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Comments: I'm a former employee of the Greens Creek Mine and I'm familiar with the operation from the beginning of design and permitting through early operations. The mine has grown considerably since my retirement, but I've kept up over the years with the changes in production rates and past enlargements of the tailing disposal area. I'm impressed with the manner and competence of the mine and tailing disposal operation over the many years of operation.

I've examined the proposals presented for enlargement of the tailing disposal site. In my opinion Alternate D Should be approved by the Forest Service. It provides the best opportunity for long-term planning and execution without wasteful periods of reexamination if shorter term planning is pursued. The outstanding manner in which this mining operation has been pursued by the mine owner is a good example of how mining operations can be accomplished in sensitive areas. Alternate D should be approved.