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RE: Public Scoping for Donlin Gold, LLC

Dear Fellow Alaskan:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southcentral Region Office (SCRO) has received multiple applications from Donlin Gold, LLC (Donlin) for activities related to the proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

Donlin is proposing to develop an open pit gold mine in Southwest Alaska, 10 miles north of the village of Crooked Creek on the Kuskokwim River. In addition, a 315-mile natural gas pipeline from Cook Inlet to the mine site is being proposed as an energy source for the mine.

Donlin has applied to install a number of structures or facilities on state lands in support of the project, including port and airstrip facilities, an access road, a fiber optic telecommunications cable, material sites, temporary access routes and construction camps. Donlin has also requested to restrict public easements located within the proposed mine area. Some of the requested authorizations could involve reclassifying currently classified lands, classifying lands that are currently unclassified, and classifying lands outside of an area plan which currently have no classification. A list of the applications received by SCRO at the time of this notice along with maps of the project area can be found at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/donlin/>.

The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of the applications received by SCRO and solicit public input that will be considered during the adjudication process. If you have information that you would like SCRO staff to consider during the adjudication process of one or more of the applications, you are encouraged to submit comments through the Department of Natural Resources project website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/donlin/>. Please note SCRO is not proposing any specific action at this time. Activities taking place on lands not owned by the State of Alaska are outside the scope of these applications and any comments or input you have regarding non-state lands should be directed to the appropriate landowner.

The comment period will close on October 17, 2016.

Written comments can be sent to:

Attn: DNR SCRO Donlin
Southcentral Region Office
550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 900C
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In addition to submitting your input for consideration online, you can subscribe to a contact list to receive notifications from SCRO regarding these applications. You may submit your preferred contact information (email or mailing address) online at

<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/largemine/donlin/>. Note that you will only be added to SCRO's contact list for this project and your contact information will not be added to other State of Alaska, federal or local agency distribution lists regarding the proposed Donlin Gold Mine.

Sincerely,



Clark Cox
Southcentral Regional Manager