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To Mathew Reece, Project Manager

I support Coeur Alaska's submitted Plan of Operations Amendment 1 (POA 1) which is the "Proposed Action" in the DSEIS. This project is consistent with the USFS Tongass National Forest Management Plan.

The mine's tailings dam is designed for the intended use, to impound water. Not all tailings dams are alike. The SEIS should avoid conflating impacts associated with other types of tailings dams (such as a dry-stack-tailings dam) that are designed for different purposes with the tailing dam raise proposed as part of POA 1.

Extension of the mine life will allow for continued support of the regional economy and contribution of revenue to Juneau's tax base by Coeur Alaska, the 2nd largest private employer in Southeast Alaska, to the City and Borough of Juneau, which will help fund the continuation of public services and improve people's quality of life. Coeur employs residents across Southeast Alaska. Coeur has proved to be an excellent corporate citizen. In contrast, analysis of the No Action alternative should clearly document likely economic impacts that would result from early mine closure.

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