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Having been involved with Kiewit's Big Horn Coal Mine for my entire career, including the final restoration and remediation efforts, I whole heartedly support the care and environmental diligence that is reflected in the Brook Mine plan. It's small foot print (for a mine) and short time span between disturbance and restoration is incorporating lessons learned from our strip mining history and the mine is designed to avoid our historical failings.

I congratulate the mine design team on a well thought out plan, Ramaco for being willing to support this approach which is not the most economical, and the State of Wyoming for being open to supporting this unique development opportunity for one of the State's most abundant natural resources.