



Kensington Mine 2018 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Kensington Mine is owned and operated by Coeur Alaska, Inc. (Coeur) a wholly owned subsidiary of Coeur Mining. The project is located on the western and southern flanks of Lions Head Mountain; between Berners Bay and Lynn Canal; and in the drainages of Johnson, Sherman, and Slate Creeks (See Figure 1-2). Coeur has prepared this annual report to comply with requirements of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Plan of Operations (POO) for the Kensington Mine.

The Kensington Mine received authorization under the POO on June 13, 2005. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, U.S. Forest Service Record of Decision and all necessary major permits were issued prior to year-end 2005. Coeur issued construction contracts and ground breaking was initiated during July 2005.

Following a suspension of construction activities during the litigation process for the 404 Permit, construction activities at the Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF) that resumed in 2009 were completed in the third quarter of 2010 and operations of the facility began in June of 2010. Gold production operations continued throughout 2018 consistent with the approved POO.

Section 1.0 contains a synopsis of the activities conducted at the Kensington Mine during calendar year 2018, and Section 2.0 contains projections of activities planned for calendar year 2019.

Summary of 2018 Activities

1.0 Public Safety

Public access to the mine site is managed as defined in the established Public Access Control Plan. Public access to the site must be controlled to ensure the safety of the public. Hazards such as truck traffic, blasting, barge and tug operations, and earthwork could result in physical harm to unauthorized visitors.

During 2018, personnel accessed the site via boat and rotary wing aircraft. Agency inspections and other public personnel generally accessed the site by fixed winged aircraft and boat.

Supplies and equipment for the facility are delivered by barge to the Slate Creek Cove Marine Terminal.

2.0 Construction Activities

The Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF) Stage 3 construction occurred during 2018. Stage 3 construction consisted of raising the existing dam by 25 feet along with the construction of a final closure spillway. The final closure spillway was constructed with Roller Compacted Concrete (RCC) and structural concrete.

Construction of a power house building to house new primary generator engines was completed in 2018. The current generators are planned to be replaced with a new power plant consisting of four (4) new Electro Motive Diesel (EMD) 3728 Kilowatt (kW) diesel-fired engines. One of the four engines will be used as a backup while three operate continuously. Transition from the existing generators to the new EMD generators is planned for the 1st quarter of 2019.

A carpenter shop was completed in the camp area in 2018. Carpentry supplies and tools are planned to be located in the shop. The carpenter shop that is currently located at Pit-4 is planned to be dismantled in 2019.

Graphitic Phyllite that was excavated during the construction of the stage 1 and 2 Tailings Treatment Facility is currently stored in sealed containments at Pit 4 and the Mud dump area. A pug mill plant was commissioned in 2016 and operated in 2018 to help facilitate the mixing of the graphitic phyllite with cement prior to placement into underground open stopes as final disposal of the material. Approximately 36,554 tons of graphitic phyllite was mixed in the pug plant and placed within the underground stopes in 2018.

The majority of the surface disturbance associated with construction was completed in 2005 and 2006 as outlined in the project disturbance summary Table 1. No additional wetlands were filled during 2018. No new disturbance occurred in 2018.

2.1 Storm Water Controls

Operations on both the Jualin and Comet sides of the Kensington Mine were conducted in compliance with the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) requirements. Both temporary construction Best Management Practices (BMPs) and sediment pond BMPs were utilized to control excess sediment production from disturbed areas that otherwise might enter waters of the state. A full description of storm water controls can be found in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the Kensington Gold Project, August 2016. Coverage was gained under the new MSGP 2015 general permit number AKR06000 during 2015 and continued in 2018.

Sediment ponds and silt fences were maintained, and existing check dams were also maintained throughout the site. Designs for these construction BMPs are discussed in the SWPPP. Most operational (long-term) sediment ponds were constructed during 2005, and all were constructed as designed in the SWPPP Addendum B.

The nature of construction BMPs is transitory; i.e., they change in response to site conditions and the rapidly evolving ground conditions encountered during construction. Therefore, designs are dependent on site conditions, which may change day by day.

Operational BMP sediment ponds have been implemented throughout the site as described in the site SWPPP.

In addition to SWPPP monitoring and inspections, site receiving water monitoring was also conducted in accordance with the current site APDES permit to further document compliance with state water quality standards. Receiving water sampling data are discussed below under APDES monitoring (section 9.1).

2.2 Corps of Engineers Wetland Disturbance

An annual summary of wetland areas impacted and reclaimed is a requirement of the Corps of Engineers (COE) 404 fill permit. Wetland areas impacted are tallied in Table 2. Overall, total fill in waters of U.S. as of December 2018 is 77.6 acres. No additional wetland fill occurred in 2018.

2.3 Access Corridors

Road improvements during 2018 were an ongoing priority of the project. Continued road surfacing and interim reclamation seeding were major improvements to the road projects in 2018. The maintenance of storm water BMPs along the Jualin and Kensington access corridors were also a major ongoing priority for 2018.

3.0 Mine Operations

3.1 Ore Production

Mine operations occurred in all 12 months during 2018. Approximately 651,515 tons of ore was mined in 2018.

3.2 Development Rock Production

A total of approximately 368,569 tons of development rock was mined in 2018. Approximately 166,119 tons of development rock was brought to the surface and placed into stockpiles and 202,450 tons were placed underground as backfill. Development rock sample results for 2018 are contained in Table 4.

3.3 Dust Suppression Activities

Road watering was conducted as required via a water wagon to control any fugitive dust. Dust suppression activities occurred on a limited number of occasions during the summer months of 2018.

3.4 Surface and Underground Drilling

A total of 153,668 feet of core drilling was completed in the period of January through December of 2018. The drilling was comprised of production and exploration programs.

The 2018 underground production drilling program included 65,713 feet. This drilling was completed by contracted drilling company using NQ and HQ core drill tooling. This program was accessed in the Kensington up-ramp and down-ramp.

The 2018 underground exploration drilling program total drill footage was 87,955 feet. This was also completed under a drilling contract and used NQ and HQ core tooling. The underground exploration drilling was completed from various drill stations including the 520 level, 990 level, and 1170 level exploration drill sites.

The 2018 surface exploration drilling program consisted of seven drill holes for a total drilled footage of 2,345.5 feet. The drilling was completed from two drill pads, both located on private land.

4.0 Mill Operations

Mill operations occurred in all 12 months during 2018. Approximately 664,707 tons of ore was processed through the mill facility in 2018.

