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

Dear Mr. Reece,

I wanted to express my support for Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company's (HGCMC) proposed North Extension Project to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF). I believe Alternative D is the most appropriate choice that will enhance the existing successful facility while preventing any disruption to delicate ecosystems and natural surroundings.

During my four-year tenure at Greens Creek, I have been impressed by the company's unwavering dedication towards environmental sustainability. The leadership consistently stresses the significance of eco-friendly practices and implements effective measures to curtail waste, diminish their carbon emissions, and responsibly manage water consumption and treatment.

Residing in Montana, I hold a deep reverence for preserving the natural resources of my home state. I greatly admire HGCMC's unwavering commitment to environmental excellence spanning 35 years. Moreover, their substantial contributions to the local economy and generous support to the communities of Juneau are commendable. Thus, I wholeheartedly support HGCMC's proposal for tailings expansion, Alternative D. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

Chad Deda