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Comments: 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.

I have worked for Greens Creek for the past 2.5 years and I am proud to be apart of this safe and environmentally conscious operation. The mine is inspected frequently by the Forest Service and required by regulators to conduct ongoing monitoring to remain in compliance. The mine collects and treats all water that comes in contact with operations at the mine & mill area, the tailings facility, and the Hawk Inlet facility. Water quality in the streams around the mine and in Hawk Inlet are constantly monitored to ensure there is no degradation to water quality.

Greens Creek is the largest private sector employer in Juneau, and the city and surrounding communities benefit from it's economic impact. Greens Creek employees are contributing members of the community.

The North Extension Project (NEP) impacts less than 1/100th of 1% of the Monument, and will allow Greens Creek to continue operating in a safe, environmentally sound, and cost-effective manner. For these reasons, I support HGCMC's tailings expansion, Alternative D.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Flint