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Comments: Ward Air, Inc. supports Green Creek Mining's (GCM) request to expand their Tailings Disposal project utilizing Alternative D.

Ward Air is an on-demand air charter service that has served GCM beginning in the early 1980's and continuously since 1995. Their operation has had a very important economic impact on our and other companies as well as our communities throughout southeast Alaska. In addition, the people employed by GCM have been and will continue to be an important part of our communities.

GCM's proposed expansion under Alternative D has a very small environmental footprint with a negligible impact on critical habitat. As a result, the mid to long-term economic and community health benefits of maximizing the life of the mine far outweigh the minimal environmental impacts under Alternative D.

Ward Air urges you to adopt Alternative D for the expansion of the Green Creek mine.

Thank you.