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Dear Army Corp of Engineers,

I am writing to comment on the Donlin Gold Project. I live in the Alaska Bush in Unit 19c, in the Kuskokwim drainage.

The pipeline will be an access corridor for sportsmen, but not actual infrastructure for public use. This benefits one entity first and foremost and is a risk to public land and wildlife. With such an amount of wealth in the ground, perhaps they should plan on using clean, locally generated power from wind and solar. Such an investment would also be useful infrastructure for the communities after the mine closes. Natural gas is a dying technology and by the time the mine closes will be prohibitively expensive, leaving the locals with nothing.

Barging fuel in that quantity up the Kuskokwim is an absolutely unacceptable risk of a public asset. Fish must last forever and the Kuskokwim is one of the few refuge rivers they have left as ocean conditions and factory farming encroach from all directions.

At some point the mine will cost more to clean up and maintain than the value of the gold mined. I could support a smaller, clean powered operation that permanently plugged the pit so mine drainage was not possible. Ever. That is the only standard.

I would also expect executives and investors in this project to legally commit themselves to vast fines and prison time if there was every contamination or failure. The Donlin Mine will take risks with the freedom of generations of future Alaskans and without real, harsh consequences that are automatic, with mandatory minimum sentencing, there is no way mine owners will be motivated to hold environmental safety above profitability.

Please do not permit the Donlin Gold mine, it puts our greatest assets at risk for gold we don't need. All gold is fools gold and ultimately a curse on the future.

Thank You.

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