

May 23, 2023

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

Re: 2023 Metal Mines License Tax Allocation (SMC East Boulder Project)

Dear Tyler:

Enclosed is a draft copy of the 2023 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 2022 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 2023 is as follows:

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|----|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. | Sweet Grass County | 69.586% |
| 2. | Park County | 22.771% |
| 3. | Stillwater County | 7.643% |

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, 2023.

Sincerely,



Rachel Young
Board Officer
Hard Rock Mining Impact Board
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ecc: Kelli Barcus
Becky Anseth, Interim Division Administrator
Judy Clay, Community MT Accountant

May 25, 2023

Montana Department of Revenue
Appraisal Office
Attn: Cindy Grover
P.O. Box 359
Columbus, MT 59019

RE: Stillwater Mine (Nye) 2023 Tax Base Sharing Report

Dear Ms. Grover:

Enclosed is Sibanye-Stillwater's 2023 Tax Base Sharing Report for the Stillwater Mine - Nye.

The Tax Base Sharing Report is formatted to readily calculate percentages among the affected units of local government. Please remember the allocation for the Town of Columbus is set at 20% in the Impact Plan. See Section 5.3 of the 1998 Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan Amendment.

Sincerely,



Kevin Mitchum
Environmental Compliance Manager

Enclosure

Cc: Stillwater County
Town of Columbus
Absarokee Schools
Columbus Schools
Fishtail Elementary
Nye Elementary

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Community Development Division

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**Stillwater Mining Company - Stillwater Mine(Nye)
2023 Tax Base Sharing Report (90-6-405 MCA)**

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	SMC EMPLOYEES	CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
	<i>Resident Employees</i>	<i>Resident Contractors</i>	<i>Employees & Contractors</i>
RESIDENCE			
Town of Columbus	117	19	136
Stillwater County	277	31	308
Total	394	50	444

NOTE: Impact Plan specifies Town of Columbus receives 20%.

SCHOOLS	SMC STUDENTS	RESIDENT CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
	<i>Students Residing In District</i>	<i>Students Residing In District</i>	<i>SMC & Contractors Students</i>
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Absarokee	32	5	37
Columbus	53	4	57
Total	85	9	94
ELEM. SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Absarokee	32	2	34
Columbus	69	13	82
Fishtail	4	0	4
Nye	0	0	0
Total	105	15	120



May 25, 2023

Montana Department of Revenue
Appraisal Office
Attn: Peggy Campbell
P.O. Box 888
Big Timber, MT 59011
peggycampbell@mt.gov

RE: East Boulder Mine 2023 Tax Base Sharing Report

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

Enclosed is Sibanye-Stillwater's 2023 Tax Base Sharing Report for the East Boulder Mine.

The Tax Base Sharing Report is formatted to readily calculate percentages among the affected units of local government. Please remember the allocation for the City of Big Timber is set at 20% in the Impact Plan. See Section 5.3 of the 1998 Hard Rock Mining Impact Plan Amendment, East Boulder Project.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mitchum
Environmental Compliance Manager

Enclosure

Cc: Sweet Grass County
City of Big Timber
Sweet Grass County High School
Big Timber Grade School
Greycliff Elementary School
McLeod Elementary School
Melville Elementary School

Hard Rock Mining Impact Board

**Stillwater Mining Company - East Boulder Mine
 2023 Tax Base Sharing Report (90-6-405 MCA)**

	SMC EMPLOYEES	CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
<i>RESIDENCE</i>	<i>Resident Employees</i>	<i>Resident Contractors</i>	<i>Employees & Contractors</i>
Big Timber	61	9	70
Sweet Grass County	47	6	53
Total	108	15	123

Note: Impact Plan specifies City of Big Timber receives 20%.

SCHOOLS	SMC STUDENTS	RESIDENT CONTRACTORS	TOTAL
	Students Residing in District	Students Residing in District	SMC & Contractor Students
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Sweet Grass County H.S.	35	1	36
Total	35	1	36
ELEM. SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
Big Timber	39	13	52
Bridge	0	0	0
Greycliff	1	0	1
McLeod	0	0	0
Melville	0	0	0
Total	40	13	53



May 25, 2023

To: All Affected and Potentially Affected Units of Local Government

RE: East Boulder Mine – Annual Impact Monitoring Report – 2022

Enclosed is the Annual Impact Monitoring Report for East Boulder Mine – McLeod, MT. This data has been generated by Sibanye-Stillwater and includes information collected from affected school districts, contractors and internal employment records as of December 31, 2022.

Sibanye-Stillwater appreciates the cooperation received and the sharing of information for the preparation of these reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Mitchum'.

