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Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Mr. Reece:

As a resident of Juneau, Alaska I have seen first-hand how well Hecla Greens Creek Mining Company (HGCMC) protects the environment, provides a positive economic impact, and contributes through volunteerism in our community,

I am writing in support of HGCMC's request to expand their Tailings Disposal Facility and related infrastructure as described in their North Extension Project (NEP). I favor Alternative D.

I favor Alternative D because it:

- *Provides for an expansion of the existing TDF that builds on the existing successful facility rather than creating a new TDF.

- *Avoids new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary

- *Avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources.

- *Allows the mine to continue to operate in an environmentally sound manner.

- *Will have minimal impact to the Admiralty Island National Monument.

HGCMC must pass through one of the most stringent and involved permitting processes anywhere in the world and they have demonstrated their commitment to the process. Their daily operations are governed by dozens of stringent permits, and they devote significant resources to prevent impacts to their surrounding environment. HGCMC has demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence for the past 35 years.

For all of the reasons noted above, I support HGCMC's tailings expansion, Alternative D.

Thank you,

Wayne Hall