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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment
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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Jeffrey Venes, I am 31 years old and from Bethel, Alaska. As you can see I am sending this comment in right before the deadline is up. I am very concerned about the YK Delta and the purposes Dolin Gold Mine. Those concerns are shared and reflected by many of my friends and family. They range from the increased barge traffic on the river to the proposed natural gas pipeline on from Anchorage to the mine. I have a pretty good idea about all the work that was put in to research our concerns but like many people I am still not absolutely clear that everyone knows the impact that all of this could create. I am worried about this phenomenon called Willful Blindness and how it effects people in different groups and regions around the world. I am not necessarily for or against the mine but I do want the people in our region and our beautiful state to be sure that the impact that this mine will have will be worth it for many more individuals than it is proposed. Even if everything goes as planned and the impact is minimal will it be worth it once the miners have closed down and left the area? That is just one question that I don't feel we have a clear answer for. The people of this region need more time to process the tons of info and communicate and understand our concerns and the proposals.

Will there be other opportunities to voice our comments, concerns and questions on such a life changing matter for so many living beings?

Thank you for this opportunity sincerely,
Jeff Venes

Sent from my iPad