



INSPECTION REPORT: GREENS CREEK MINE

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Date of Inspection: Wednesday, February 25, 2026
Date of Report: March 11, 2026
USDA Forest Service Inspector: Scott Leslie

Ranger District: Admiralty National Monument, Juneau Ranger District
Weather Conditions: Overcast, light snow. Temperature: lower 30's (°F).

Exploration in accordance with the operating plan	Not Applicable
Timber removal following timber sale contract	Not Applicable
BMP for erosion control	Satisfactory
Water Quality BMP	Satisfactory
Public safety fire prevention	Satisfactory
Reclamation work is adequate and timely.	Satisfactory
Road maintenance is adequate and current.	Satisfactory
Tails placement is in accordance with the approved plan	Satisfactory
Waste Rock placement in compliance	Satisfactory
Company supervision of the operation	Satisfactory
Operating in a clean and orderly manner	Satisfactory

Any conditions noted as UNSATISFACTORY will require follow-up action by the Mine Inspector and a written memorandum outlining the necessary work to the operator.

Any conditions noted as Requires Action will require attention from the operator, and suggestions for necessary work are listed below

Transportation to and from mine aboard the "Admiralty Wind".

Emilia Wozniak (HGCMC Environmental Technician) accompanied Scott Leslie (Minerals Program Manager, Tongass NF USFS) during this inspection.

The site inspection included the A and B access roads, Freshwater Plant, DB-01, A Pond, 920 Area, C Ponds, Site 23, DB-03, 23 Pond and pump building, 7.4-mile B-Road Bridge (Killer Creek Bridge), Waste Site E, 3.4-mile B-Road bridge (Falls Creek Bridge), Gnome Ponds, 3.0-mile B-Road bridge (Zinc Creek Bridge), Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF), Pond 10, Pond 7, and North Expansion Project area.

NEW ACTION ITEMS:

Date/Item No.	Item Description	Status
N/A		

STATUS OF ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS:

Date/Item No.	Item Description	Status
07/24/2025 – 446-1	7.4, 3.4, and 3.0-MILE B-ROAD BRIDGES: Sediment draining in several places from beneath bridge to creek and area around abutments. Bridge deck liner appears to be failing.	HGCMC looking at scheduling bridge resurfacing in April.





ACCESS ROADS

The A and B access roads were in good condition, and roadside stormwater BMPs were all in functioning condition.

920 AREA

Greens Creek Weir (Photo 1).

Freshwater Plant, Greens Creek weir discharge flow at 45.25 cfs and 1.35 cfs being withdrawn for the 920 facilities. Plant clean and orderly (Photo 2).

920 Bridge in good condition. Metal sheeting placed along the bridge decking to mitigate for smoother surface transition at abutment joints (Photo 3).

Degrit Basin (DB-01) snow covered at time of inspection (Photo 4).

Pond A Frozen with no visible overflow (Photo 5).

920 Warehouse Good housekeeping practices were observed at the storage containers with petrochemicals properly stored with secondary containment (Appendix 5 BMP Plan, page 37) (Photos 6 & 7).

Ore Pad in use staging ore from 920 adit ready to transport to mill (Photo 8).

C PONDS

The upper and lower ponds frozen with no visible signs of overflow (Photos 9 & 10).

D POND and Pump

Not accessible due to snow depth on access road.

SITE 23

HGCMC continues to stage Class 1, 2, and 3 waste rock at this location. Class 4 waste rock is kept and disposed of underground (Appendix 11 Waste Rock Management Plan, page 11). Class 1 rock (argillite) is used as an inert capping material over top of Class 2 and 3. (Photo 11).

Degrit Basin BD-03 Runoff entering basin as designed and appears to be functioning as intended. The 23 Pond can be seen in the background (Photo 12).

23 POND and PUMP

The pump area area was clean and orderly. Pond appeared to be operable with no visible signs of pond overflowing (Photos 13 & 14).

7.4-MILE B-ROAD BRIDGE (KILLER CREEK BRIDGE)

The bridge surface appeared in good condition, but sediment is still leaking out below the bridge (Photos 15 - 17).

WASTE SITE E

This is an old, early unclassified waste rock site. Material is being stored here to be moved to Tailings Disposal Facility (TDF). Much of the material has been moved to the TDF already. The site is now mostly used for road maintenance gravel and equipment storage (Photo 18).

3.4-MILE B-ROAD BRIDGE (FALLS CREEK BRIDGE)

The bridge surface appeared to be in good condition, but sediment is leaking through and collecting beneath the bridge. (Photos 19 & 20).

3.0-MILE B-ROAD BRIDGE (ZINC CREEK BRIDGE)

The bridge decking appeared to be in good condition, but sediment is leaking through the entire span of the bridge. Waddles in place and collecting sediment (Photos 21 - 23).





