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Comments: I support the requested expansion of Greens Creek mine for the following reasons.

The requested expansion will have minimal impact on Admiralty Island National Monument by eliminating the need for a new tailings disposal facility.

The expansion impacts less than 1/100th of 1% of the Monument.

The expansion utilizes a dry stack tailings facility which minimizes surface footprint, reduces environmental exposure, and eliminates the need for a dam.

Further, the dry stack tailings facility currently in use actually reduced the original tailings footprint of 150 acres to less than 30 acres.

Green Creek has been operated for decades while complying with regulations and laws set by state and federal agencies.

The mine is inspected frequently by the Forest Service, conducts ongoing monitoring, and extensive environmental audits.

Greens Creek's strong environmental record supports significant economic impact for the region.

Greens Creek is the largest private sector employer in Juneau, supporting 494 jobs and \$76 million total wages.

The mine purchases approximately \$65 million in goods and services from Alaskan business annually.

The company supports community involvement, including more than 167 volunteer hours per employee and charitable support of more than 60 organizations.

Thanks you for your consideration.

John Shively