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Please consider my comments below in support of Alternative 2 of Donlin Gold's Draft EIS:

The Donlin Gold project could produce gold for 27.5 years, while providing well-paying jobs in a region where few other opportunities exist. Donlin Gold's project description demonstrates an understanding of environmental concerns, and features vigorous environmental management principles. Alaska's existing mines are operating to the highest standards and in harmony with our renewable resources. As an Alaskan who's worked in the environmental field, I can attest to the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation enforces stringent regulations overseeing mining activities statewide that effectively protect the environment, wildlife, and human health.

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- New mining operations in the area, should they come to fruition, can be of great economic benefit to Alaska and local communities, as well as Alaska Native corporations and shareholders. This project will likely provide responsible economic prospects for this region and for Alaska, while protecting the subsistence resources. Also consider the social and economic benefits of this project to the region, state, and to the nation;
 - Through ANCSA 7(i) and 7(j) revenue sharing provisions, the Donlin Gold project will provide revenue to all Alaska Native regional and village corporations.
 - The jobs and the economic stimulus provided by Donlin Gold would help sustain communities in the YK region and fund traditional subsistence activities.
 - Rural Alaska is being impacted most by the reduction of state and federal dollars. Alternative 1 (the no project alternative) will likely have a negative impact on the YK region.
- The proposed pipeline in Alternative 2 is designed to minimize impacts on the Iditarod National Historic Trail. There would be insignificant impacts to the trail and no impacts to the Iditarod Sled Dog race.
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- The project will offer long-term opportunities for rural Alaskans to develop skills and to enable them to not only continue living in rural Alaska, but to prosper. An estimated 3,000 jobs will be created during the approximate four-year construction phase, and

between 600 to 1,200 jobs for the estimated mine life of 27.5 years. These jobs will have a significant and positive impact on the economy of the region and the state.

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Thank you,
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