

Re: Draft Reclamation Plan Approval - F20232626RPA & Draft Waste Management Permit - 2023DB0001

I am commenting in support of the Manh Choh project and requesting that the State issue a Waste Management Permit and finalize the mine's Reclamation Plan.

Kinross has been mining responsibly in Alaska for more than 27 years. They have shown by example that they not only do things right, but they do the right thing. There are many examples of this shown in their record of operations at both Fort Knox and during the time they operated (and then reclaimed) True North.

As a resident of Fairbanks, I am pleased to have the opportunity to recreate at the former True North site, in an area that was once mined for its minerals, and then returned to a pristine condition upon completion of mining. My family and I are able to enjoy hiking, riding atv's and seeing wildlife in an area that was beautifully prepared to return to a natural state and has transitioned to that nicely.

I reference True North in this letter as it shows what responsible mining is all about. I have no doubt that that given the opportunity, Kinross will treat Manh Choh lands as carefully as they did True North, and will leave a legacy of mining that Alaskans can be proud of. Another fine example of Kinross' commitment to responsible mining is their partnership with Trout Unlimited, working to clean up and restore lands that were left in unsuitable conditions by legacy mining companies. This is a company that follows through on their promise to mine sustainably.

[Kinross, Trout Unlimited unite to help restore Resurrection Creek \(alaskasnewsresource.com\)](http://alaskasnewsresource.com)

The Manh Choh project is the next step in responsible resource development for Kinross. By transporting the Manh Choh ore to the Fort Knox mill for processing, Kinross is once again demonstrating their commitment to the environment by minimizing the environmental footprint that would be created by the installation of a power generation plant, mill and tailings facility at Manh Choh.

Additionally, Manh Choh will create many new, good-paying jobs in the Southeast Fairbanks Census area, an area that has seen limited employment or growth opportunity for decades. Development of Manh Choh will also spread wealth throughout Alaska with the various new jobs added in Fairbanks to support the ore transport, sustaining the jobs in the Fort Knox mill, and through the purchase of fuel, goods and services of the many suppliers needed to operate a surface gold mine.

Again, I encourage your support of this plan and permit application to responsibly mine the Manh Choh deposit.

Thank you.