4.1 Gold Production

Approximately 19,317 tons of concentrate was shipped from the Kensington mine to an off-site refinery. Of the 19,317 tons of concentrate shipped off-site, approximately 113,138 ounces of gold was contained. In addition to the gold contained in the concentrate, the gravity circuit within the mill facility produced approximately 3,631 ounces of gold for a total gold production of 116,770 ounces in 2018.

4.2 Tailing Production

Approximately 393,501 tons of tailings were conveyed to the Tailings Treatment Facility and 215,465 tons of tailings were conveyed to the underground paste plant for disposal in the underground stopes during 2018. Tailings samples were collected in each of the four quarters of 2018 and there results are contained in Table 5.

5.0 Solid/Hazardous Waste Generation and Transport

An Integrated Waste Management and Disposal Plan dated August 2018 provides a description for the disposal of wastes from the Kensington Mine in accordance with the regulations in 18 AAC 60. A Waste Management Permit was issued by ADEC on September 20, 2013.

Solid waste was generated from the Comet and Jualin sides of the Kensington Mine, including: incinerator ashes, construction debris, worn cable, tires, and scrap metal. This material was managed in accordance with the approved ADEC Waste Management Permit. These materials were shipped to Juneau, then transported to disposal facilities or otherwise managed according to controlling regulations and permits.

Hazardous waste, including Universal waste, generated at the site included:

- Lead/acid, nickel, cadmium, and lithium ion batteries
- Florescent and metal halide lamps
- Paint and paint related waste

- Wastes associated with the assay laboratory
- Water Treatment Plant laboratory waste
- Computer backup power supplies

6.0 Tailings Treatment Facility

Following the favorable decision from the Supreme Court, the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) issued Permit Modification POA-1990-592-M6 and lifted the suspension of Permit Modification POA-1190-592-M on August 14, 2009. Construction activities on the tailings treatment facility began after the issuance of the permit modification and continued until the 3rd quarter of 2010 at which time operation of the facility began. Operation of the facility began in June of 2010 and continued throughout 2018.

Engineering and permitting of the Stage 3 dam raise was conducted in 2016 and 2017 with a final design report being submitted to Alaska Dam Safety, ADNR, and Forest Service on April 31, 2017. A Certificate of Approval to Modify a Dam was issued by ADNR on May 2, 2018.

7.0 Compliance

No notices of violations were issued to Coeur Alaska during 2018. All reporting was completed as required by permit conditions. One component of this document is the reporting of spills. Each spill that occurred during 2018 was taken very seriously and all site resources were utilized, as appropriate for each occurrence. The spills were all properly reported and cleaned up in accordance with ADEC guidelines (Table 3).

During the 2018 year, the following six guidelines were updated in various aspects of environmental management at the site to ensure permit compliance:

- Bear Avoidance SOP
- Hazardous and Non-Hazardous Waste Handling SOP
- Spill Response Notification SOP
- Purchasing New Products or Chemicals or Materials SOP
- Environmental Samples Shipping SOP
- Hazardous Waste Manifest Procedure SOP

The Intalex tracking system was populated with new and/or revised permit requirements and reminders during 2018. The tracking system sends email reminders to employees responsible for the completion of the permit requirements to ensure site permit compliance.

8.0 Reclamation

No permanent concurrent reclamation was performed in 2018; however, interim seeding stabilization associated with topsoil stockpiles, road ditches, area adjacent to Tailings Treatment Facility, access roads, and tailings conveyance pipeline route was performed as a BMP under the approved SWPPP plan.

Approval was issued by the Forest Service and State of Alaska for the revised reclamation plan dated April 2013. A financial guarantee in the amount of \$28,727,011 was submitted and approved by the Forest Service in 2013. An amendment was approved by ADNR for the Pit-4 waste rock stockpile and an additional financial guarantee for \$195,988 was posted on October 2, 2017 for the reclamation plan amendment. No amendments were completed in 2018.

8.1 Revegetation Test Plots

Revegetation test plots were constructed in July of 2013 in the Snow-Slide Gulch area to evaluate the reclamation methods proposed in the reclamation and closure plan. Reclamation test plot monitoring was conducted early summer through late fall of 2018. All sites demonstrated stable conditions with slight to no erosion noted. When compared to 2017, in 2018 more coverage occurred. The highest percent coverage in 2018 was 95, whereas in 2017 the greatest percent cover was 50. Plot #3 demonstrated the greatest percent coverage with a peak of 95. However, the majority of the coverage can be attributed to alder establishment. As suspected, Plot #3 also demonstrated the highest stability of the three plots. Plot #1 demonstrated the second highest percentage of grass growth and the second most stable soil. In 2018, Plot #2 exhibited the least amount of grass growth and the least stable soil conditions. The monitoring results are contained in attachment 4. Ongoing monitoring of the test plots are planned for 2019.

9.0 Monitoring

9.1 APDES

The Alaska Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (APDES) permit number AK0050571 was renewed in 2017 with the new permit being issued on August 1, 2017. Results of the extensive monitoring program are contained in the Kensington Gold Project APDES permit AK-005057-1 Volume 1: Aquatic Resource Surveys and Volume 2: Water Quality Data of the APDES Annual Water Quality Monitoring Summary 2018 (Coeur, 2018). These reports will be submitted to the US Forest Service, Juneau under separate cover.

9.2 Fresh Water

Fresh water monitoring requirements are contained within the USFS POO. Monitoring performed for the APDES permit are summarized in the Kensington Gold Project APDES Permit AK-005057-1 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Summary 2018 Volume 2. Water Quality Data are inclusive of the requirements under the USFS POO. This report will be submitted to the Forest Service, Juneau and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) under separate cover, as the APDES 2018 Annual Report.

9.3 Water Usage

Under requirements of the ADNR water rights, certain water usage and stream flow submittals are prepared. Some of these filings are made monthly while others are submitted quarterly. These reports are available at ADNR offices, Juneau.

9.4 Aquatic Resource Surveys

The USFS POO references aquatic resource surveys, which are to include:

- Annual photographs of stream habitat types.
- Fish surveys and minnow trapping in Upper Slate Lake.
- Salmon escapement surveys in Sherman, Slate, and Johnson Creeks.

Annual photographs of stream habitat types are included in the Kensington Gold Project APDES Permit AK-005057-1 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Summary Volume 1: Aquatic Resource Surveys 2018.

Adult salmon escapement surveys were performed in 2018 on Sherman, Slate, and Johnson Creeks. Tabulations of these data are presented in the Kensington Gold Project APDES Permit AK-005057-1 Annual Water Quality Monitoring Summary Volume 1: Aquatic Resource Surveys 2018. These reports will be submitted to the Forest Service, Juneau under separate cover.

9.5 Marine

The Forest Service Plan of Operations Appendix 4.d. contains a marine monitoring program for Berners Bay.

