

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/23/2023 11:38:29 PM

First name: Michael

Last name: Butikofer

Organization:

Title:

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.

Alternative D provides for an expansion of the existing TDF that builds on the existing successful facility, minimizes new monument disturbance outside the existing lease boundary, and avoids direct disturbance to sensitive habitats and environmental resources.

HGCMC must pass through one of the most stringent and involved permitting processes anywhere in the world and they have met this challenge. Their daily operations are governed by dozens of stringent permits, and they devote significant resources to prevent impacts to their surrounding environment.

HGCMC adds much to the economy of Juneau, Alaska and provides hundreds of high-paying jobs. It also indirectly employs hundreds of contracted employees. It contributes to the tax base of Juneau. It is part of the culture and contributes much to the schools and other organizations such as the Juneau Symphony.

Juneau's economy and its residents would lose a lot if Alternative A was selected.