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Comments: I have been an employee at the Kensington mine for just over three years now. In my 15 years in the mining industry, an industry that has taken me all over the world, I have never seen a site more spectacular than Kensington. Each day that I am on site I am in awe of the sheer beauty that surrounds me. Each day I am reminded of the effort that all Coeur Alaska employees put into maintaining and protecting the natural beauty here at Kensington. The employees at Kensington take great pride in their workplace and this small piece of Southeast Alaska that we are able to work in. It is through the safety culture and environmental stewardship that Coeur Alaska is able to operate this site in a way that minimizes risks to its employees and the environment. As employees here at Kensington we are all stewards of the land. As I look out my office window at the snow covered trees I am reminded of all of our employees including myself that hike, kayak, ski, boat, hunt, fish, and utilize these natural areas for their own enjoyment. Not one of us would ever want any harm to come to these lands that we enjoy so much. Therefore I am in full support of Coeur Alaska's Plan of Operations Amendment 1. Coeur Alaska's 30 plus year record of working directly with all communities and stakeholders around the mine and the dedication to high environmental standards is clearly evident.