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Comments: Without the ability to expand the dry stack tailings facility at Hecla's Greens Creek mine my family would have no options but to leave alaska. My father worked this mine from the late 80's until the early 2000's My brother has been employed there since 1995. I started my career in 2006. Between the three of use we have worked at Greens Creek for three and a half decades totaling over 65 combined years. We have all raised our family's in Juneau, and are grateful for the opportunity. We recognize how special this mine is from all standpoints. The rich ore body, the safe minning practices, the stable ground conditions, and the amazing scenery of Youngs Bay and Hawk Inlet. All of these things are worth fighting for, and Hecla knows this. The Greens Creek mine company knows the scrutiny that we are under for operating a mine on a national monument and goes to great lengths to do no irreparable harm. The leaders of the company keep health, safety and environmental concerns at the forefront of daily business, they take every opportunity to reiterate the importance taking care of the land and the people at all costs. Those are the reasons that make me proud to work at such a special place. This expansion would allow for me to retire at the place I truly love.