GNOME PONDS near 3.0-MILE B-ROAD BRIDGE

Ponds mostly froze over but still draining as designed (Photos 24 & 25).

TAILINGS DISPOSAL FACILITY (TDF) AREA

Good housekeeping practices were observed in the TDF water treatment plant (Appendix 5 BMP Plan, page 37). The water treatment plant was discharging approximately 714 gpm to Outfall 002 with a pH of 7.65, and turbidity of .48 NTU (Photo 26).

Pond 7 and Spillway. No evidence of water overflow (Photos 27 - 29).

Pond 10 Overflow culverts in the foreground entering pond. Water collected in Pond 10 is pumped directly into the TDF water treatment plant (Photo 30).

Portable Fugitive Dust Mitigation at the Tailings Facility (Photos 31 & 32).

North Expansion Project prework storage area and overview (Photos 33& 34).



PHOTOS (Image files available upon request)



Photo 1: Greens Creek Weir.

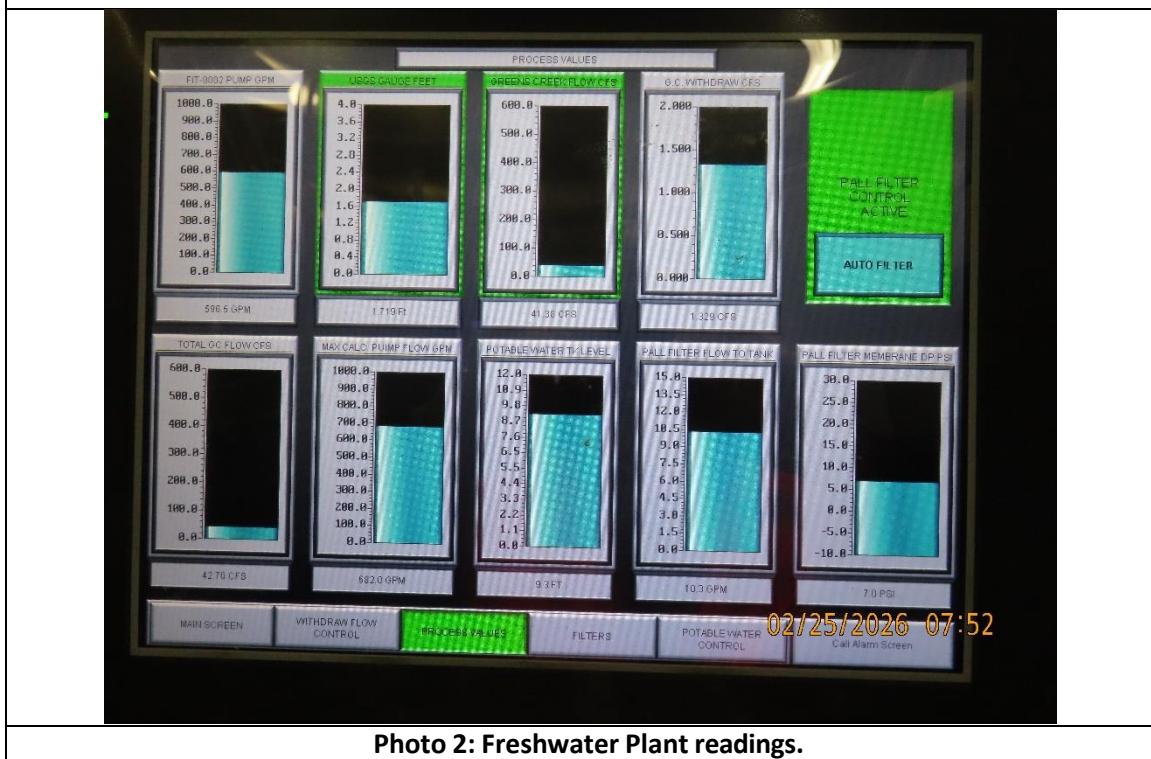


Photo 2: Freshwater Plant readings.



Photo 3: 920 Bridge.



Photo 4: Degrit Basin (DB-01).



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Photo 5: A Pond.



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Photo 6: 920 warehouse storage container.



Photo 7: 920 warehouse area.



Photo 8: Ore pad.



Photo 9: Lower C Pond.



Photo 10: Upper C Pond. Evidence of raised pond level but no overflow outside of the pond.



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Photo 11: Site 23 Class 2 & 3 Material on top of storage area.



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Photo 12: DB-03 and 23 Pond and Pump in background.



Photo 13: 23 Pond Pump.



Photo 14: 23 Pond.



Photo 15: 7.4 Mile Bridge.



