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Comments: These are my comments in opposition to a gold mine and roads associated with this mine in the Herbert River watershed. Herbert River to my knowledge has all five species of salmon returning to spawn in it. As a salmon river is too precious and activities that will degrade or damage the stream should not be allowed. Roads are a particular problem because of erosion, and the more easy access for human activities that a walking trail does not.

A forest service recreation cabin that was proposed in the Herbert River valley has been kibashed and will not be built which is disappointing. USDA cabins make recreating in SE Alaska safer and possible. Safety was a major reason that cabins were allowed in the 1964 Wilderness Act. A cabin in the Herbert River drainage, which is a heavily used area by Juneau residents, and our of town tourists would be a positive development for people using area for recreation. A gold mine in my view would not.

Everything that can be done to protect salmon and wilderness are key elements that must be given priority.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely, Kathrin McCarthy