



May 12, 2025

Michael Downs

8510 Mendenhall Loop Road

Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Herbert Glacier Cabin #67953

Dear Mr. Downs:

The proposed Herbert River Cabin is an outstanding opportunity to develop outdoor recreation infrastructure to meet the demands of the public and mission objectives of the Tongass National Forest.

This project meets the goals of the Forest Service Sustainable Cabins Strategy. It supports opportunities suited to current socioeconomic conditions that make fly-in cabins cost-prohibitive; it increases availability for in-demand cabin experiences beginning from community road systems; and it establishes a cabin in a location identified as preferred by the public. A cabin here will also offer expanded year-round recreational opportunities; expanded opportunities to connect to other Tongass trails and cabins' winter recreation; hunting; and scenic opportunities.

We are concerned about the potential impact to the recreational experience in the Herbert River by the proposed Amalga mine. If the Forest Service advances this project, the mine and its associated helicopters, drilling, explosives, and potentially trucking will likely impair all of the scenic and recreation values of the Herbert River — including but not limited to hiking, trail running, biking, paddling, angling, and gathering wild foods. Waste tailings from the ore will likely impact the wild salmon in the Herbert River and Windfall Lake system. This watershed is recognized in the 2016 Forest Plan as one of the Tongass 77 Watersheds due to its wild salmon and recreational values. The area supports multiple uses and local benefits. The extraction of a small amount of gold to then bury in bank vaults is not worth the tradeoffs.

We are excited by the prospect to use this cabin and dismayed by the prospect that the Forest Service might also allow a mine to operate right across the river. Please move forward with the Herbert River Cabin and stop the advancement of the proposed Amalga mine.

Sincerely,

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