Photo 16: 7.4 Mile Bridge (Killer Creek) waddles and hydroseed present collecting sediment.



Photo 17: 7.4 Mile Bridge (Killer Creek) waddles and hydroseed present collecting sediment.



Photo 18: Disposal Site E showing road maintenance activity and gravel storage.



Photo 19: 3.4 Mile B-Road Bridge (Falls Creek).



Photo 20: 3.4 Mile B-Road Bridge (Falls Creek) sediment leaking through from under decking.



Photo 21: 3.0 Mile B-Road Bridge (Zinc Creek).

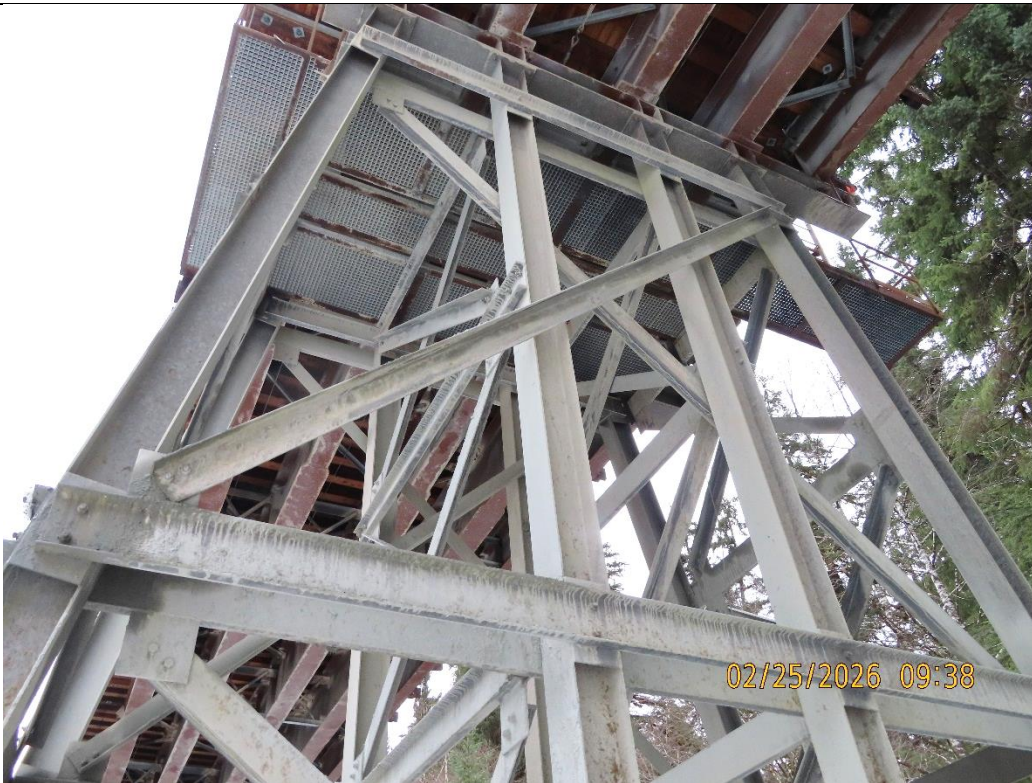


Photo 22: 3.0 Mile B-Road Bridge structure (Zinc Creek).



Photo 23: 3.0 Mile B-Road Bridge (Zinc Creek) showing sediment catchment features.



Photo 24: 3.0 Mile B-Road Gnome Ponds.



Photo 25: 3.0 Mile B-Road Gnome Ponds outfall.

