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DONLIN GOLD PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
810(a) PUBLIC HEARING

LOWER KALSKAG, ALASKA

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 2 For U.S. Bureau of Land Management:  
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 4           Anchorage Field Office Manager  
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1 to do so.  
 2       So at this time I'm officially closing the ANILCA 810  
 3 hearing related to the proposed Donlin Gold Project here  
 4 in the village of Lower Kalskag. Thank you.  
 5           **MR. KEITH GORDON:** All right. Thank you,  
 6 Alan. Thank you all very much. We really appreciate the  
 7 opportunity to come out to the community. We do very much  
 8 appreciate your input. And please note that you can  
 9 provide additional comments on the Draft Environmental  
 10 Impact Statement to us through April 30th. And BLM, as  
 11 Alan has mentioned, you can also provide 810 ANILCA  
 12 comments to them through April 30th.  
 13       So if you have any questions, we will be here for a  
 14 little while longer as we pack this stuff up. And you can  
 15 also get ahold of us via any of these methods and  
 16 mechanisms that we mentioned earlier.  
 17       Thank you again for your time and your hospitality.  
 18           **MR. TAYLOR BRELSFORD:** Can we take a  
 19 second for Donne to thank some of the folks who have been  
 20 especially helpful?  
 21           **MS. DONNE FLEAGLE:** Quiana to the Lower  
 22 Kalskag tribe, especially Edna Sergie, who has helped us  
 23 not just this time, but the last time, going on three  
 24 years. We appreciate everything that you do for us. You  
 25 are very hospitable, and you go above and beyond. And I'm

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1                                   P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S  
 2           **MR. ALAN BITTNER:** Hi. Once again, my  
 3 name is Alan Bittner with the Bureau of Land Management.  
 4 And because the Alaska National Interest Lands  
 5 Conservation Act Section 810 requires us to do an ANILCA  
 6 hearing or Section 810 hearing because of the proposed  
 7 Donlin Gold Mine project in communities that are  
 8 potentially affected with regard to subsistence resources,  
 9 at this time I'm hereby opening an ANILCA 810 hearing on  
 10 the potential subsistence impacts of the proposed Donlin  
 11 Gold Project here in the village of Lower Kalskag. And if  
 12 anyone would like to give testimony related to  
 13 subsistence, this would be a time to do it.  
 14           **MR. WAYNE MORGAN:** This is Wayne Morgan.  
 15 I just wanted to say that, just for the record -- as Keith  
 16 just mentioned, just for the record, the statements I made  
 17 during the EIS comments, I would like to also use those  
 18 for the subsistence to be within yours.  
 19           **MR. ALAN BITTNER:** Yeah. Thank you. And  
 20 certainly, any comments that were already made with regard  
 21 to subsistence are at our disposal, as well, so --  
 22       Anybody else? Okay. Well, thank you. And if you  
 23 would like to provide testimony in writing or fax, again,  
 24 either to Keith or myself with the addresses or  
 25 information we have provided here today, you are welcome

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1 sitting in Anchorage, and I really appreciate you on the  
 2 ground here. So thank you, tribe, on behalf of AECOM for  
 3 us. And thank you all for coming and taking time out of  
 4 your busy day. We appreciate your comments. And it's  
 5 nice to see you back in town, George.  
 6           (Proceedings adjourned at 4:12 p.m.)  
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