Between April 17 and May 14, one hundred and thirty nine marine mammal observation surveys were completed aboard the M/V Majestic Fjord (see Table 2). The official eulachon run transportation regulations as determined by Coeur Alaska and NMFS were put into effect on April 24, 2018. Special measures taken during the eulachon run included: having a marine observer on the vessel during all trips and maintaining a maximum speed of 13 knots within Berners Bay. Regular transit speed is approximately 21-25 knots. Transportation vessel trips during the eulachon run were limited to three trips daily (see Table 1). No more than three round trips per day were conducted during the 2018 eulachon spawning window.

A total of 2439 Steller sea lions were counted during the observation period; 2179 of these sightings (89.3%) occurred within Berners Bay. The vast majority (98.1%) of the 381 harbor seal sightings also occurred within Berners Bay. Most of these sightings were at pinniped haul out areas, such as the entrance to Slate Cove and Point Saint Mary. Gatherings of over 30 harbor seals on haul outs were observed. Pinniped activity was highest on May 1 through May 5. No recordable encounters with marine mammals occurred during the 2018 eulachon spawning season. Please refer to Attachment 1 for additional information related to the marine surveys.

9.6 Air

During the reporting period, bi-annual Facility Operating Reports, including fuel use summaries, were submitted to the Fairbanks office of ADEC Air Permits Program (610 University Avenue) in compliance with ADEC air quality permits. These reports are not reproduced here, but can be provided upon request.

9.7 Archeology

Surface disturbance activities within historic areas were completed during 2005. No additional surface disturbance occurred in 2018.

Archaeological testing, monitoring, and data recovery activities were conducted at the Kensington-Jualin mine during 2013. A final report was submitted in January 2016.

Training was conducted for all new employees as part of the new-hire environmental awareness training program in addition to the recurring annual refresher training for all Coeur employees in 2018. Additionally, all construction workers were provided this training as part of the construction environmental awareness training program. Newly hired employees and construction workers are not allowed to work on-site until they receive this training. The training clearly states Coeur Alaska's policy regarding unauthorized collections from private and public lands. Approximately 1500 hours of training, which included the Cultural Resource training was conducted in 2018 with employees and contractors.

9.8 Tailings Treatment Facility Ecological Monitoring Plan

The Tailings Treatment Facility Ecological Monitoring Plan was revised in June 2013 and an approval of the plan was received from the Forest Service in June of 2013. The tailings habitability study was commenced in August of 2013 as described in the approved plan. On-going monitoring was conducted by AK Fish and Game in 2018 and results will be presented in the Kensington Gold Project APDES permit AK-005057-1 Volume 1: Aquatic Resource Surveys (Coeur, 2018).

9.9 Berners Bay Transportation Plan

Marine vessel transport occurred between Juneau and Slate Cove or Comet Beach. Heavy equipment and supplies were transported via barge or landing craft and were received at Slate Cove or Comet Beach. Additionally, mine employees were transported via boat and were also received at Slate Cove. Marine waters located around the marine facilities discussed above were open to public access.

It is a requirement of the Berners Bay Transportation Policy, Mitigation, and BMP Plan to collect information on company marine vessel encounters with special fish, marine mammals, and important bird species during the eulachon spawning season in Berners Bay. This information is documented in Attachment 1.

9.10 Development Rock, Borrow Source, and Tails Material

Development rock and tailing sampling for acid base accounting (ABA) is a requirement of the POO. Development Rock sample results for 2018 are contained in Table 4. Development rock acid-base accounting results indicate minimal potential to generate acid rock drainage.

Quarterly tailings sample results for acid base accounting is contained in Table 5. Acid-base accounting results indicate that the tailings solids are net-neutralizing, thus minimal potential exists for acid rock drainage.

The following background information is included in the SEIS for the site development rock and tailings:

Waste Rock:

SAIC (1997) compiled ABA results for 108 samples originally reported by Geochemica Inc. and Kensington Venture (1994) and SRK (1996b) (Figure 3-1). Seventy-five samples were representative of waste rock in the expected development area (Group 1A and 1B samples), while the remainder represented waste rock from nearby areas outside the expected development area (Group 2 samples). All samples had NP:AP values exceeding 3, and 42 of the 75 Group 1 samples had NP:AP values greater than 50, indicating minimal potential to generate acid rock drainage.

Tailings:

Acid-base accounting tests showed the tailing solids to be net-neutralizing. As sulfide is removed from the tailings during processing, this material is more strongly neutralizing than waste rock produced during project operations (SRK, 1996b). Montgomery Watson (1996b) determined the total sulfur content to be 0.04 percent, corresponding to an NP: AP of 83, while SRK (1996b) measured total sulfur content of 0.02 percent, corresponding to an NP:AP of 166. As is the case for ore and waste rock characterization, potential acidity was conservatively determined based on total sulfur, rather than sulfide sulfur, concentration.

The ABA results for the current development rock and tailings are consistent with what was seen in the background samples as they all have a very high neutralization potential to acid potential. All samples had NPR values, calculated as NP/AP, exceeding 2. According to the Mine Environment Neutral Drainage Program, samples with an NPR>2 are considered non-acid forming.

9.11 Construction/Excavation Dewatering (Non-Stormwater)

No construction/excavation dewatering (Non-Stormwater) occurred at the site during 2018.

Groundwater intercepted in the mine workings is treated and discharged to Sherman creek. This discharge is authorized under ADEC APDES permit AK-005057-1.

Tailings water was decanted and pumped from the TTF to the TTF Water Treatment Plant (WTP) where it was treated and discharged to East Fork of Slate Creek. This discharge is authorized under ADEC APDES permit AK-005057-1.

9.12 Tailings Treatment Facility Monitoring

Monitoring of the TTF was conducted according to the approved Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manual dated December 2012. The O & M Manual describes

procedures for operating the Lower Slate Lake Tailings Dam under normal and extreme reservoir level and flow conditions. Additionally, the O&M manual describes the daily, weekly and quarterly inspections that are required to be conducted at the dam along with any actions and maintenance activities that are necessary as a result of the inspection observations.

9.13 Wildlife

9.13.1 ADFG Goat Monitoring

Mountain goat monitoring in the Lions Head Mountain area associated with the Kensington Mine has been conducted intermittently since the late 1980's, in part to help determine potential future mine impacts on this population. The latest ADFG goat study is included as Attachment 3. Additionally, ADFG is planning on presenting the results of the study at the annual project meeting.

