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RE: Protection of Berners Bay vs. Proposed Expansion of Kensington Mine near Juneau, Alaska

First of all, I want to remind you of the Purpose & Need of expanding a gold mine is to get more gold out of the ground. The Purpose & Need for Gold in the United States went off the Gold Standard (long ago), THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF GOLD TODAY IS TO MAKE MORE JEWELRY; THERE IS NO NEED FOR THAT! Just saying so, we have that in perspective when we're considering trampling hunting, fishing rights of First Nations while tampering at the foot of a mountain sacred to them, plugging up a natural watershed to make natural waters into a toxic lake, where (in un-precedented fashion which has not been repeated since) the Supreme Court allowed one method of mining to poison native fish & wild animals that consume them, depriving Alaskans of recreational boating, fishing, & hunting.

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SELECT ONLY THE DRY STACK TAILINGS ALTERNATIVE of the Forest Service's Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DS-EIS) Alternatives!

1. Dry Sack Tailings represents BEST-PRACTICES recommended by the Mining industry.

2. IT IS THE SAFEST ALTERNATIVE. What could possibly go wrong with a toxic lake, which must keep its contents covered in water for all time (long after the mine operator has gone bankrupt/ fled the scene)? LET US PROFIT FROM THE CANADIANS DEALING WITH A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF A DAM FOR WET TAILINGS BURIAL BY THE SAME OPERATOR: MT. POLLEY MINE TOXIC TAILINGS LAKE FAILED IN 2014; THE WORST IN CANADIAN HISTORY, after which it Unrecommended water burials!

3. THE OPERATOR HAS PROVEN A BAD ACTOR RE: POOR RESPONSE & RECORD-KEEPING AT THIS AND OTHER MINES IN ITS RECENT PAST.

4. The draft supplemental EIS has made not changes that consider climate change (which is already here).

For better treatment of the 1 planet we've got,