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Comments: Mr. Reece:

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

As a 24-year HGCMC employee and Juneau resident since 1987, I have first-hand knowledge of the significant efforts that go into maintaining our high environmental standards and am proud of the work that is done to achieve the results that we do.

Alternative D provides for an expansion of the existing facility, minimizes new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary, and avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources.

Mines such as HGCMC must pass through one of the most stringent processes anywhere in world and we have met this challenge. Our daily operations are governed by dozens of stringent permits, and we devote significant resources to prevent impacts to the surrounding area.

HGCMC has demonstrated its commitment to environmental excellence for the past 35 years. It also is a significant contributor to Juneau's economy and a generous community supporter.

For these reasons, I support HGCMC's tailings expansion alternative D.

Thank you,

JP Roulet