9.13.2 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring – Slate Lakes Basin

Wildlife Monitoring was conducted during 2018 in accordance with the Kensington Project Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Plan. This plan was designed to ensure that environmental impacts to wildlife resources in the Slate Lakes basin area are mitigated during both construction and operation of the Kensington Project and that the reclamation process includes a plan to support and encourage use by local wildlife. See Attachment 2 for the 2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Report.

10.0 Avalanche Safety Plan

Coeur Alaska maintains an avalanche hazard awareness and mitigation safety plan during the winter season. A qualified Avalanche Program Coordinator is retained to:

- Identify and quantify the snow avalanche safety hazard
- Prepare recommendations on managing that hazard
- Train employees and contractors in pertinent requirements of the resulting safety plan
- Prepare daily hazard forecasts and perform potential avalanche control activities

Because of the steep terrain adjacent to the site and large quantities of snow-fall, risk avoidance cannot be accomplished in all cases. Therefore, an active avalanche risk mitigation program has been conducted at the site. This involves the use of explosives to initiate controlled release of smaller avalanches so as to reduce the risk of naturally triggered larger and more destructive avalanches.

During 2018, minimal active control work was required or performed due to the limited quantity of snowfall during the year. During the 2018 reporting period,

- Areas of avalanche risk were placarded
- Crews were informed of avalanche hazards and the appropriate responses to those hazards

- Avalanche rescue equipment was located on-site
- Crews were trained in their role in avalanche rescue operations and the use of the rescue equipment – as appropriate

During the reporting period, site activities were not curtailed as a result of identified avalanche hazards and no personnel were caught or injured in avalanches.

11.0 Dam Safety Oversight Status

A Certificate of Approval to Operate a Dam for the stage 2 dam was issued by Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Alaska Dam Safety (ADS) on December 22, 2017 and a Certificate of Approval to Modify a Dam was issued on May 2, 2018.

An Annual Performance Report dated June 22, 2018 was prepared by Golder Associates for the Lower Slate Lake Tailings Dam. This report was submitted to DNR - ADS in 2018.

Projected Activities for 2019

Key Issues and Permitting Activities

Graphitic Phyllite that was excavated during the construction of the stage 1 and 2 Tailings Treatment Facility are currently stored in sealed containments at Pit 4 and the Mud dump area. A pug mill plant was commissioned in 2016 and approximately 35,600 tons of graphitic phyllite was mixed with cement and placed in underground stopes in 2018. The remaining graphitic phyllite that is currently being temporarily stored in the sealed containments is planned to be mixed with cement and waste rock in the pug plant and placed into open stopes as backfill.

Water quality monitoring from the toe of the stockpile located at the north end of the TTF will continue in 2018. Monitoring will continue until such time as the seepage from the stockpile is similar to background water quality results and approval is received from the Forest Service and State of Alaska to discontinue the monitoring.

Four field-scale test cells were constructed in August of 2013 to assess the environmental stability of the graphitic phyllite material. The testing program is aimed at providing an evaluation of the weathering behavior of the graphitic phyllite present at the TTF west abutment under ambient conditions. On-going water quality monitoring of these field cells occurred during 2018.

1.0 Public Safety

No revisions to the Public Access Control Plan are contemplated for 2018.

2.0 Mine Operations

Ore production is planned throughout the entire year of 2018.

On-going construction of the Jualin exploration portal and down ramp will continue throughout 2018 in order to access a mineralized vein system. This vein system lies between the historic Jualin workings developed in the early 1920's, and the existing Kensington portal system. On-going exploration drilling from the exploration development will continue in 2018.

3.0 Mill Operations

Mill Operations are planned to be at full production throughout 2018.

4.0 Tailings Treatment Facility

A certificate of approval to modify a dam was issued by Alaska Dam Safety on May 9, 2018. Construction of the stage 3 dam raise for the tailings facility was mostly completed in 2018. A low –level outlet valve and structure is outstanding and is planned to be constructed in the second quarter of 2019 along with the installation of a second diversion pipeline. Both of these activities are planned to be completed by the third quarter of 2019.

5.0 Access Corridors

Most access road and corridor upgrades were completed in 2006. Road maintenance of the access corridors will continue in 2018.

6.0 Reclamation

No final reclamation is anticipated to occur in 2018. On-going monitoring of the revegetation test plots will continue throughout 2018.

7.0 Surface Exploration

A five-year surface exploration work plan was submitted to the Forest Service in April 2017 for the 2018 through 2022 drilling seasons. Exploration drilling is planned to be conducted following approval from the Forest Service and completion of the Environmental Assessment for the five-year work plan.

8.0 Proposed Modifications to Monitoring Plans for 2019

No further revisions to the monitoring plans are anticipated for 2019.

