

Butler



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Lawrence County
County Commissioners
90 Sherman Street
Deadwood, SD 57732

Dear Commission:

On behalf of Butler Machinery Company, thank you for giving us the opportunity to talk about our partner Wharf mining.

Butler Machinery company is a 3rd generation family-owned business founded by Francis J. Butler in 1955, Grand Forks North Dakota was the first location and now there are locations in four different states. Butler has been in the machinery industry for 66 years and has been partners with Wharf for 24 years!

Butler employs approximately 850 employees throughout four different states, with 70 employees working out of the Rapid City location. We have 11 technicians on Wharf's mine site every day working from a satellite shop we have on site. These 11 individuals help take care of the fleet Wharf runs for its mine production. Wharf has helped to keep staff in place even when the general construction in and around the Black Hills area has slowed due to the continued growth in their mine site plan over the years. Wharf is a crucial part of our day-to-day business and our future success.

If Wharf were to end mine production, we, potentially, would have to lay off approximately 14 Butler employees (parts and service associates) as this is the number of individuals who support Wharf day in and day out.

We fully support Wharf's expansion and mine life extension ask.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Butler Machinery Company

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Werdel'.

Dan Werdel

Cc: Dan Werdel, Beau Riopel