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Comments: Dear Sirs: I am writing in support of Greens Creek Alternative D in the DSEIS, which would allow Hecla to continue as an environmentally and socially responsible mine for 40 years.

Because it disturbs less than 7 acres, this alternative has minimal impact on the Admiralty Island National Monument and does not need a new tailings facility, affecting less than 1% of the monument.

Of particular note is that there is no disturbance to fish-bearing reaches of Tributary Creek and their continued use of a dry stack tailings facility minimizes surface footprint, reduces environmental exposure, and eliminates the need for a dam.

Hecla Green Creek has complied with regulations and laws set by state and federal agencies for decades and frequently inspected by the Forest service, undergoes environmental audit and review of operations.

Importantly, Greens Creek is the largest private sector employer in Juneau, with almost 500 jobs and \$75M in total wages and \$65 million in goods and services from Alaskan business annually.

The company supports community: with more 165 volunteer hours per employee and charitable support of more than 60 organizations.

For all these reasons, Alternative D should be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Rick Solie