9.0 Bonding

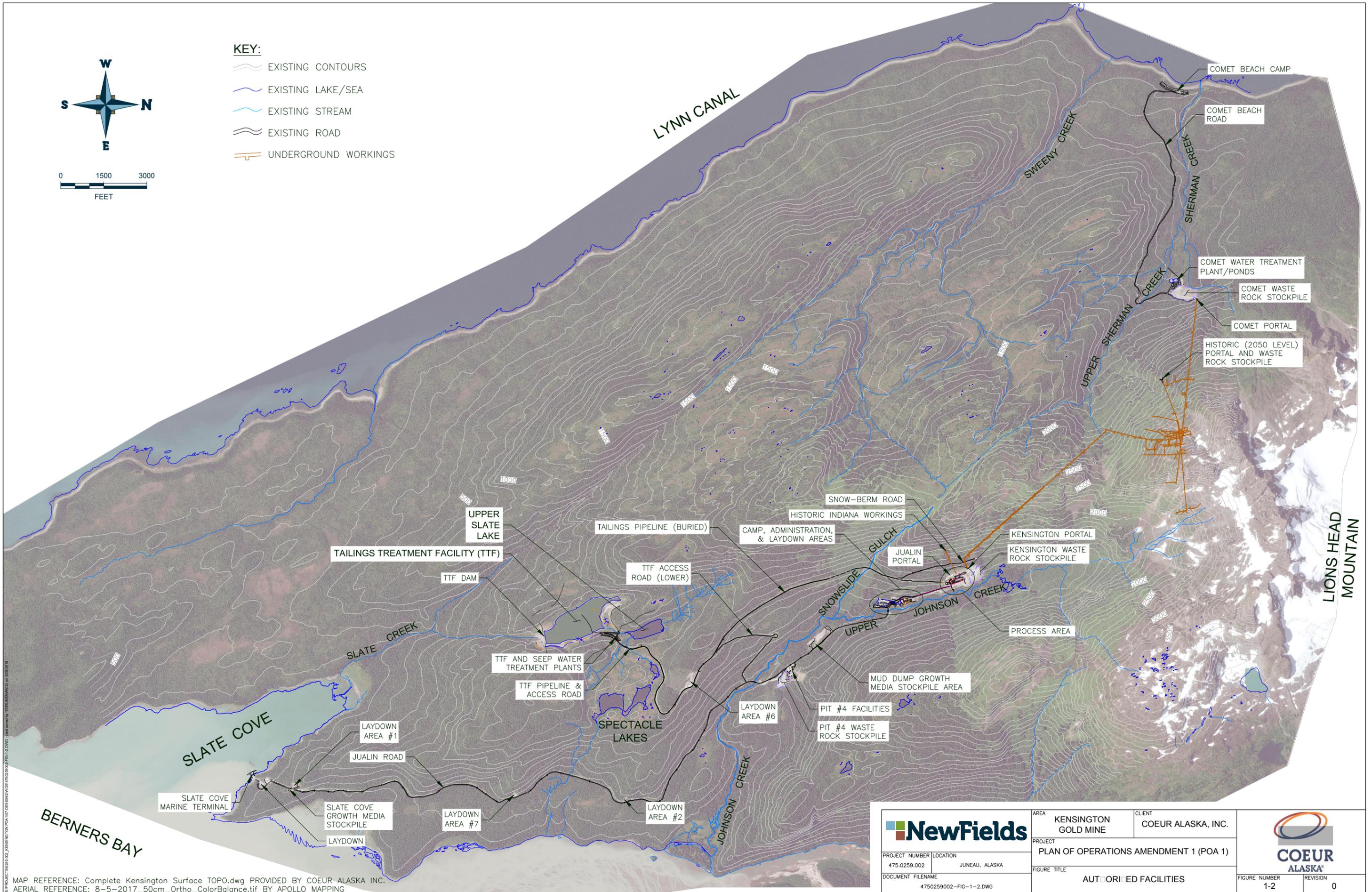
A financial guarantee in the amount of \$28,727,011 was submitted and approved by the Forest Service in 2013. An additional financial guarantee in the amount of \$1,096,894 is planned to be posted in January 2019 to account for inflation for the three year extension of the reclamation plan and cost estimate.

