

LAW OFFICE OF JAMES F. CLARK

Matthew Reece Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine
NEP SEIS 8510 Mendenhall Loop Road
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Dear Mr. Reece:

This is to strongly urge the Forest Service to select Alternative D in the North Extension Project (NEP) for the expansion of Greens Creek Mining Company's Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF) and related infrastructure.

Greens Creek is a great neighbor to Juneau and Southeast Alaska for the past 35 years. It is a huge private taxpayer and the people who work at Greens Creek are fully woven into the community as sports coaches, Rotary members, and parents of school children. It is also a generous community supporter.

As the largest expansion available in the SEIS the selection of Alternative D holds out the prospect of keeping the company operating in the Juneau area longer than the other alternatives. Setting aside 23 acres in a Forest the size of West Virginia is a small price to pay for the benefits the community receives.

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.

The several tailings expansions that Greens Creek has previously navigated prove that it knows how to proceed with environmental care. To obtain this expansion Greens Creek must go through an extremely stringent and involved permitting process. Its operations are governed by numerous permits to which Greens Creek devotes significant resources to protect its surrounding environment. For these reasons, please select Alternative D.

May 23, 2023.

Regards,
