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Comments: Please analyze the impacts of the no-action alternative. That is, if the decision was to not approve POA1 and operations were to continue as currently permitted, what would be the effects of limiting mine life to no more than the current TTF would facilitate. The socioeconomic and ecological impacts of 'early' closure should include the loss of 383 direct and 860 indirect jobs, \$58MM in wages, \$141,000 in community giving, support of transportation infrastructure and services to the benefit of other citizens, ~\$1.5MM in annual CBJ property tax, sales tax on company and personal purchases, housing impacts of loss of employees, and school impacts of loss of students. Also please consider the effect of not producing the resource, which POA1 would facilitate. That is, if any reserves and resources not produced under the current Plan of Operation would almost certainly never be produced. This lost opportunity and waste of the resource should be considered. No other alternative for additional tailings storage could reasonably be anticipated to have lesser ecological impacts than a slight expansion of the current facility. And the habitat enhancements to Fat Rat Creek and the TTF in whole would serve to enhance reclamation success and habitat productivity relative to the current plan. Please also reconsider the reasoning for a 28 foot surcharge of water over the reclaimed tailings, given operational evidence of the nontoxic character of the tailings. A shallower ultimate lake may have greater habitat value while ensuring adequate overwinter survival.