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Tongass National Forest Greens Creek Mine

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Re: Greens Creek Mine North Extension Project

Dear 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 support Alternative D.

Alternative D provides for an expansion of the existing TDF that builds on the current successful facility, minimizes new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary, and avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources. Greens Creek continues to operate in an environmentally responsible manner - meeting and often exceeding stringent regulations put in place by state and federal agencies. Greens Creek takes their environmental responsibilities seriously and will continue to invest in improvements and technologies that support environmental sustainability.

The regional impact of HGCMC cannot be understated. Greens Creek has generated high-paying jobs, economic stability, and community support for the past 35 years. As an employee for the past 13+ years, Greens Creek's pay and benefits package allowed a parent to stay home and be with our two sons instead of needing two incomes to raise a family. We see Greens Creek as major sponsors for a multitude of sports, arts, and STEM programs in the region - including my son's own Lego Robotics team. The community reaps the benefits of Greens Creek remaining in operation in the following ways: taxes, jobs, local businesses they support, and lastly, the offsets to energy costs by operating on hydropower. I believe Greens Creek can continue to be both an environmentally responsible and economically important regional employer for the next generation. For these reasons, I support HGCMC's tailings expansion, Alternative D.

Thank you for considering my position in your decision.