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Attn. Matthew Reese

Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine

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Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Mr Reese:

I am writing in support of the Alternative D expansion of the existing tails facility at the Hecla Greens Creek Mine (HGCMC). I believe this shows the lowest impact and disturbances of the area while giving the much needed tails expansion to increase the life of the mine that impacts so many people and businesses especially in SE/Juneau Alaska.

I myself have moved to Juneau and am a relatively new employee to the Hecla Greens Creek Mine (3 years), but have spent the last 25 years of my career in the water industry covering several states in the Western US and have worked and collaborated with many different water authorities ranging from small and large municipalities, private sectors, power generation, agricultural as well as many, many different mining companies.

Most industries along with mines such as HCGMC must navigate, maintain and obeyed very challenging measures to comply with permitting, environmental, safety and like measures to name a few and provide significant resources to facilitate these needs.

Over the last 30 + years I believe HGCMC has proven their commitment to their shareholders, community, employees, vendors and especially the agencies that require them to be held to the highest standards to operate on such a delicate piece of land.

Thank you,  
Shane Nelson