

Attn. Matthew Reece
Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine

NEP SEIS 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Mr. Reece:

I am writing in support of Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company's (HGCMC) request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF) and related infrastructure as described in their North Extension Project (NEP). I favor Alternative D.

Alternative D provides for an expansion of the existing TDF that builds on the existing successful facility, minimizes new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary, and avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources.

I have been an employee of Greens Creek for nearly 24 years now. I am very proud to be a part of this operation and its commitment to the state and people of Alaska. Since my employment I am constantly impressed by the sites environmental stewardship. Greens Creek strives to educate and empower its employees to do the right thing every time. Greens Creek is constantly doing things to minimize waste in doing so reducing its carbon footprint. Greens Creek recycles its used metals typically at a cost, they do this because its the right thing to do. Greens Creek catches and treats all water that comes in contact with operation. This is a huge undertaking with begin located in South East Alaska. The site is predominantly powered by hydro electricity supplied by AEL&P, this in turns lowers my electric bill along with the rest of my community.

I was a Juneau resident prior to working for Greens Creek I still am today and plan on being one once I leave Greens Creek, hopefully once retiring. This is my home Admiralty Island is my back yard. I hunt, fish and enjoy this location. Being my home I take great pride in protecting what it is today so we can all continue to enjoy what it has to offer tomorrow.

HGCMC has demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence for the past 35 years. It also is a significant contributor to Juneau's economy and a generous community supporter.

For these reasons, I support HGCMC's tailings expansion, Alternative D.

Thank you,

Ryan Roomsburg

Juneau, AK