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Comments: I am writing in support of Kensingtons POA 1.

This project is consistent with the USFS Tongass National Forest Management plan. Kensington Mine helps diversify Juneau and the State's economy. As one of Juneau's largest employers my brother, an Alaskan Native originally from Wrangell, works at the Kensington mine and has seen the direct benefits of a world class mine in Juneau. He lives in Alaska, and with the wages he earns he is able to continue to live and work in Alaska while raising his young family here in the State. Without the benefit of local high paying jobs living and staying in Alaska would be difficult for him and others that choose to stay in Alaska. Kensington as a whole has been an essential element and continued benefit to our Local and State economy. The extension of the mine life will allow for continued revenue in property taxes to the City Borough of Juneau and continued employment for many that choose to live and work in Alaska. Continued community outreach and giving (by Kensington and their workers) which has been at an all time high supporting a variety of activities such as helping and donating to CBJ's recent Quarantine and Isolation facility, UAS Environmental Science scholarships, UAS Mining scholarships, along with many other student learning programs, support for the Arts and support of youth activities.

I support the continued operation of the mine and the additional expansion they are currently seeking in POA 1.

Respectfully submitted,