



**File Code:** 1950  
**Date:** March 17, 2015

Dear Interested Stakeholders:

I have released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (ROD) for the Resurrection Creek Phase II Stream and Riparian Restoration Project and Hope Mining Company Proposed Mining Plan of Operations on the Seward Ranger District, Chugach National Forest. The FEIS and draft ROD are available on-line at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=23483>.

These documents are also available for review at:

Forest Supervisor's Office  
161 E. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Door 8  
Anchorage, Alaska

Seward Ranger District Office  
334 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Seward, Alaska

This project began in 2008 and was originally subject to post-decision appeal regulations (formerly 36 CFR 215 appeal process). In March of 2013, the Forest Service adapted new regulations for administrative review of projects and land management activities. This project is now subject to the Predecisional Administrative Review Process (Objection Process) pursuant to 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B.

Objections will only be accepted from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement review period, or other designated opportunity for public comment in accordance with 36 CFR 218.5(a). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after the designated comment opportunities.

Objections, including attachments, must be filed via mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to the Reviewing Officer:

Beth Pendleton, Regional Forester  
Regional Office  
P.O. Box 21628  
Juneau, AK 99802-1628

FAX: (907) 586-7840

E-mail: [objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-alaska-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Electronically filed objections may be submitted by email in word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), text (.txt), and hypertext markup language (.html).



Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of a legal notice in the Alaska Dispatch News, the newspaper of record for the Chugach Forest Supervisor. The first day of the objection period begins the day after the publication date. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. The regulations prohibit extending the time to file an objection.

Per regulation 36 CFR 218.7(d), a copy of the legal notice and date of legal notice publication will be posted at the following Forest Service website within four days of the publication of the legal notice: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=23483>

It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer (36 CFR 218.9). Timeliness must be determined by the following indicators:

- 1) The date of the U.S. Postal Service postmark for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period;
- 2) The agency's electronically generated posted date and time for email and facsimiles;
- 3) The shipping date for delivery by private carrier for an objection received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period; or
- 4) The official agency date stamp showing receipt of hand delivery.

For emailed objections, the sender should receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgment of receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely filing by other means.

At a minimum, an objection must include the following (36 CFR 218.8(d)):

- 1) The objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available;
- 2) A signature or other verification of authorship upon request (a scanned signature for email may be filed with the objection);
- 3) When multiple names are listed on an objection, identification of the lead objector (verification of the identity of the lead objector shall be provided upon request);
- 4) The name of the proposed project, the name and title of the Responsible Official, and the name(s) of the National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s) on which the proposed project will be implemented;
- 5) A description of those aspects of the proposed project addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed project if applicable; how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; and supporting reasons for the Reviewing Officer to consider; and
- 6) A statement that demonstrates connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection.

Incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in 36 CFR 218.8(b). All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process.



For assistance on accessing the FEIS and ROD electronically, obtaining alternative formats of the FEIS and ROD, objection process questions, or for general information on the project, please contact:

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Sincerely,



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