Figures



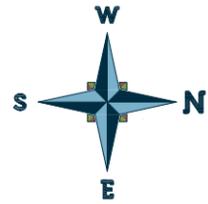
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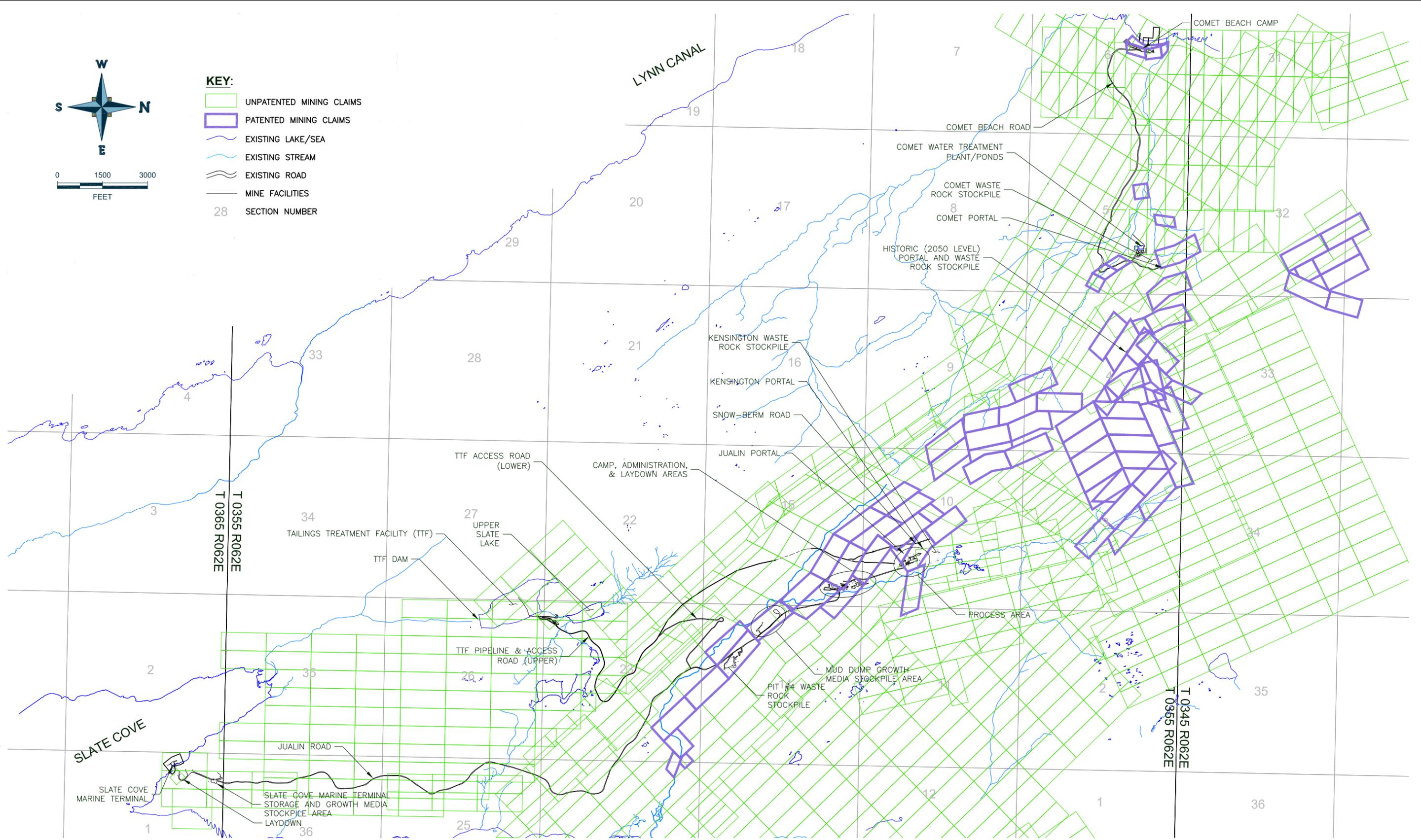
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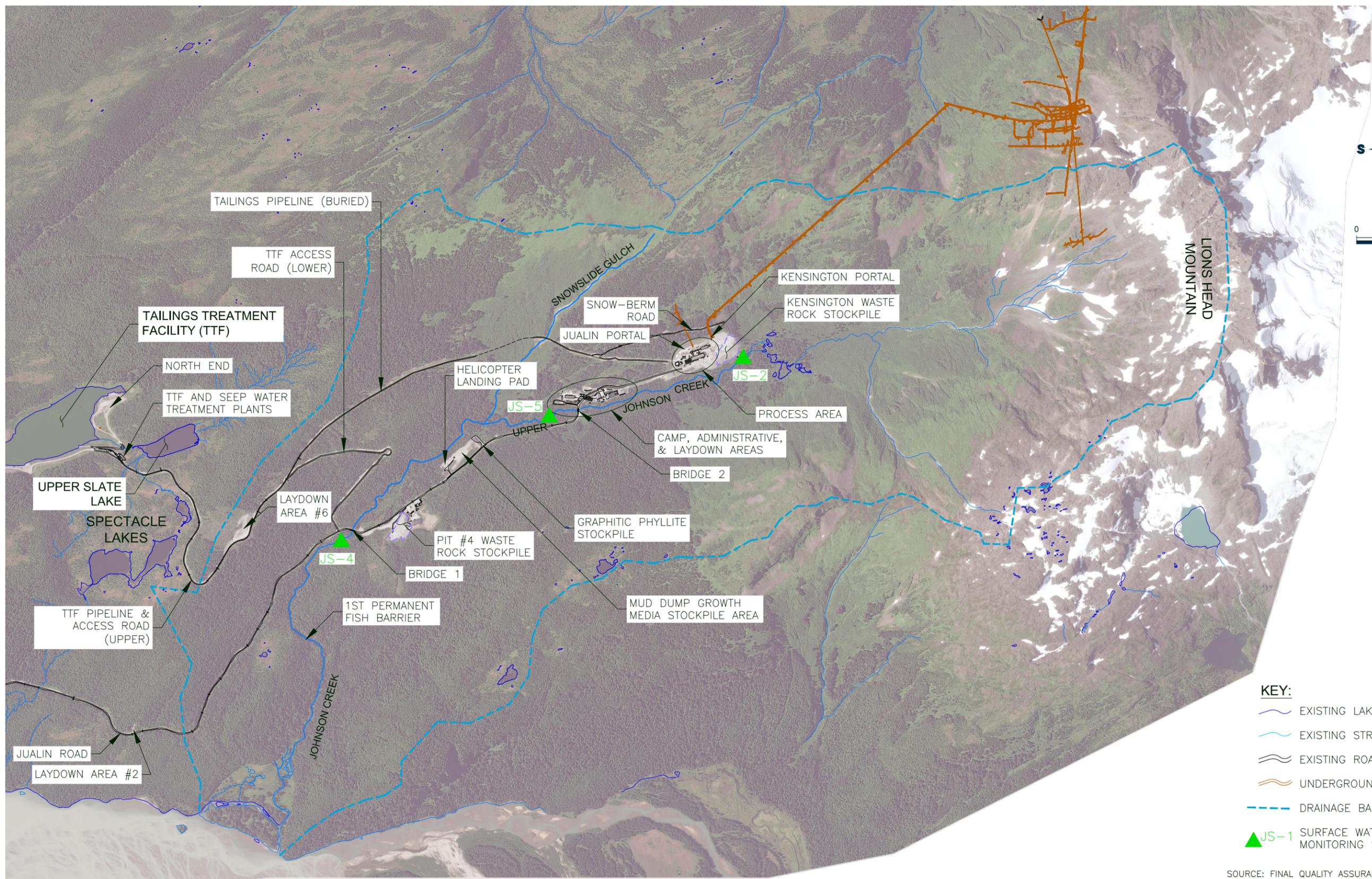
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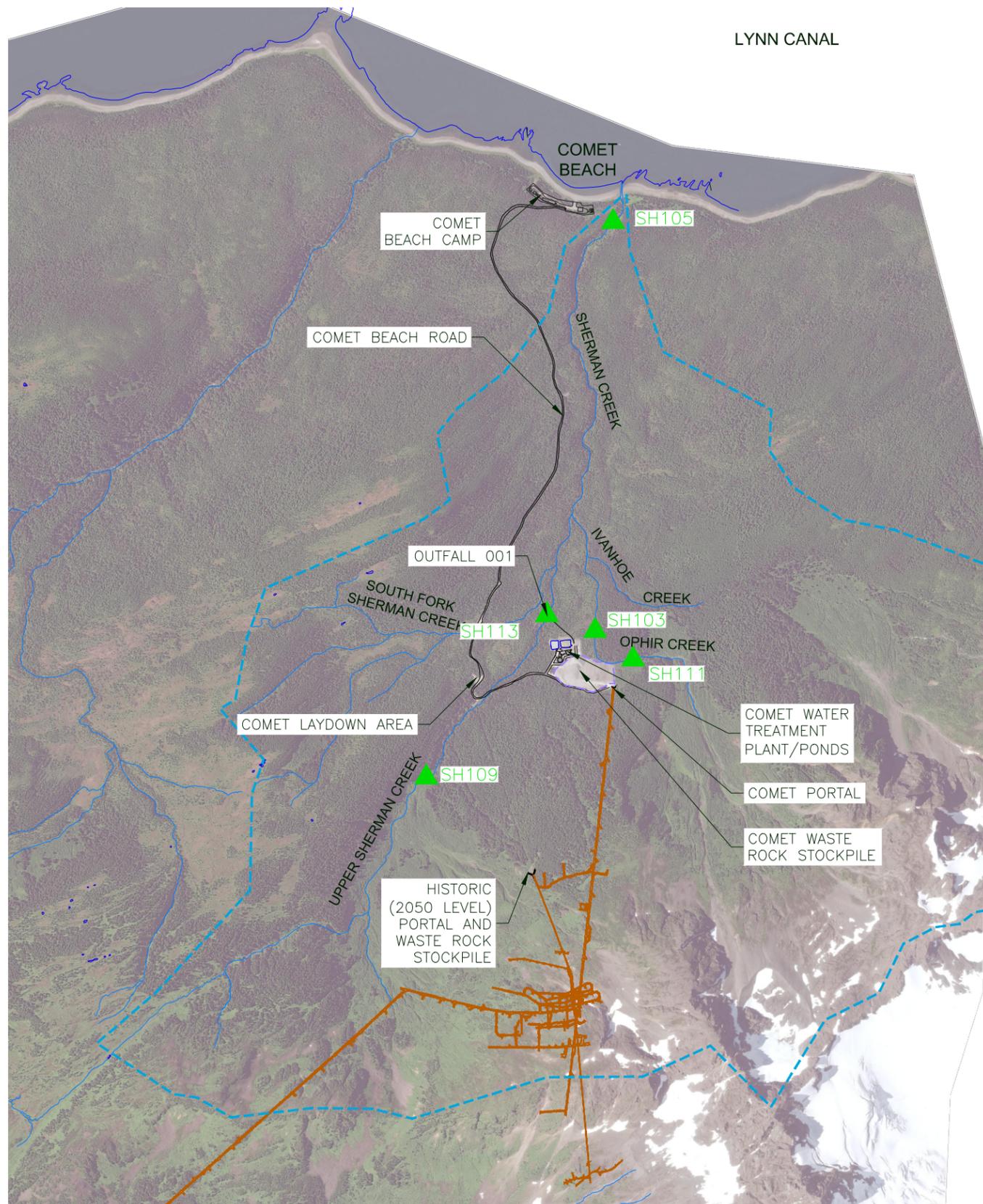
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 -  JS-1 SURFACE WATER MONITORING STATION

