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### **Greens Creek Exploratory Drilling to go Forward in Roadless**

JUNEAU, Alaska– In a statement issued today, U.S. Forest Service Alaska Regional Forester Beth Pendleton said an exploratory drilling project in an inventoried roadless area on Admiralty Island in Southeast Alaska has been approved to go forward.

“The Forest Service has approved exploratory drilling in an inventoried roadless area for the Greens Creek Mine,” said Pendleton. “This approval will allow Greens Creek to continue drilling to locate additional resources that could extend the life of the mine.”

“Helicopters will transport the drilling rigs, no roads will be constructed or reconstructed and site reclamation will be completed after drilling operations are done,” according to Pendleton.

The Greens Creek exploratory drilling will be conducted approximately 20 miles southwest of Juneau within the Admiralty Island National Monument and the Greens Creek Inventoried Roadless Area. The drilling will take place on 11 drill platform sites and the total area affected by the drill pads is 1.25 acres.

NEPA analysis has been completed for this Greens Creek exploration.

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