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Re: FGMI Phase 1 Causeway Clearing and Grubbing

Dear Mr. Moselle:

Fairbanks Gold Mining, Inc. (FGMI) is requesting an amendment to the Plan of Operations for the Fort Knox Gold Mine. FGMI proposes to clear and grub land for relocation of the existing road and pipelines on the north side of the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) from the Barge Pond to the Walter Creek Heap Leach Facility (see attached figure).

A 0.06-acre wetland (see attached figures) will be mitigated under the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) Nation Wide Permit #44. The ACOE Preconstruction Notification was submitted to the ACOE on November 30, 2018. Clearing and grubbing activities will not begin at the wetland location until mitigation approval is received from the ACOE.

The amendment is needed for the construction of the Phase 1 Causeway at its north abutment and placement of tailings upstream of the causeway.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 970-490-2287 or mark.huffington@kinross.com.

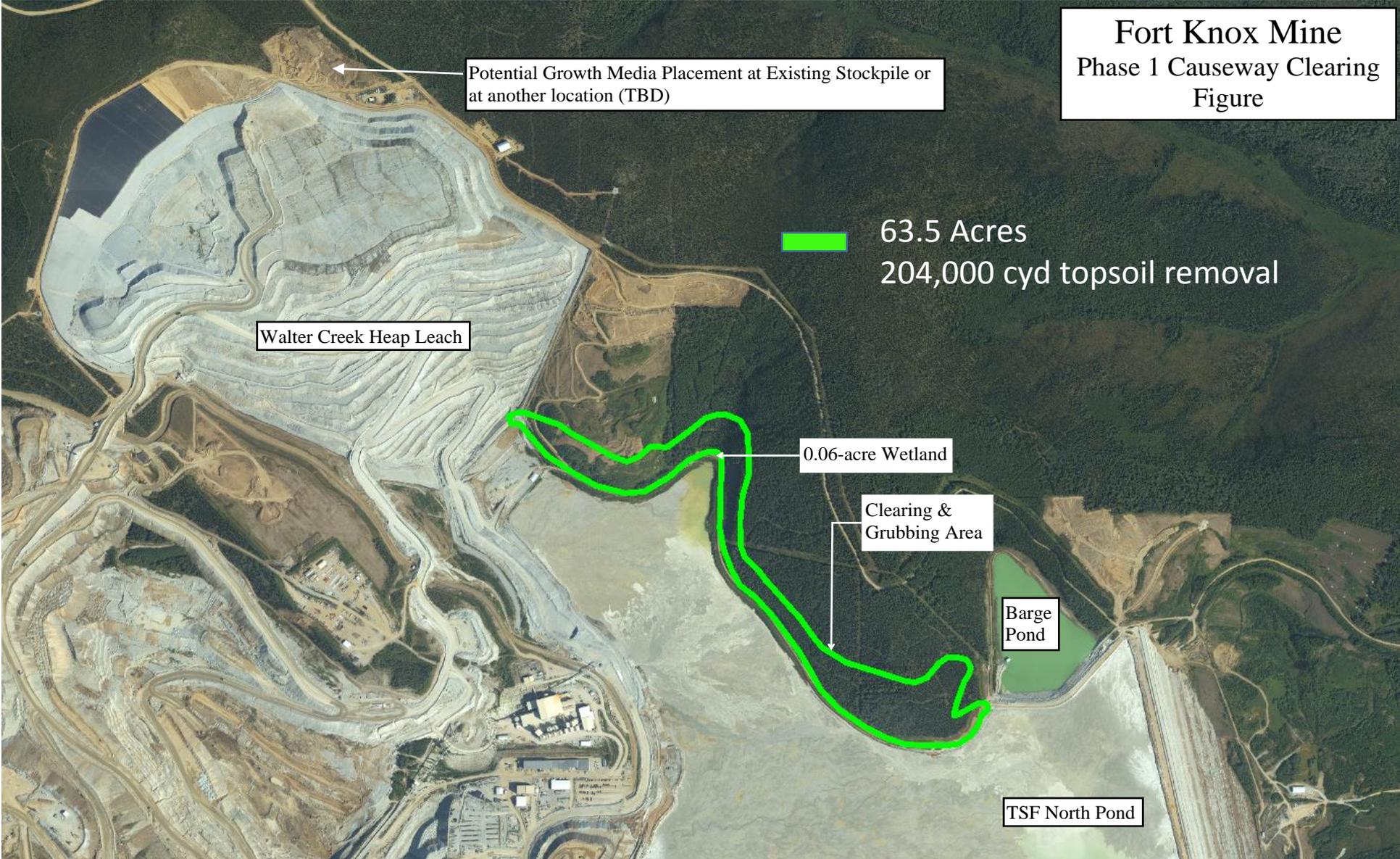
Sincerely,

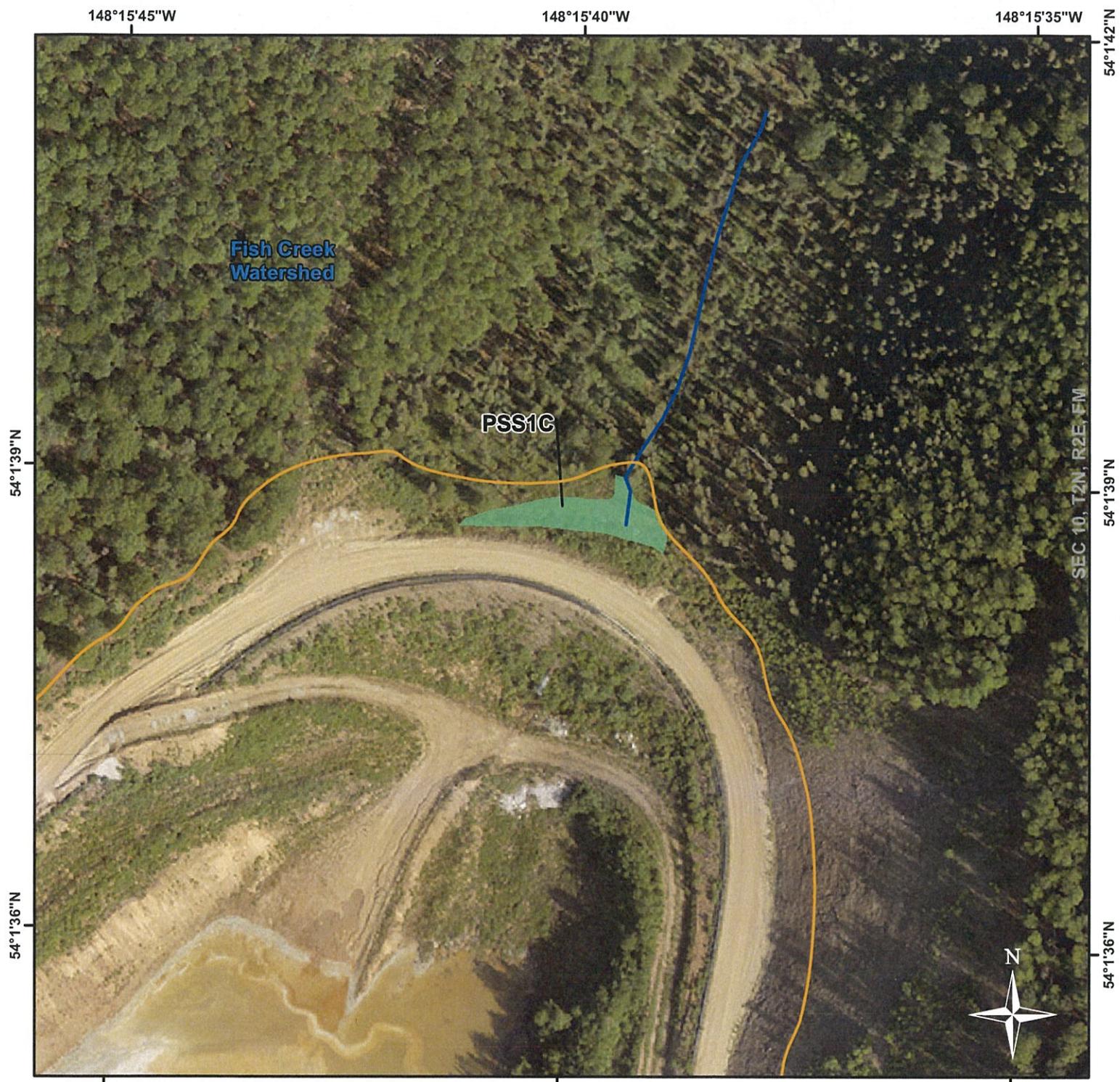


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**Fort Knox Mine
Phase 1 Causeway Clearing
Figure**





- Stream
- Wetland
- Potential Flooded Area



**Applicant: Fort Knox
Nationwide Permit 44**

Waterway: Fish Creek

Proposed Activity: WOUS Fill

Date: 11/28/2018

Figure 1