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Comments: I am writing in opposition to this proposed mining project in the Herbert glacier area. The forest service is responsible for stewarding these public lands that locals interact with and rely on for subsistence, recreation, and employment. I was born and raised in Juneau and my family has harvested moose, salmon, and deer, throughout my life here in southeast. I've spent two summers on the Juneau Icefield studying and working and learning how critical and special these places are. Over the last few years we've witnessed the record breaking floods and dramatic glacial retreat in the state. I work in outdoor education as a mountaineering and avalanche instructor for an expedition based leadership school and have worked in commercial salmon fishing. I rely on the conservation of these public spaces along with many others for employment. In our country right now we are watching so many of our rights and access to public lands hang in uncertainty. This is not the time to go forward with this project which would cause irreversible damage to critical salmon habitat for short term gain.

I'm attaching a charcoal drawing I did when I was in college. It is based off a photo I took of Herbert glacier on a winter run with a friend in 2017

Thank you for your time and consideration.