

April 18, 2016

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Alaska District  
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Dear Mr. Gordon,

My name is Marlis Luke. I was born in Bethel, Alaska and lived in Mt. Village majority of my youth. I am a Calista Corporation Descendant and currently work for Calista as an executive assistant.

Growing up in Mt. Village, my family depended on subsistence hunting and fishing for their livelihood. Every year we put hundreds of fish away for winter, berry picked, ice fished, moose hunted, trapped rabbit, duck and ptarmigan hunted and gathered wild vegetables from the land.

I support Alternative 2 in the Draft EIS for the Donlin Gold Mine Project. I believe it's a project that will be done in an environmentally responsible manner with respect for our land, our fish and game, and our subsistence way of living. What's more the project will provide the means for our people to maintain our way of life by providing opportunities with good paying jobs that will allow us to pay for the fuel, equipment and tools we use for subsistence activities.

Having grown up in the YK region, and as a Calista Descendant, I am knowledgeable of the needs of the YK region. With many struggling for a consistent source of income in the YK region, I believe we need Donlin Gold and the economic stability it could bring to the region.

The Donlin Gold project has been a long time coming allowing time for due diligence in planning for construction, production and closure. Now is the time to move forward with the project for the benefit of our people. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marlis Luke".

Marlis Luke

