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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to voice my opposition to Donlin Gold's project.

As a 37 year Alaskan resident, who has spent a lot of time in Wyoming, I have witnessed the devastating and lasting effects from open pit mining. The long term negative ramifications on the water quality, the fisheries, as well as on the subsistence tradition in the Kuskokwim area will be sacrificed for short term economical gain. In addition, the historic Iditarod Trail is one of Alaska's treasures that must be protected in its original form. As an Iditarod finisher and long term supporter of the historic trail, I have an intimate familiarity with the landscape as well as its history.

Donnie Gold's project has multiple disadvantages that far outweigh potential benefits. Please consider protecting our state's most treasured resources instead of handing Alaska's pristine land and water resources, traditional lifestyles, and an iconic historic trail over to development. It's time to learn the hard lessons from other states and their projects— and conserve Alaska's unique wild places for future generations.

Thank you, Debbie Moderow