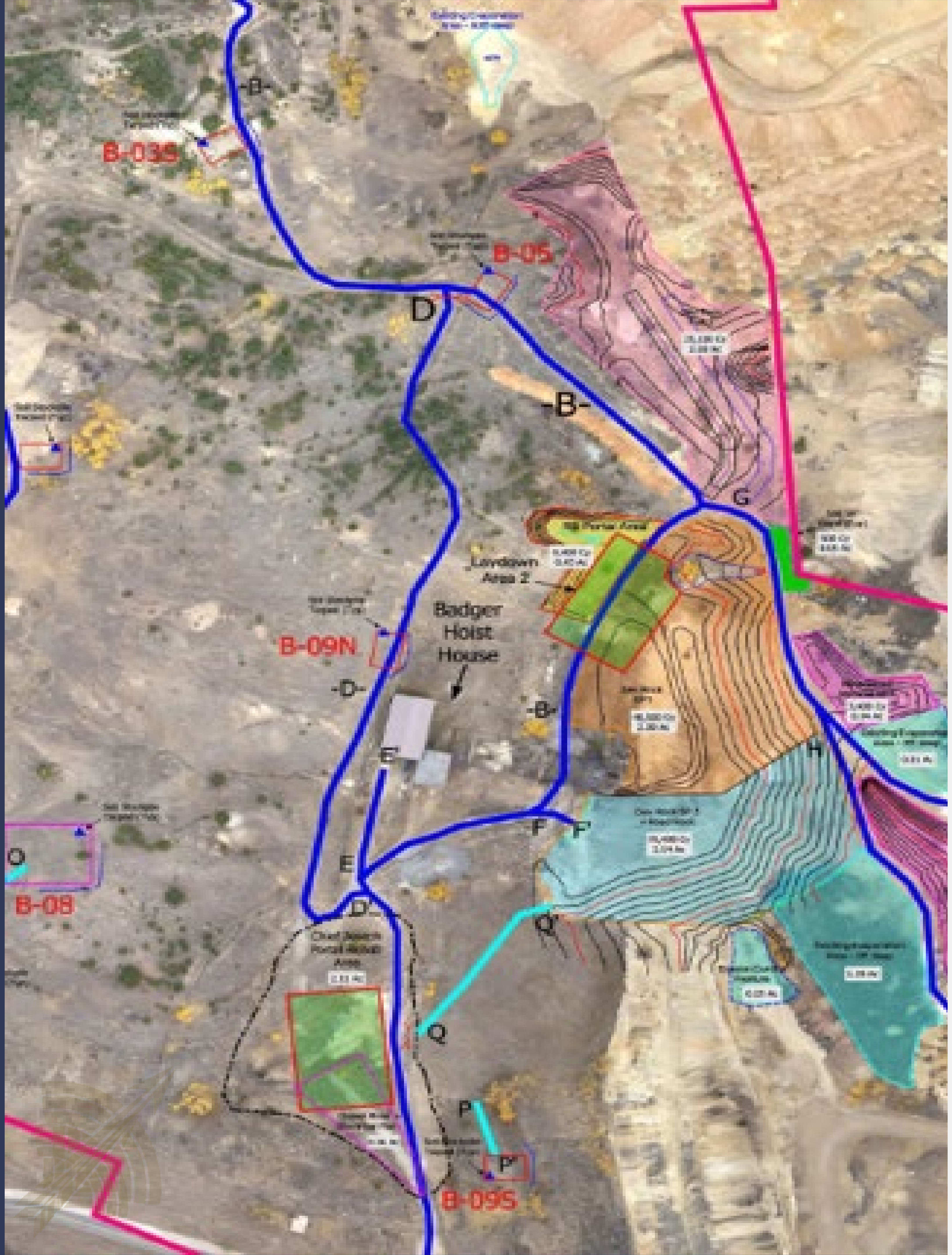
- Currently underway at the Badger and Missoula areas

Surface Disturbance

- For surface exploration drilling, surface disturbance limited to some new roads, drill pads, and sumps

Reclamation of Surface Work

- Pads will be stabilized with erosion control and monitored per the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)
- Once work is complete, drill pads will be covered, graded, and seeded



What Are We Doing?