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COMET BEACH CAMP

COMET BEACH ROAD

OUTFALL 001

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SHERMAN CREEK

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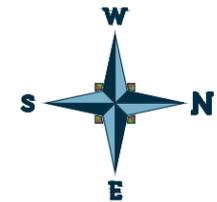
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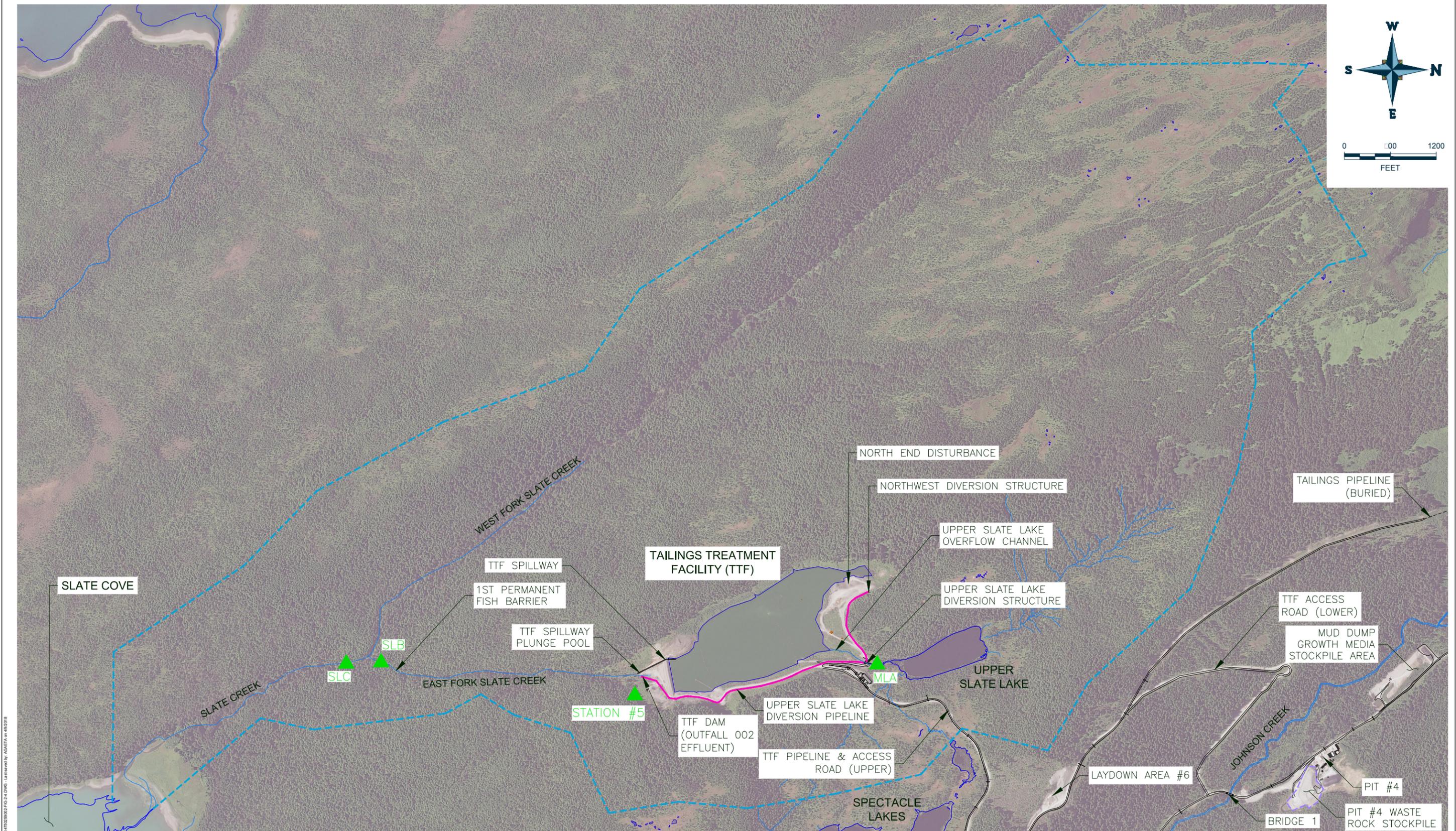
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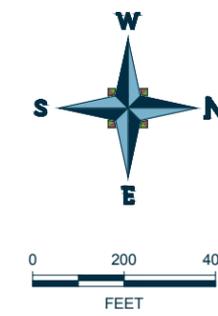
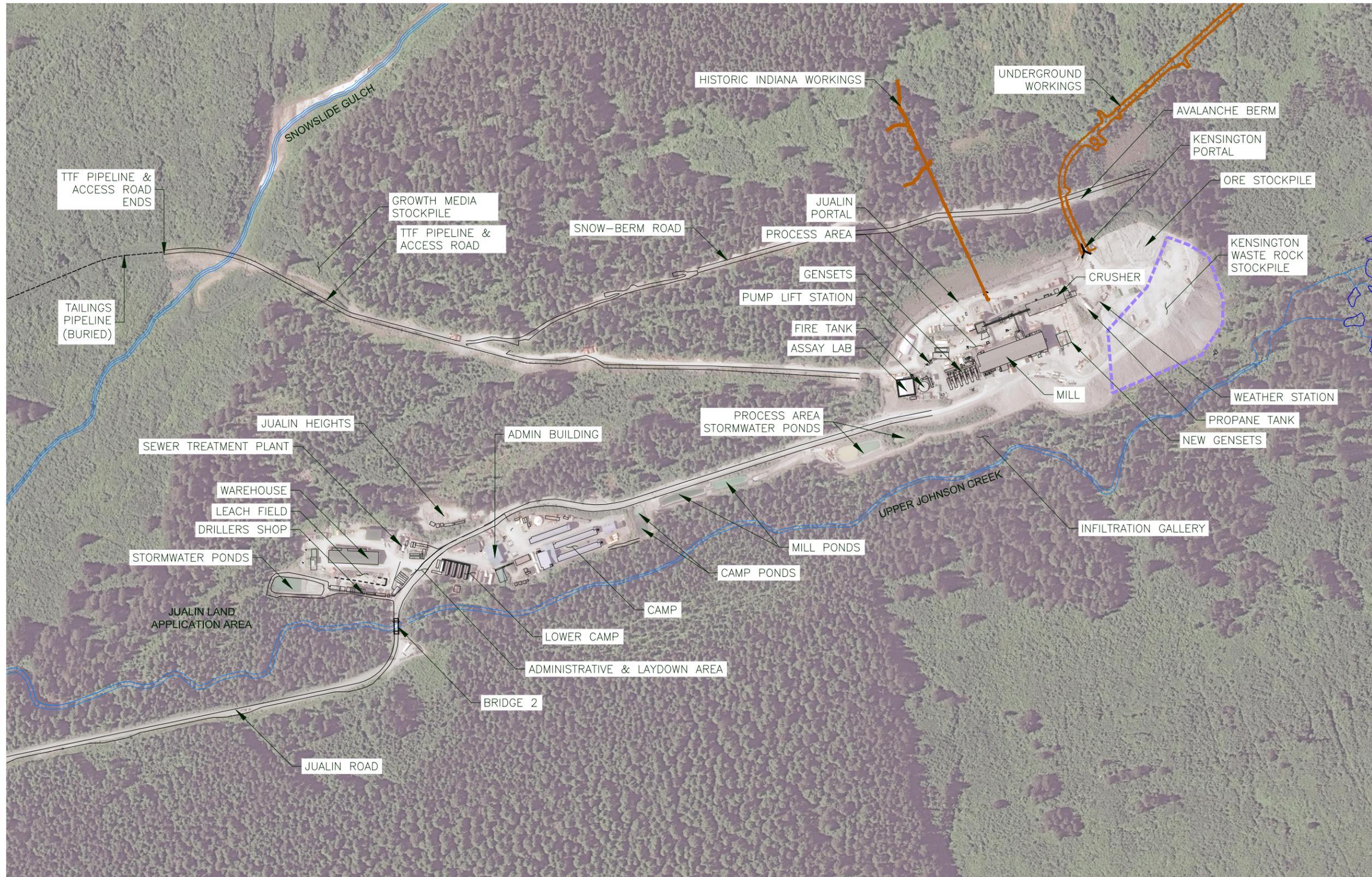


