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RE: Draft Record of Decision (ROD) Objection for the Plan of Operations
Amendment 1 (POA1) for the Kensington Gold Mine on the Juneau Ranger
District, Tongass National Forest.

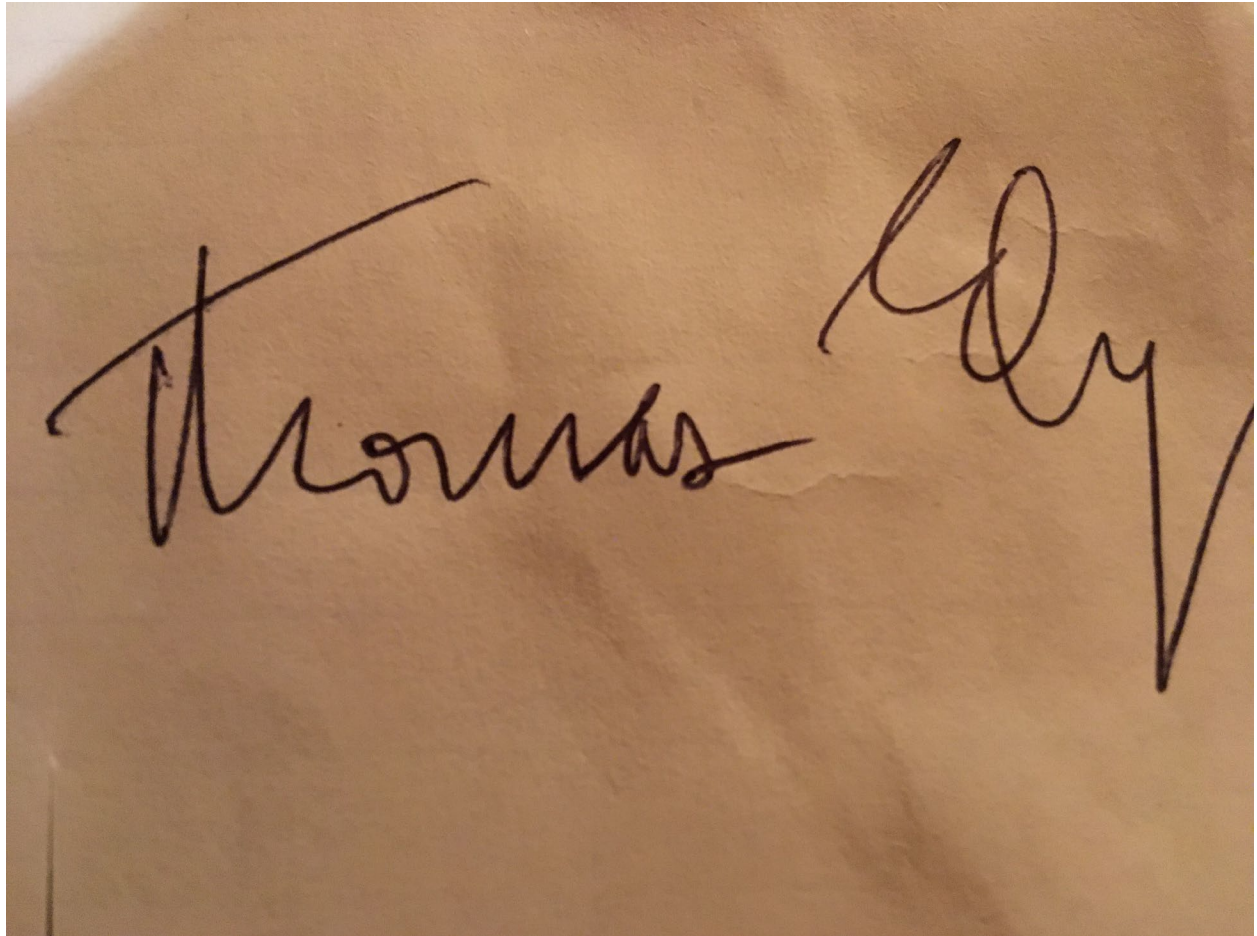
Dear Regional Forester Schmid,

I object to the ROD for the Kensington Gold Mine expansion. Their mining operations have polluted our environment and public lands, just as I said they would when I opposed this mine many years ago. It is time to close operations as authorized by 2023 and reclaim the land as best you can.

Continuing to expand mining operations will be a threat to our environment forever. Doubling the size of the tailings pond using a natural lake for toxic waste is beyond belief and is surely illegal. The Supreme Court erred in its decision to

allow this to occur in the first place. I formally oppose any expansion of this mine. Please review my former comments on this issue in consideration of my objection.

Sincerely,

A photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a piece of brown, textured paper. The signature is written in a cursive style and reads "Thomas Ely". The word "Thomas" is on the left and "Ely" is on the right, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of "Ely".

Thomas Ely