Underground Access and Exploration

Chief Joseph Portal & Decline Rehab

- Reconstruction of the Chief Joseph portal and rehabilitation of existing decline to the 400' level
- Construction of additional underground exploration drill bays

New Underground Access Rainbow Decline

- Construction of a NEW portal, 6000' of underground decline drift and additional exploration drill bays

Waste Rock Management

- Waste rock from underground rehabilitation and new decline construction placed on existing disturbance
- Once work is complete, will be regraded and reclaimed

Other Site Reclamation

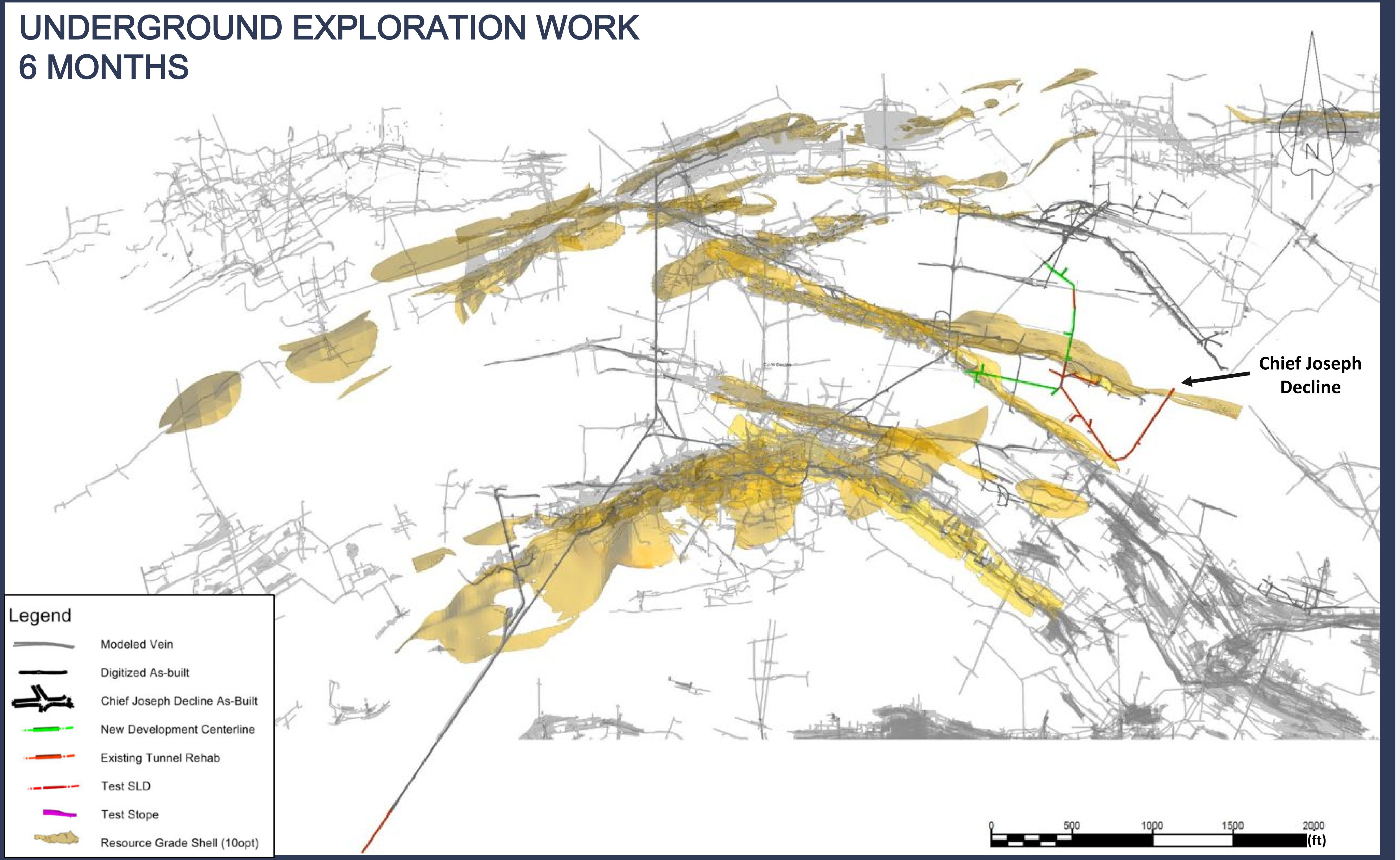
- Will be backfilled with waste rock or riprap, regraded, and reseeded
- All drill holes will be plugged according to Montana regulations

Future Exploration Plans

Rainbow Block Underground Exploration

Underground Exploration

- Underground drilling planned to commence in Q4 2026
- Rehabilitation of the Chief Joseph Decline began May 2026 which will provide drill stations and electrical & ventilation infrastructure
- Due to the steeply-dipping nature of the mineralized silver-zinc-gold-lead veins, resource definition drilling is most efficiently completed from underground



Source: Company Materials

Our Commitments

How we'll show up in the community

Transparency
We will share what we know, including what we don't yet know, through public meetings, our website, and direct outreach.

