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President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC  20500-0001

Cc:  Scott Pruitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
     Ryan Zinke, Secretary, Department of Interior
     Lisa Murkowski, U.S. Senator from Alaska
     Dan Sullivan, U.S. Senator from Alaska
     Don Young, U.S. Representative from Alaska

President Trump,

As organizations and companies that represent millions of sportsmen and women and outdoor enthusiasts across all 50 states we write to ask you simply to stop efforts to develop the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

For many of us, stopping Pebble Mine is and has been a top priority for our organizations and our members or customers for more than ten years.

The late Senator Ted Stevens called this project “the wrong mine in the wrong place.” For over a decade an unprecedented coalition of native tribes, commercial fishermen, anglers and hunters, conservationists, religious groups, restaurateurs, jewelers, investment firms, and outdoor enthusiasts have been fighting this foreign-owned mine proposal, and have worked to gain protections for the Bristol Bay region. Millions of Americans eat, fish for, or make their living off of Bristol Bay’s wild salmon.

Our voices have been and will continue to be loud and persistent. Over 1,150 sport fishing and hunting groups and businesses have asked for Bristol Bay to be protected. Hunters and anglers were strongly represented in the over 1.5 million public comments asking the federal government to shield Bristol Bay from the dangers of the proposed Pebble Mine during the multi-year Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and subsequent Clean Water Act process. This transparent and participatory process resulted in the set of common-sense restrictions on disposal of mine waste that any mine development would need to meet if it pursued construction of a mine in this incredibly productive and valuable place.

Bristol Bay supports one of the planet’s best remaining salmon fisheries, which at an average run of 37.5 million fish, produces 46% of the world’s sockeye salmon. On top of the incredible number of sockeye salmon, the watershed supports Chinook salmon, Coho salmon, rainbow trout, grayling, and char, all of which are prized sport fish that result in more than 29,000 fishing trips per year. In addition to world-class fisheries, the area is also home to high densities of brown bear, moose, caribou, waterfowl, and...
ptarmigan that attract hunters from around the world.

From an economic perspective, sportfishing, hunting, and eco-tourism alone generate more than $160 million in local economic activity, creating nearly 2,500 local, sustainable jobs. In contrast, Northern Dynasty Minerals, the foreign-owned company behind the Pebble Mine, would create only about 1,000 temporary mining jobs while threatening 14,000 American commercial and recreational fishery jobs in a $1.5 billion annual salmon fishery that can last indefinitely.

We are concerned over reports and speculation that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Pruitt is working to settle an outstanding lawsuit with Pebble’s promoters. Alarmingly, we are hearing that such a settlement could involve tossing aside not only the work done under the Clean Water Act, but also the entire contents of the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (BBWA). The BBWA is the scientific record and a sound basis for making informed decisions on the future of Bristol Bay. It must remain available to guide and inform regulators who will be tasked with reviewing permit applications if submitted.

Protecting Bristol Bay puts Alaskans and Americans first. Dismantling the work done by the EPA, erasing years of study to show what makes Bristol Bay unique and how the risks to it from mining of the type and of the scale being proposed would impact the region, and completely disregarding the majority opinion of Alaskans, as well as the myriad sportsmen and women from around the nation…that’s putting foreign corporate profits first.

Simply put, places like Bristol Bay are increasingly rare and extremely valuable. Millions of our members and customers across this country are counting on you to stand with us in stopping this mine in this place.

Respectfully,

**National Organizations**

American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
Ben Bulis – President and CEO  
Bozeman, MT

American Sportfishing Association  
Scott B. Gudes – V.P., Government Affairs  
Alexandria, VA

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Land Tawney – Executive Director  
Missoula, MT

Bear Trust International  
Melissa Reynolds-Hoagland, PhD – Executive Director  
Missoula, MT

Campfire Club of America  
Leonard J. Vallender – Conservation Chair  
Chappaqua, NY

Conservation Force  
John J. Jackson, III – Chairman and President  
Metairie, LA

Dallas Safari Club  
Ben Carter – Executive Director  
Dallas, TX

Delta Waterfowl Foundation  
John L. Devney – Vice President, U.S. Policy  
Bismarck, ND
Fly Fishers International
Len Zickler – President and CEO
Livingston, MT

National Wildlife Federation
Adam Kolton – Sr. VP, Congressional & Federal Affairs
Reston, VA

Orion – The Hunter’s Institute
Pat Hudak - President
Trumansburg, NY

Pope and Young Club
Joe Bell – Executive Director
Chatfield, MN

Quality Deer Management Association
Kip Adams – Director of Education & Outreach
Bogart, GA

Recycled Fish
Ben R. Leal, III – Executive Director
Altoona, IA

Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Whit Fosburgh – President and CEO
Washington, DC

