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Comments: I am a Juneau resident. I have been a recreational user of Admiralty Island for 53 years. I also own property and a house in Funter Bay, 20 miles north of Hawk Inlet.

I support the "No Action" alternative, as specified in the DSEIS for the North Extension Project. I have reviewed existing information and reports and believe that toxic lead dust from the existing tailings facility is not adequately contained. As a result, significant and unacceptable quantities of lead is escaping into the land and marine environment, which could be causing harm to the Monument.

Current sampling is not insufficient to measure the extent of the pollution and the harm to marine organisms. Until this problem is fully investigated by the appropriate federal agency, and a plan of remedial action is implemented, no permit should be issued by USFS for future tailings expansion.

You have a duty to the American people to safeguard this magnificent National Monument from irreparable harm.