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Comments: Good afternoon. As you know Coeur Alaska Inc. has submitted an application to amend its 2005 Plan of Operations for the Kensington Mine. I write as a Juneauite of more than 50 years to support Forest Service selection of Coeur Alaska's Plan of Operations Amendment 1(POA 1). I realize there are numerous comments to be reviewed so I'll be brief:

First, Coeur Alaska has demonstrated over ten years of mine operation that it can operate the Kensington Mine in a safe and environmentally responsible way. POA 1 reflects this point. The use of existing infrastructure to expand the current tailings treatment facility and waste rock storage sites and adding just one more waste rock site will have the least impact on the environment. The Corps of Engineers has selected POA 1 as the least damaging environmental alternative.

Second, Over the longer term POA 1 will provide more recreational opportunities for the community by improving the lake's fish habitat and creating new, higher-value wetlands.

Third, With over 386 full-time, year-round employees paid more than \$55 million direct annual payroll & benefits in 2019 it is a critical part of Juneau's economy

I urge selection of POA 1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Jim Clark