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## Mentions

Tribune-Review: Rustic Ridge Mine gets OK for new work under Pa. Turnpike, expects to extend operation 6-8 years

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