Kevin Mitchum
Environmental Compliance Manager
Sibanye-Stillwater

Enclosure

cc: Hard Rock Mining Impact Board

Stillwater Mining Company
Impact Monitoring Report - 2022
East Boulder Mine

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	SMC EMPLOYEES		CONTRACTORS		TOTAL IMPACT POPULATION		
	Local Employees	In-migrating Employees	Local Contractors	Other Contractors	SMC	Contractors	Total Impact
RESIDENCE							
Big Timber	31	30	4	5	85	4	89
Sweet Grass County	28	19	4	2	66	0	66
Columbus	2	8	0	0	17	0	17
Stillwater County	12	15	9	2	52	0	52
Livingston	55	36	0	1	82	0	82
Park County	41	10	0	0	32	0	32
Other	129	34	2	52	99	4	103
Total	298	152	19	62	433	8	441
(W) Single Status					54	0	54
(C) Commuting					288	66	354
Reed Point	2	0	5	0	0	0	0

SCHOOLS	SMC STUDENTS		CONTRACTORS		TOTAL IMPACT STUDENTS		
	Local Students	In-Migrating Students	Local Students	In-Migrating Students	SMC	Contractors	Total Impact
HIGH SCHOOLS							
Sweet Grass Co. H.S.	21	11	1	0	11	0	11
Columbus H.S.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reed Point H.S.	1	4	1	0	4	0	4
Park H.S. (Livingston)	14	2	0	0	2	0	2
Total	37	17	2	0	17	0	17
ELEM. SCHOOLS							
Big Timber	24	15	7	2	15	2	17
Bridge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greycliff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McLeod	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Melville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus	6	0	3	0	0	0	0
Reed Point	2	3	0	0	3	0	3
Livingston	15	2	0	0	2	0	2
Springdale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	47	20	10	2	20	2	22



May 25, 2023

To: All Affected and Potentially Affected Units of Local Government:

RE: Stillwater Mine – Annual Impact Monitoring Report – 2022

Enclosed is the Annual Impact Monitoring Report for Stillwater Mine – Nye, MT. This data has been generated by Sibanye-Stillwater and includes information collected from affected school districts, contractors and internal employment records as of December 31, 2022.

Sibanye-Stillwater appreciates the cooperation received and the sharing of information for the preparation of these reports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Mitchum'.

Kevin Mitchum
Environmental Compliance Manager
Sibanye-Stillwater

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cc: Hard Rock Mining Impact Board

**Stillwater Mining Company
Impact Monitoring Report - 2022
Stillwater Mine - Nye**

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	SMC EMPLOYEES		CONTRACTORS		TOTAL IMPACT POPULATION		
	Local Employees	In-migrating Employees	Local Contractors	Other Contractors	SMC	Other Contractors	Total Impact
RESIDENCE							
Town of Columbus	69	48	7	12	142	8	150
Stillwater County	182	95	14	17	280	14	294
Other	652	213	10	132	606	15	621
Total	903	356	31	161	1028	37	1065
Absarokee	39	26	6	13	71	10	81

SCHOOLS	SMC STUDENTS		CONTRACTORS		TOTAL IMPACT STUDENTS		
	Local Students	In-Migrating Students	Local Students	In-Migrating Students	SMC	Other Contractors	Total Impact
HIGH SCHOOLS							
Absarokee	12	10	4	1	10	1	11
Columbus	28	13	3	0	13	0	13
Other	146	35	16	2	35	2	37
Total	186	58	23	3	58	3	61
7th & 8th Grades							
Absarokee	11	2	1	0	2	0	2
Columbus	23	11	2	0	11	0	11
Other	113	23	8	3	23	3	26
Total	147	36	11	3	36	3	39
ELEM. SCHOOLS							
Absarokee	19	2	2	0	2	0	2
Columbus	48	12	2	10	12	10	22
Fishtail	0	3	0	0	3	0	3
Nye	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	165	15	21	1	15	1	16
Total	232	32	25	11	32	11	43

APPENDIX A

**2023 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	317	% Local Employees	59.70%
# In-migrating Employees	214	% In-migrating Employees	40.30%
TOTAL # EMPLOYEES	531		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	67
# In-migrating Employees	56
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 1:	123

Name of County # 2: Park County

# Local Employees	96
# In-migrating Employees	47
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 2:	143

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County

# Local Employees	23
# In-migrating Employees	25
Total # Mineral Development Employees in County # 3:	48

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: 314

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

123 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 1, divided by
314 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.39172 or 39.172%

% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 1 = 39.172%

Name of County # 2: Park County

143 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 2, divided by
314 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.45541 or 45.541%

% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 2 = 45.541%

Name of County # 3: Stillwater County

48 # Min Dev Employees Residing in County # 3, divided by
314 # Min Dev Employees Residing in All Eligible Counties =
0.15287 or 15.287%

% of Mineral Development Employees Residing in County # 3 = 15.287%

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 2065 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: 39.172 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 139.172% and Divide by 2 =
*** **PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 1: 69.586%**

NAME OF COUNTY # 2: Park County

Increased Costs: 0 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Increased Employment: 45.541% of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 45.541% and Divide by 2 =
*** **PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 2: 22.771%**

NAME OF COUNTY # 3: Stillwater County

Increased Costs: 0 % of Total in All Eligible Counties
Increased Employment: 15.287% of Total in All Eligible Counties
Add the two percentages: 15.287% and Divide by 2 =
*** **PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE TO ALLOCATE TO COUNTY # 3: 7.643%**

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

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

