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Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine

Attn: Matthew Reece

NEP SEIS 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road

Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Dear Mr. Reece:

I am writing in support of Alternate D of Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company’s request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility and related infrastructure as described in their North Extension Project.

Alternative D seems to provide the least amount of disturbance to the environment and animal and aquatic habitats and uses the existing facility as an example.

Greens Creek must adhere to stringent and complicated permitting processes and they have met this challenge. Daiily operations are governed by stringent permits, and significant resources and personnel are assigned to prevent impacts to the surrounding environment. Environmental, as well as personal safety continues, to be their priority.

Greens Creek has committed to environmental excellence thus far and I am confident that they will continue to do so. Greens Creek is a significant contributor to Haines’s economy as many locals are employed there. Hecla Greens Creek is also a supporter of communities. Just yesterday the Haines Chapter of AMA hosted a Heavy Equipment Day and Hecla Greens Creek supported the event by providing “swag” and having employees present to help with the day.

Please approve Alternative D so that Greens Creek can continue to mine valuable resources responsibly and to support miners, their families and the economies of many communities for the foreseeable future. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Ashley Sage