Local Hiring & Sourcing
Where we can, we will hire locally and contract with Butte- and Montana-based businesses.

Safety First
We follow rigorous safety standards for our crews, contractors, and neighbors. Safety performance is reviewed continuously.

Open Door
Questions and concerns go to a named contact at the company, not a generic inbox. We commit to responding.

Respect for Heritage
Butte's mining and cultural history is part of why we're here. We aim to honor it in how we operate.

Accountability
We will set clear goals and report publicly on our progress, so the community can hold us to our word.

THANK YOU

We'll be back. Meetings like this will be part of how we work in Butte … not a one-time event.

Stay in touch with us!

CONTACT INFO

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Updates, FAQs, and meeting notices will be posted on our website and socials

COMMERCE

May 15, 2026

Tyler Flaig, Natural Resources Unit Manager
Montana Department of Revenue
PO Box 5805
Helena, Montana 59604-5805

Re: 2026 Metal Mines License Tax Allocation (SMC East Boulder Project)

Dear Tyler:

Enclosed is a draft copy of the 2026 Annual Allocation of Metal Mines License Tax Revenue to Eligible Counties as specified in Section 1.12 on page 1-9 and Appendix A of the 1998 Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan Amendment for the East Boulder Project. The mineral developer has provided the following data and calculations.

Based on the CY 2025 production and receipts of the East Boulder Mine, the percentage of the revenues received that are to be allocated by the Montana Department of Revenue to each eligible county in FY 2025 is as follows:

1. **Sweet Grass County** **66.960%**
2. **Park County** **20.705%**
3. **Stillwater County** **12.335%**

If possible, please notify Judy Clay, Accountant, Community MT, Department of Commerce at 406.841.2703 or judy.clay@mt.gov, of the amount allocated to each eligible county by June 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Mariah Meyers

Mariah Meyers
Board Officer
Hard Rock Mining Impact Board
406.841.2867
Mariah.Meyers@mt.gov

ecc: Kelli Barcus, Department of Revenue
Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Manager
Judy Clay, Community MT Accountant

APPENDIX A

2026 ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF METAL MINES LICENSE TAX REVENUE TO ELIGIBLE COUNTIES

PART ONE: IDENTIFY THE TAXPAYING MINE AND THE COUNTIES IDENTIFIED IN THE APPROVED HARD-ROCK MINING IMPACT PLAN

Name of Mine: East Boulder - Stillwater Mining Company

Name of County, or Counties, in Which Ore Body, Mine and Associated Milling Facility are Located: Sweet Grass County, Montana

Names of Affected Counties Identified in the Approved Impact Plan:
Sweet Grass County

Names of Potentially Affected Counties Identified in the Approved Impact Plan:
Park County
Stillwater County

PART TWO: DETERMINE WHICH IDENTIFIED COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE METAL MINES LICENSE TAX REVENUE

A. ECONOMIC IMPACTS RESULTING IN INCREASED EMPLOYMENT -- COUNTIES IN WHICH MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES RESIDE: Identify each affected or potentially affected County *in which Mineral Development Employees reside*, or are expected to reside, as specified in the Impact Plan. An employee's place of residence is generally considered to be the *place from which the employee commutes to the mine or mill on a daily basis*, unless the Plan specifies otherwise, such as if the employee's normal residence is elsewhere within the impact area.

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
Residence of Mineral Development Employees? Yes.

Name of County # 2: Park County
Residence of Mineral Development Employees? Yes.

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County
Residence of Mineral Development Employees? Yes.

