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Subject: Donlin Gold Project EIS scoping comments

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Re: Donlin Gold LLC EIS Scoping Process

Dear Mr. Kuhle;

Thank you for the opportunity to make comments. I have been in Alaska for over 30 years working mainly in rural areas of the State. I have seen the positive effect that good jobs have on the local people in rural area. Having good paying local jobs in the area will allow Parents the opportunity to watch their grand children grow up close to home.

The Donlin gold project has historically shown that they hire locally, shown support the local communities and respect the cultures of the region. The project is expected to last for 27 years. This project is an excellent opportunity to help a region where few opportunities exists. As an example consider what a positive effect the Red Dog Mine has had on the North West Region of the State.

This project will be heavily scrutinized. They will be required to get over 100 permits. The EIS process gives stakeholders adequate time to review documents and provide input on the proposed plan.

Alaska's 7 existing mines operate at the highest standards. Donlin gold has demonstrated though out their exploration and that they know how to run a clean, responsible project.

Part of the proposed plan is to bring in lower cost energy to the region. This would be a great benefit to the State and Region.

As you start the scoping process on the Donlin project please consider the positive social and economic benefits this project will provide to the Nation, The State, and to the Local Area.

Sincerely

Kevin Greenfield