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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Earl Stewart and Minerals Program Manager Matthew Reece,

I am writing out of concern about the proposed expansion of Kensington Mine and the increased risk of dam failure it poses to Berners Bay. I ask that the Forest Service select the dry stack tailings alternative in the draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is the industry-recommended best practice and safest option.

We are now at a pivotal time as humans impacting a living earth. The faster that we understand the imperative nature of maintaining our water system and the earth that supports it, the greater chances we have of a sustained future, for both humans and all other species of life we know.

I can imagine (or hope) that you have by now already read many other of the same form letters, coming from people like myself, who have a great trust in not only the system of democracy that allows the voice of the people to be heard and echoed by those in power, but that those in power, are kind and foresighted as well, understanding that the actions we make today are not for us, but for the children and grandchildren of our future. Just as people in power years ago had the opportunity to make choices for our experience today, we can think ahead to a time where will no longer be here-but our ancestors will feel our presence through our actions today.

I urge you to think with your heart and see into the future as you make the choices that will affect everyone that is to come.

Thank you so much for your time and service,

Sincerely,

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