

From: [donlingoldeis, POA](#)
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed mine
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From: Russell Hood [<mailto:rhood72@hotmail.com>]
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To Whom it May Concern :

I would like to add my voice to the subject of the proposed Donlin Gold Mine. The destruction and permanent defacing of large sections of the Iditarod National Historic Trail to accommodate a several hundred mile gas pipeline is not acceptable to me. While there are reclamation plans for portions of the construction right of way, this is not enough. Too many permanent structures and scars will mar a largely pristine landscape along the proposed pipeline corridor.

In addition, large open pit mines themselves are huge blights upon the land. Please show me an example of a similarly sized open pit mine that has been fully reclaimed in similar sub-arctic terrain. I feel the damage the proposed mine would inflict upon the land would be long lasting, and (at least in a single human lifespan) irreversible. The jobs created are not worth the environmental damage this mine would create.

It is my hope that this mine will never come to fruition. The plan as currently proposed is far too damaging to a historically important trail as well as hundreds of miles of fragile ecosystems.

I appreciate the consideration given to my opinion.

Sincerely,

Russell Hood