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Comments:

I attended the public meeting/open house hosted by the USFS and discussed this project with USFS staff and their consultants. It is obvious that the Kensington Gold Mine Plan of Operations Amendment 1 has been well researched and constructed. The environmental considerations ultimately lead toward an improved habitat post-closure that is improved for invertebrates, fish and wildlife.

The economic benefits are extraordinary for the entire region with the highest paying jobs in southeast. Coeur Alaska Kensington Mine has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen that is very conscious to set high standards and do good in the community.

There is an adequate body of scientific research and studies on hand to understand the impacts and benefits with certainty. The proposed Plan of Operations Amendment 1 is a continuation of the safe, reliable, and proven mining practices that the Kensington Mine has been advancing since production began in July 2010.

Please expedite this project without delay.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.