B. **FISCAL IMPACTS RESULTING IN INCREASED COSTS -- COUNTIES WITH IDENTIFIED INCREASED COSTS: Identify each County in which any affected unit of local government has experienced, or is expected to experience, *Increased Costs for Services or Facilities* as a result of the Mineral Development, as specified in the Impact Plan.** List the County if the approved impact plan identifies an increased local government cost in *any* local government unit within the County.

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
Increased Local Government Costs? Yes.

Name of County # 2: Park County
Increased Local Government Costs? No.

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County
Increased Local Government Costs? No.

C. **ELIGIBLE COUNTIES: List the Counties identified in the Impact Plan that have experienced or will experience increased mineral development employment or increased local government costs, or both, as a result of the mineral development, as shown in A and B above.**

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
Name of County # 2: Park County
Name of County # 3: Stillwater County

Each affected or potentially affected County in which the Impact Plan identifies fiscal or economic impacts resulting in increased local government costs or increased employment is eligible to receive metal mines license tax revenue.

PART THREE: DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY.

A. **TOTAL NUMBER OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES: Identify the average number of persons employed by the developer or its contractors or subcontractors in the construction or operation of the mine or its associated milling facility during the preceding calendar year.**

# Local Employees	292	% Local Employees	74.30%
# In-migrating Employees	101	% In-migrating Employees	25.70%
TOTAL # EMPLOYEES	**393**		**100 %**

B. NUMBER OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES BY COUNTY OF RESIDENCE: Identify the *Number of Mineral Development Employees residing* in each affected or potentially affected County.

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County	
# Local Employees	45
# In-migrating Employees	32
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 1:	**77**
Name of County # 2: Park County	
# Local Employees	67
# In-migrating Employees	27
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 2:	**94**
Name of County # 3: Stillwater County	
# Local Employees	41
# In-migrating Employees	15
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 3:	**56**

C. NUMBER OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN ALL ELIGIBLE COUNTIES: Add the number of employees residing in the eligible counties identified above. This total may be less than the number of mineral development employees identified in A above, because some employees, usually a relatively small number, may live outside the impact area.

# of Mineral Development Employees Residing in Eligible Counties: 227

D. PERCENTAGE OF MINERAL DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYEES RESIDING IN EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY: Calculate the *percentage* of mineral development employees residing in each identified county. Divide the number of mineral development employees residing in each eligible county (item B above) by the total number of mineral development employees residing in all eligible counties (item C above).

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
77 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 1, divided by
227 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.33921 or 33.921%
% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 1 = 33.921%

Name of County # 2: Park County
94 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 2, divided by
227 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.41410 or 41.410%
% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 2 = 41.410%

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County
56 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 3, divided by
227 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.24670 or 24.670%
% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 3 = 24.670%

NOTE: These calculations should account for 100% of the mineral development employees who reside in an affected or potentially affected unit of local government identified in the impact plan.

PART FOUR: DETERMINE THE AMOUNT AND PERCENTAGE OF INCREASED COST IN EACH COUNTY.

A. MINE-LIFE or LIFE OF MINE: Identify the period of time considered as mine-life for purposes of these calculations. Specify the number of years included and the beginning and ending dates. [The projection of mine-life may be uncertain. If the parties to the Impact Plan prefer, they may, initially, base their calculations on a potential mine life that begins with the anticipated or actual commencement of activity under an operating permit and extends at least through the sixth full year after the year in which the mine reaches full production. As part of the annual process of adjusting the impact plan to update this Addendum, the identified mine-life period and the calculation of increased costs over time can be adjusted to reflect the most current expectations of probable mine-life.]

Mine-Life is estimated through 2060 based on current proven and probable reserves.

B. INCREASED COSTS BY COUNTY: List the TOTAL of *All* Increased Local Government Costs Identified in *All* Local Government Units in Each County Over the Life of the Mine. [As costs incurred during the life of the mine, include all costs identified in the impact plan for which impact payments are made in anticipation of, but prior to, actual commencement of construction, including, if identified in the impact plan, any financial assistance for preparing for and evaluating the impact plan, as authorized by 90-6-307, MCA.]

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
Increased Costs to Local Government Units in County # 1: **$ 3,248,516**

Name of County # 2: Park County
Increased Costs to Local Government Units in County # 2: $ -0-

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County
Increased Costs to Local Government Units in County # 3: $ -0-

C. TOTAL MINE-LIFE INCREASED LOCAL GOVERNMENT COSTS IDENTIFIED IN IMPACT PLAN: Add the increased costs for all eligible counties.

