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It is my understanding that it would be economical for Kinross to build a mill on-site which means that ore would not have to be trucked some 240 miles over Alaskan built and maintained roads which would constitute safety and cost concerns for the State.

I think you have a responsibility to seriously check out the economics of the above to include financial and other costs to Alaska. "Other costs" would include safety, impacts on tourism, and air pollution, and the current push by the State to improve bridges along the route to help this project. The economics of two mills may not be the first choice of Kinross but it is my understanding that they would still make a hefty profit. Again you need to do the actual numbers.

I used to live along the route (1949- '51) which we used to call the Alcan. In these more modern times there have to be school busses taking children to various schools on the highway. If I were a parent there now I would absolutely have some concerns.

I do not believe that the existing mill is in any danger of being shut down soon if it does not get additional ore from Manh Choh. Please do the economics on this first.

Lastly, I am happy for the future economics of the Tetlin area. A mill on site there would be even more positive- a win-win.

Thank you. John Jensen , Alaska '49er