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Comments: Ms. Crocker,

I strongly support the Proposed Action from the Greens Creek North Extension Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) as the Selected Alternative.

Our nation requires the commodities produced by the Greens Creek Mine to advance the renewable energy revolution. The mine produces zinc, a designated critical mineral, as well as silver (essential in solar power) and lead (fundamental to energy storage). The production of these materials from a domestic source protects our national interests by securing the supply chain. Further, it insures that these metals are produced under the highest standards of care for worker safety and environmental protection.

On a local level, the mine is a strongly positive economic and social contributor to Juneau and the State of Alaska. It provides high paying, stable jobs directly at the mine and indirectly in the local community and state through the myriad of support services it requires. It contributes meaningfully to the tax base. Further, the residents of Juneau benefit directly from reduced energy costs because the mine purchases surplus energy from AELP. The sale of this surplus energy allowed AELP to construct the Lake Dorothy Hydro Project earlier than would have been possible without Greens Creek as an off-taker and advanced Juneau as a clean energy leader in the State.

The societal benefits of the proposed action are clear and the environmental impacts are acceptable. The project should be approved.

Respectfully,

Lauren Roberts, PE