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Re: Greens Creek North Extension Project – Draft Record Of Decision
Objection.

Dear Mr. Sherman,

The First Things First Alaska Foundation (FTFAF) objects to Alternative B as the preferred alternative in the February 2, 2024, Draft Record of Decision letter. FTFAF submitted comments during the Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project comment period and is entitled to object.

Green's Creek is a significant economic partner with Southeast Alaska and Juneau. For example, Greens Creek is Juneau's largest private property taxpayer. Alternative D should be preferred as it maximizes mine life and prolongs its significant regional economic contributions while maintaining environmental stewardship.

For example, Alternative D disturbs fewer wetlands acres than Alternative B, 4.9 versus 5.7, respectively.

Requiring additional environmental mitigatory efforts, as does the Alternative B Draft Record of Decision, can easily be done for Alternative D.

Therefore, the USDA Forest Service Alaska Regional should regard Southeast Alaska's economic stability more highly and select Alternative D.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Habeger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Don Habeger
Executive Director

First Things First Alaska Foundation (FTFAF) is dedicated to preserving the economic viability and future of Alaska through education. There is a clear need to educate the public on the benefits of responsible economic development and natural resource management.