Trout Unlimited
Chris Wood – President and CEO
Arlington, VA

Wildlife Forever
Doug Grann – President and CEO
Brooklyn Center, MN

Alaska

Alaska Alpine Adventures
Anchorage, Alaska

Alaska Fly Anglers, Inc
Soldotna, Alaska

Alaska’s Bearclaw Lodge
Aleknagik, AK

Alaska’s Enchanted Lake Lodge
King Salmon, Alaska

Alaska’s Boardwalk Lodge
Thorne Bay, AK

Alaska’s Fishing Unlimited, Inc.
Port Alsworth, AK

Alaska Sportsman’s Lodge
Igiugig, AK

Alaskan Eagle Cruises
Gustavus, AK

Alaska Salmon Camp Inc
Dillingham, AK

Alaska Rainbow Lodge
King Salmon, Alaska

Alaska West
Quinhagok, AK

Aleutian Rivers Angling
Nelson Lagoon, AK

Angler’s Alibi
King Salmon, Alaska

Arctic Rivers Guide & Booking Service
Kodiak, AK

Arctic Wild, LLC
Fairbanks, AK

Baranof Wilderness Lodge
Sitka, AK

Bear Trail Lodge
King Salmon, Alaska

Beyond Boundaries Expeditions
Sitka, AK
Blue Fly Bed & Breakfast and Guide Service  
King Salmon, Alaska

Blue Mountain Lodge  
Becharof Lake, AK

Brightwater Alaska, Inc  
Anchorage, Alaska

Bristol Bay Lodge  
Aleknagik, AK

Brooks Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Copper River Lodge  
Illiamna Lake, AK

Crystal Creek Lodge  
King Salmon, AK

EPIC Angling & Adventure  
King Salmon, AK

Fish Alaska Magazine  
Anchorage, Alaska

Frigate Adventure Travel  
King Salmon, AK

Frontier River Guides  
Anchorage, Alaska

Grizzly Skins of Alaska  
King Salmon, AK

Grosvenor Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Hodges Outfitters  
Anchorage, AK

Iliamna River Lodge, LLC  
Iliamna, AK

Jake’s Nushagak Salmon Camp  
Dillingham, AK

Juneau Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Juneau, AK

Katmai Air  
Anchorage, AK

Kvichak Lodge  
Igiugig, AK

Kulik Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Lipservice Fishing Charters  
Wasilla, Alaska

