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Dear Haines Borough Policy Makers and assembly:

Please do not allow development that will turn Haines into a haul road town. Approving an option to increase the capacity of the Lutak dock to accommodate ore traffic seems like an incredibly short-sighted decision that would have far-reaching negative impacts on the community of Haines, and few benefits. You don't have to look much farther than our neighbors in Skagway to see what kind of legacy an ore terminal leaves on a community and the environment, which we do still depend on, whether or not we take care of it. Skagway now has a toxic harbor, and the community is not planning to keep its operation once the lease expires because of the negative impact it has created. Why would the situation be any different in Haines? We depend on the incredibly abundant ecosystem the Chilkat valley offers, but it is fragile and will last forever only if we take care of it. As someone who grew up in the Columbia River valley, which is now dealing with the legacy of development that heavily impacted salmon, I can tell that the land and the people who live there are feeling those effects. There are multitudes of other places to look to see what the consequences of this decision will be. Encouraging the Haines Highway to become a haul road by developing the Lutak dock will reduce the quality of life for the people living here now, as well as degrade the quality of the environment that future generations are depending on. Please vote to only approve the necessary repairs for the dock, please do not allow development that will turn our town into a haul road town.

Thank you,

Nora Zimmerly