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Dear Interested Parties,

The Forest Service has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the *Resurrection Creek Phase II Stream and Riparian Restoration Project and Hope Mining Company Proposed Mining Plan of Operations* on the Chugach National Forest. The project area is located along Resurrection Creek about 2 to 4 miles upstream of Hope, Alaska, within active mining claims of the Hope Mining Company. This area was highly impacted by early 20<sup>th</sup>-Century hydraulic placer mining. The DEIS analyzes a proposal to restore the stream channel, riparian conditions, and fish and wildlife habitat to pre-mining conditions within a 2-mile long "restoration corridor." The DEIS also analyzes Hope Mining Company's proposed mining plan of operations to 1) conduct placer mining activities on 264 acres of existing federal mining claims located outside of the restoration corridor, and 2) exclude most existing approved mining activities from the proposed restoration corridor.

The DEIS can be downloaded at <http://fs.usda.gov/chugach>. Additional information regarding this action and a copy of the DEIS can be obtained by contacting

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You are invited to comment on the DEIS. The purpose of the comment period is to provide an opportunity to provide meaningful input on a proposed action implementing a land and resource management plan prior to a decision by the Responsible Official. As required by Forest Service appeal regulations found at 36 CFR 215.6(a)(ii), written, oral, and electronic comments concerning the proposed action shall be accepted for **45 calendar days** following the date of publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of the DEIS in the Federal Register (<http://www.thefederalregister.com/>) pursuant to 40 CFR parts 1500-1508. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframes from any other source. Individuals or non-federal organizations who submit written comments or otherwise express interest in this particular action during the comment period specified at 36 CFR 215.6 are eligible to appeal this decision.



Comments must be submitted to the Responsible Official:

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It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Persons submitting comments must provide 1) name and address, 2) the title of the proposed action, and 3) specific comments with supporting reasons that the Responsible Official should consider in reaching a decision. A signature or other verification of identity may be requested if identification of the individual or organization that authored the comments(s) is necessary for appeal eligibility. Comments received by the Forest Service will be public information subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Oral comments must be provided at the Responsible Official's office during normal business hours via telephone or in person, or at an official agency function (i.e. public meeting) that is designed to elicit public comments. Those wishing to provide oral comments should contact the Responsible Official or their representative to schedule their presentation. Hand delivered written comments will be accepted at the Chugach National Forest Supervisor's Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments shall be in a format that is compatible with Microsoft Word 2007.

The public is also invited to attend two public meetings to discuss the DEIS with Forest Service staff:

<p><b>In Hope, Alaska</b> Tuesday, August 10, 2010 6:00 – 8:00 pm Hope Social Hall</p>	<p><b>In Anchorage, Alaska</b> Wednesday, August 11, 2010 7:00 – 9:00 pm Residence Inn Anchorage Midtown 1025 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue</p>
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Additional information regarding the DEIS comment period and the public meetings is available on the Chugach National Forest website at <http://fs.usda.gov/chugach>. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Sincerely,



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