

**From:** [Craig, Bill](#)  
**To:** [Bellion, Tara](#); [Evans, Jessica](#); [Smith, Neal](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment  
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From: donlingoldeis, POA [<mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil>]  
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 7:58 AM  
To: Craig, Bill  
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From: John Wood [<mailto:jcwood@mtaonline.net>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 10:57 AM  
To: donlingoldeis, POA <[POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil](mailto:POA.donlingoldeis@usace.army.mil)>  
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Donlin Gold Draft EIS comment

Folks, I am sending you this comment email in support of the Donlin EIS and the development of the Donlin Gold mine.

My name is John Wood and I have been a resident of Alaska since 1958 (58 years and counting!). I have been a registered Mining Engineer in Alaska since 1974 and, while working for the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority, managed the state's interest in the DeLong Mountain Regional Transportation System (the road and port serving the Red Dog mine and surrounding mining district) for 15 years, including the system's expansion to handle a doubling in concentrate and mine supply volume.

I also have run the Iditarod Sled Dog Race four times and served as a race judge (over the entire race length) on two other occasions.

Please count me as supporting the entire Donlin project as outlined in the EIS documents. The project will be an economic driver for this region of the state for many years. Additionally, tax revenues to the state (both corporate and personal income tax), will be substantial. Finally, based on my unique experiences as detailed above, I believe that the pipeline can be constructed in the Rainy Pass area without detracting from the Iditarod Race "ascetics" that is a concern for some.

Please allow the Donlin project to proceed as detailed in the submitted EIS documents.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

John Wood