Total Mine-life Increased Costs in All Eligible Counties: $ 3,248,516

D. PERCENTAGE OF INCREASED COSTS OCCURRING IN EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY: Calculate the percentage of increased costs occurring in each identified county. Divide the increased costs in each county (section B) by the total increased costs for all eligible counties (section C).

Name of County # 1: Sweet Grass County
$ 3,248,516 Increased Local Government Costs in County # 1, divided by
$ 3,248,516 Increased Local Government Costs in All Eligible Counties =
1.0 or **100 %**
Percentage of Increased Costs Occurring in County # 1 = 100 %

Name of County # 2: Park County
$ -0- Increased Local Government Costs in County # 2, divided by
$ **3,248,516** Increased Local Government Costs in All Eligible Counties =
0 or **0** %
Percentage of Increased Costs Occurring in County # 2 = 0 %

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County

$ -0- Increased Local Government Costs in County # 3, divided by
$ **3,248,516** Increased Local Government Costs in All Eligible Counties =
0 or **0** %
Percentage of Increased Costs Occurring in County # 3 = 0 %

NOTE: These calculations should account for 100% of the increased local government costs in all affected units of local government in all affected counties identified in the impact plan.

PART FIVE: PERCENTAGE OF METAL MINES LICENSE TAX REVENUE TO BE ALLOCATED TO EACH ELIGIBLE COUNTY: Using the data shown above, calculate the percentage of metal mines license tax revenue to be allocated to each eligible County. Add each county's cost and employment percentages and divide by two, to give equal weight to increased costs and increased employment.

NAME OF COUNTY # 1: Sweet Grass County

Increased Costs: 100 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Increased Employment: 33.921 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 133.921% and Divide by 2 =

*** ***PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 1: 66.960 %***

NAME OF COUNTY # 2: Park County

Increased Costs: 0 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Increased Employment: 41.410% of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 41.410% and Divide by 2 =

*** ***PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 2: 20.705%***

NAME OF COUNTY # 3: Stillwater County

Increased Costs: 0 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Increased Employment: 24.670% of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 24.670% and Divide by 2 =

*** ***PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 3: 12.335%***

*** ***TOTAL PERCENTAGE ALLOCATED: 100 %***

NOTE: The total percentage to be allocated should equal 100 percent.

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We, the Undersigned, Have Reviewed and Concurred in the Data and Calculations Appearing in the Attached Addendum to the Hard-Rock Mining Impact Plan,

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

County # 1: Sweet Grass County Date signed 5-11-2026

William Wallace, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

________________________, Commissioner

Melanie Roe, Commissioner

County # 2: Park County Date signed____________

________________________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

________________________, Commissioner

________________________, Commissioner

County # 3: Stillwater County Date signed 5-7-2026

________________________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

________________________, Commissioner

________________________, Commissioner

Mineral Developer ________________________ Date signed 5/12/2026

(Authorized Representative of Mineral Developer)

Submitted to Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board by ________________________

Date submitted_________

Date received __________

Concurred in or Approved by HRMI Board:________________________

(Signed: Chair, Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board)

Date of Board action: ____________ Date signed ___________

Submitted to Montana Department of Revenue for Board by:____________________

Date submitted _________

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_________________________, Commissioner
_________________________, Commissioner

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_________________________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
_________________________, Commissioner
_________________________, Commissioner

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_________________________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
_________________________, Commissioner
_________________________, Commissioner

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(Authorized Representative of Mineral Developer)

Submitted to Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board by ____________________________
Date submitted_________
Date received __________

Concurred in or Approved by HRMI Board:__________________________________
(Signed: Chair, Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board)
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William Wallace, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
_______________, Commissioner
Melvin Rose, Commissioner

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_______________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
_______________, Commissioner
_______________, Commissioner

County # 3: Stillwater County Date signed 5-7-2026
_______________, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
_______________, Commissioner
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(Authorized Representative of Mineral Developer)

Submitted to Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board by Mariah Meyers
Date submitted 5/15/26
Date received 5/12/26

Concurred in or Approved by HRMI Board: Gary W Sheldon
(Signed: Chair, Hard-Rock Mining Impact Board)
Date of Board action: ____________ Date signed 5-15-2026

Submitted to Montana Department of Revenue for Board by: ____________
Date submitted ________