Merlin Outfitters  
Trapper Creek, AK

Mission Lodge  
Aleknagik, Alaska

Mountain View Sports  
Anchorage, AK

No See Um Lodge, Inc  
King Salmon, Alaska

Painter Creek Lodge  
Anchorage, AK

Quartz Creek Lodge  
Kodiak, AK

Rainbow River Aviation, LLC  
Iliamna, AK

Rainbow River Lodge, LLC  
Iliamna, AK

Royal Coachman Lodge  
Dillingham, AK
Upstream Marketing
Palmer, AK

Rapids Camp Lodge
King Salmon, AK

Red Quill Lodge
Iliamna, Alaska

Royal Wolf Lodge
Anchorage, Alaska

Roe Hard Guide Service
Wasilla, Alaska

Sea Hawk Air Dispatch
Kodiak, AK

Skull Creek Guiding
Dillingham, AK

Southeast Alaska Guiding
Douglas, AK

TakeDown Sportfishing
Soldotna, AK

Talaheim Lodge
Anchorage, AK

Tikchik Narrows Lodge
Wood Tikchik State Park, AK

Togiak River Lodge, Inc.
Togiak, AK

Upstream Marketing
Palmer, Alaska

Western Alaska Sportfishing, Inc.
Upper Nushagak River, AK

Wilderness Place Lodge
Anchorage, AK

Wild on the Fly
Wasilla, AK

Wild River Guide Co.
Dillingham, Alaska

Women’s Fly Fishing
Anchorage, AK

Arizona

Arizona State Council (Trout Unlimited)
Payson, AZ

California

Bob Marriott’s Fly Fishing Store
Fullerton, CA

California Fly Fisher magazine
Truckee, CA

California State Council (Trout Unlimited)
Carmichael, CA

Fisherman Eyewear
Hollister, CA

Fly Fishers of Davis (Fly Fishers International)
Davis, CA

The Fly Shop, Inc.
Redding, CA

Golden West Women Flyfishers
San Francisco, CA

Hatch Outdoors
Vista, CA

John Muir Chapter of Trout Unlimited
East Bay, California

Kiene’s American Fly Fishing Co.
Sacramento, CA
KUIU, Inc.
Dixon, CA

Mission Peak Fly Anglers (Fly Fishers Int’l)
Fremont, CA

Northern CA Council (Fly Fishers Int’l)
Davis, CA

Okuma Fishing Tackle
Ontario, CA

Patagonia, Inc.
Ventura, CA

Roessler Wine Cellars
Sonoma, CA

Savage Gear USA
Ontario, CA

Sports Afield magazine
Huntington Beach, CA

Tundra River Adventures
Woodland, CA

The Venturing Angler
Davenport, CA

Water Wolf HD
Ontario, CA

Wild on the Fly
Fullerton, CA

Colorado

Anasazi Angler, Inc.
Hesperus, CO

Angling Trade Magazine
Boulder, CO

Boulder Flycasters (Trout Unlimited)
Boulder, CO

Collegiate Peaks Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Salida, CO

Crystal Fly Shop
Carbondale, CO

Dvorak Expeditions
Nathrop, CO

Fishpond, LLC
Denver, CO

Hog Island Boat Works
Steamboat Springs, CO

Rep Your Water
Lafayette, CO

Rocky Mountain Flycasters (Trout Unlimited)
Loveland, Colorado

St. Vrain Anglers (Trout Unlimited)
Colorado

Scott Fly Rod Company
Montrose, CO

Seek Outside
Ridgway, CO

Connecticut

Farmington Valley Trout Unlimited
Newington, CT

Sturm, Ruger & Co., Inc.
Southport, CT

District of Columbia

National Capital Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Washington, DC
Florida

Florida Council (Fly Fishers International)
Tallahassee, FL

Nautilus Reels
Miami, FL

Georgia

American Angler magazine
Augusta, GA

Fly Tyer magazine
Augusta, GA

Gray’s Sporting Journal magazine
Augusta, GA

Upper Cattahoochee Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Atlanta, GA

Hawaii

Hawaii on the Fly
Kailua, HI

Idaho

Carriboo Conservancy, Inc.
Pocatello, ID

Clearwater-Snake Rivers Chapter (TU)
Moscow, ID

First Lite
Ketchum, ID

RIO Products
Idaho Falls, ID

Smith Optics
Ketchum, ID

Southeast Idaho Fly Fishers Chapter (TU)
Pocatello, ID

Suncloud
Ketchum, ID

Tightline Studio
Boise, ID

The Waterworks-Lamson
Ketchum, ID

WorldCast Anglers
Victor, ID

Illinois

Illinois Council (Trout Unlimited)
Oak Brook, IL

Iowa

Iowa State Council (Trout Unlimited)
Des Moines, IA

North Bear Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Ankeny, IA

Kansas

ARC Fishing
Kansas City, KS

Kentucky

Kentucky Council (Trout Unlimited)
Louisville, KY

Louisville Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Louisville, Kentucky

Maine

Georges River Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Camden, ME

Kennebec Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Dresden, ME
Merrymeeting Bay Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Harpswell, ME

Mollyockett Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Bethel, ME

Eldredge Brothers Fly Shop
Cape Neddick, ME

Sebago Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Portland, Maine

Maryland

Maryland Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Towson, Maryland

Mid-Atlantic Council (Trout Unlimited)
Towson, Maryland

Massachusetts

Cape Cod Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Mashpee, MA

Cheeky Fishing
Arlington, MA

Nor’East Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Ipswich, MA

Pioneer Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Ware, MA

Shadowcaster Charters
Newburyport, MA

Vedavoo
Leominster, MA

Michigan

Great Lakes Council (Fly Fishers International)
Pentwater, MI

Great Lakes Fly Fishing Company
Rockford, MI

Headwaters Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Gaylord, MI

Pere Marquette River Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Troy, MI

Pine River Area Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Cadillac, MI

Vanguard Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Rochester Hills, MI

Minnesota

Bob White Studio
Marine on St. Croix, MN

Missouri

Southwest Missouri Fly Fishers
Springfield, MO

Tri-City Fly Fishers
Bolivar, MO

Montana

Anglers West Flyfishing Outfitters
Emigrant, MT

Bitterroot Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Hamilton, MT

Brant Oswald Fly Fishing
Livingston, MT

Catch Fly Fishing
Billings, MT

Chuck Stranahan’s Flies & Guides
Hamilton, MT
Confluence Films  
Bozeman, MT

Fishing with Larry  
Columbus, MT

Flathead Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Kalispell, Montana

Fly on the Wall Travels, LLC  
Missoula, MT

Hellgate Hunters & Anglers  
Missoula, MT

Montana Angler Fly Fishing  
Bozeman, MT

Montana Council (Trout Unlimited)  
Whitefish, Montana

Riverside Anglers, Inc.  
West Yellowstone, MT

Robertson Stykbow  
Forestgrove, MT

Simms Fishing Products  
Bozeman, MT

Sitka Gear  
Bozeman, MT

Sweetwater Travel  
Livingston, MT

Triple-M Outfitters  
Dixon, MT

Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures  
Bozeman, MT

**Nebraska**

HuntingLife Media  
Lincoln, NE

**Nevada**

Coalition for Nevada’s Wildlife  
Reno, NV

Nevada Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Reno, NV

Truckee River Flyfishers  
Reno, NV

**New Jersey**

Fred S. Burroughs North Jersey Chapter (TU)  
Sparta, New Jersey

New Jersey State Council (Trout Unlimited)  
Morris Plains, New Jersey

Ridge & Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Washington, New Jersey