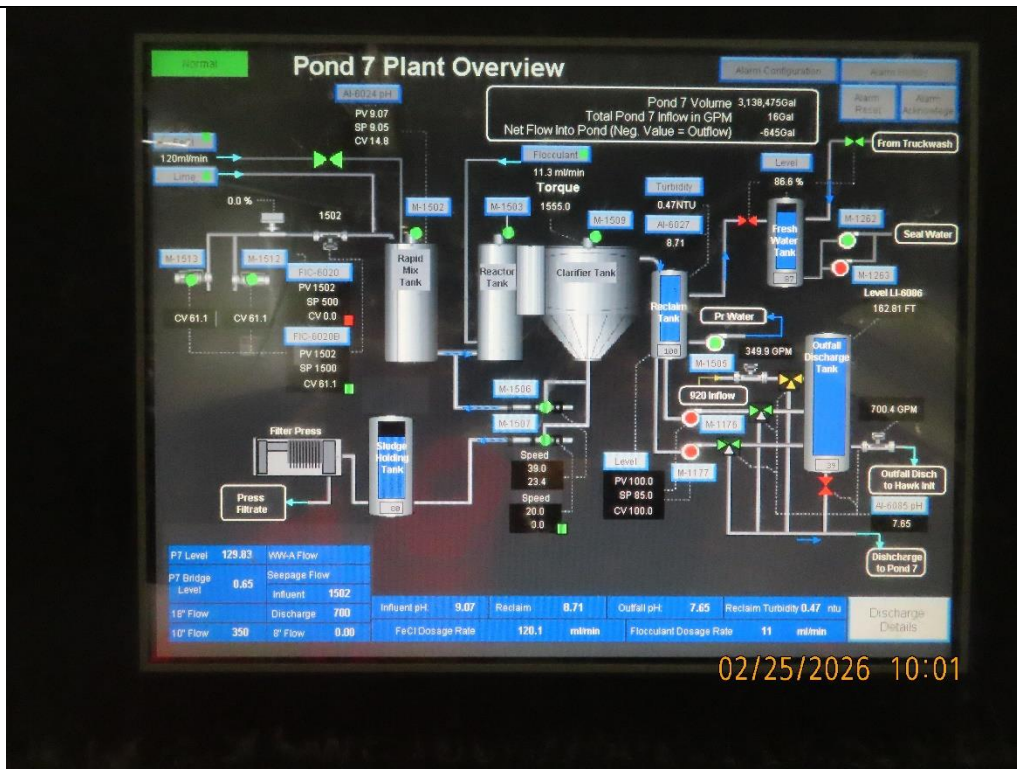


Photo 26: TDF water treatment plant readings.



Photo 27: Spillway at Pond 7. No evidence of water overflow.



Photo 28: Pond 7 spillway outfall. No signs of overflow entering this area.



Photo 29: Pond 7 from spillway with culverts connecting Pond 7 to 10 in the background



Photo 30: Overview of Pond 10.



Photo 31: Portable Fugitive Dust Mitigation at the Tailings Disposal Facility.



Photo 32: Portable Fugitive Dust Mitigation at the Tailings Disposal Facility.



Photo 33: North Expansion Project prework storage area.

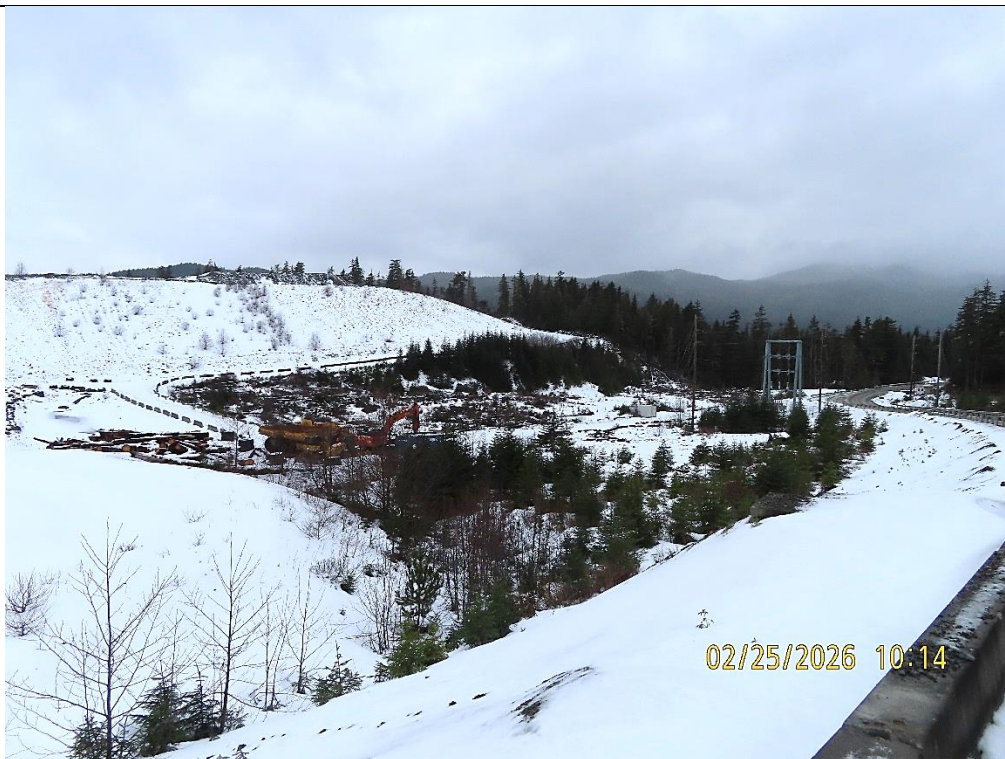


Photo 34: North Expansion Project area from the B-Road.

Thanks to HGCMC for a safe visit.
U.S. Forest Service: /s/ Scott Leslie