**New Mexico**

Dona Ana County Associated Sportsmen  
Las Cruces, NM

Southwest Consolidated Sportsmen  
Las Cruces, NM

**New York**

Catskill Mountains Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Kingston, NY

Chenango Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Norwich, NY

Dave Brandt Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Oneonta, NY

New York City Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
New York, NY

New York Council (Trout Unlimited)  
Elma, NY
North Flats Guiding, LLC
New York, NY

One More Cast Charters
Oceanside, NY

Rugged Intellectual, Inc.
Canandaigua, NY

Tri-Lakes Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Saranac Lake, NY

North Carolina

North Carolina Council (Trout Unlimited)
Henderson, North Carolina

Ohio

SmithFly Designs
Troy, OH

Oregon

Ashland Fly Shop
Ashland, OR

Brookwood Press, Inc.
Portland, OR

Deschutes River Fishing Company
Camp Sherman, OR

Flywater Travel
Ashland, OR

Little Creek Outfitters
Maupin, OR

Loon Outdoors
Ashland, OR

Oregon Pack Works
Bend, OR

Salmon & Steelhead Journal
Portland, OR

Steelheader’s Journal
Portland, OR

Traveling Angler
Portland, OR

Tualatin Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Portland, OR

Pennsylvania

Allegheny Mountain Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
DuBois, Pennsylvania

Donegal Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

The Flyfishing Show
Somerset, PA

Forks of the Delaware Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Stockertown, PA

Penn’s Creek Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Lewistown, PA

Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Kingston, PA

Valley Forge Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
West Chester, PA

Wild for Salmon
Bloomsburg, PA

Yellow Breeches Outfitters
Boiling Springs, PA

South Dakota

South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Pierre, SD
**Tennessee**

Dun Magazine  
Dover, TN

Fly Squared Media  
Dover, TN

Strike King Lure Company  
Collierville, TN

a Tight Loop magazine  
Dover, TN

**Texas**

Deneki Outdoors  
Dallas, TX

Guadalupe River Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Sattler, Texas

**Utah**

Paradise Properties  
Sandy, UT

Utah Council (Trout Unlimited)  
South Weber, UT

**Vermont**

MadDog Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Moretown, VT

New England Chapter (Backcountry Hunters & Anglers)  
Montpelier, VT

Vermont Council (Trout Unlimited)  
Moretown, VT

**Virginia**

Virginia Fishing Adventures/Virginia Outside  
Richmond, VA

**Washington**

DRYFT Fishing  
Bellingham, WA

Emerald Water Anglers  
Seattle, WA

Far Bank Enterprises  
Bainbridge Island, WA

The Flyfish Journal  
Bellingham, WA

G. Loomis  
Woodland, WA

Gig Harbor Fly Shop  
Gig Harbor, WA

Human Nature Hunting School  
Seattle, WA

Icicle Valley Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Leavenworth, Washington

Redington  
Bainbridge Island, WA

Rvrfshr Products, LLC  
Seattle, WA

Sage Fly Fishing  
Bainbridge Island, WA

Washington State Council (Fly Fishers Int’l)  
Everett, WA

Yakima Fly Fishers Association Chapter (TU)  
Yakima, Washington

**Wisconsin**

Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter (Trout Unlimited)  
Dodgeville, Wisconsin
St. Croix Rods
Park Falls, WI

Wild Rivers Chapter (Trout Unlimited)
Iron River, Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council (Trout Unlimited)
Oshkosh, WI

Wyoming

Fish the Fly Guide Service and Travel
Jackson, WY

Jackson Cardinal Flies, Inc.
Jackson, WY

Sweetwater Fishing Expeditions, LLC
Lander, WY

Wyoming Council (Trout Unlimited)
Casper, Wyoming

Yellowstone Fly Rods
Jackson, WY

INTERNATIONAL

Bahamas

Abaco Lodge
Abaco Island

Bair’s Lodge
South Andros Island

Mangrove Cay Club
Mangrove Cay

Brazil

Agua Boa Lodge
Manaus/Amazon

Canada

Steelhead Valhalla Lodge
Sustut River, British Columbia

Mongolia

Sweetwater Taimen Camps
Eg-Ur watershed

United Kingdom

Albury Game Angling
Albury, Surrey

Dragon Tackle International, Limited
Llangan, Vale of Glamorgan

Fish & Fly, Ltd.
Worth, West Sussex

Midlands Fly Fishing
Forsbrook, Staffordshire

That Fly
Wokingham, Berkshire