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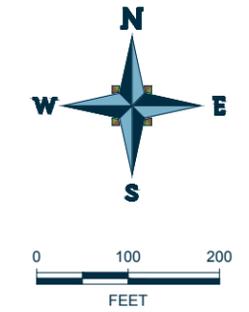
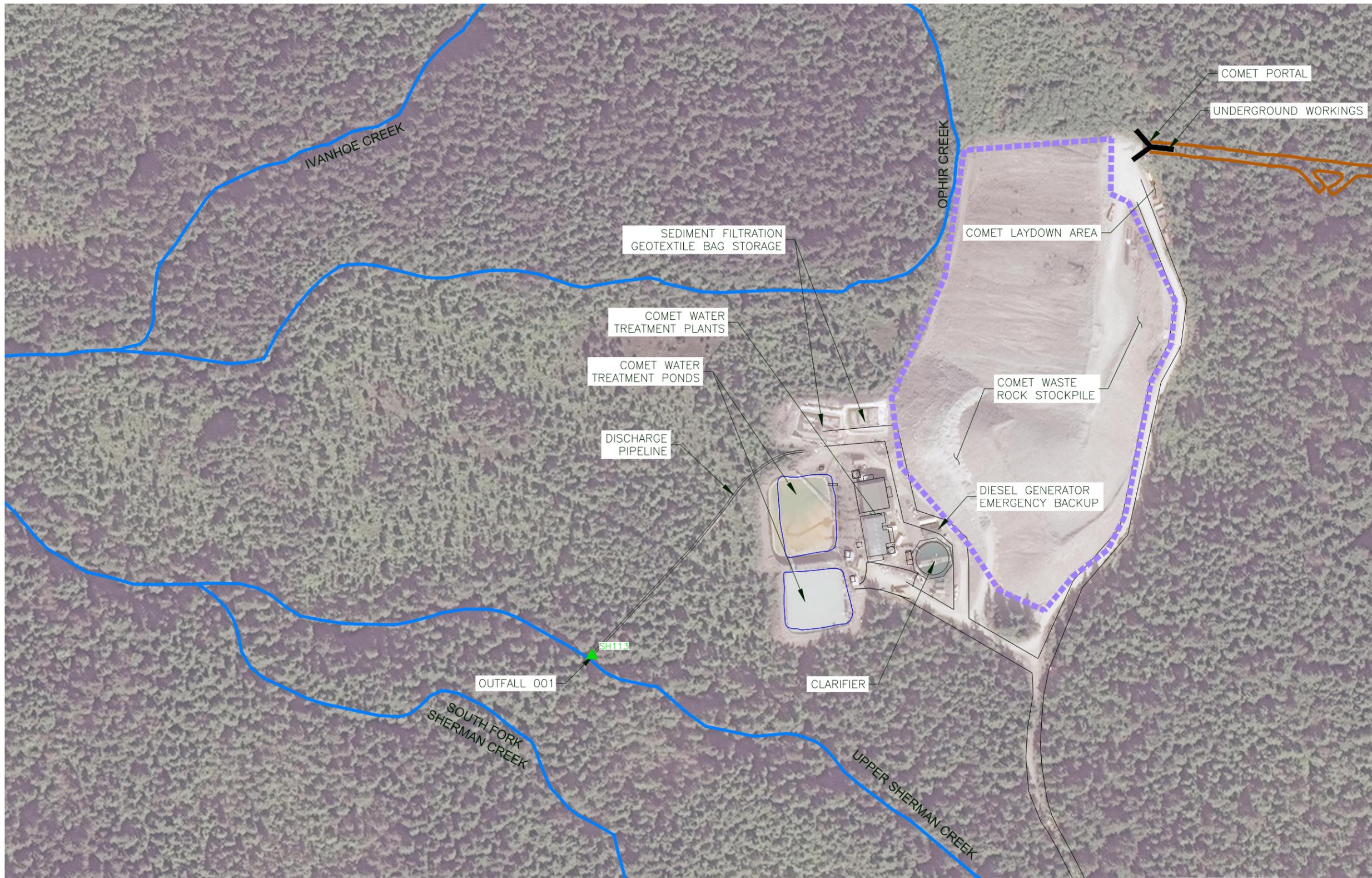
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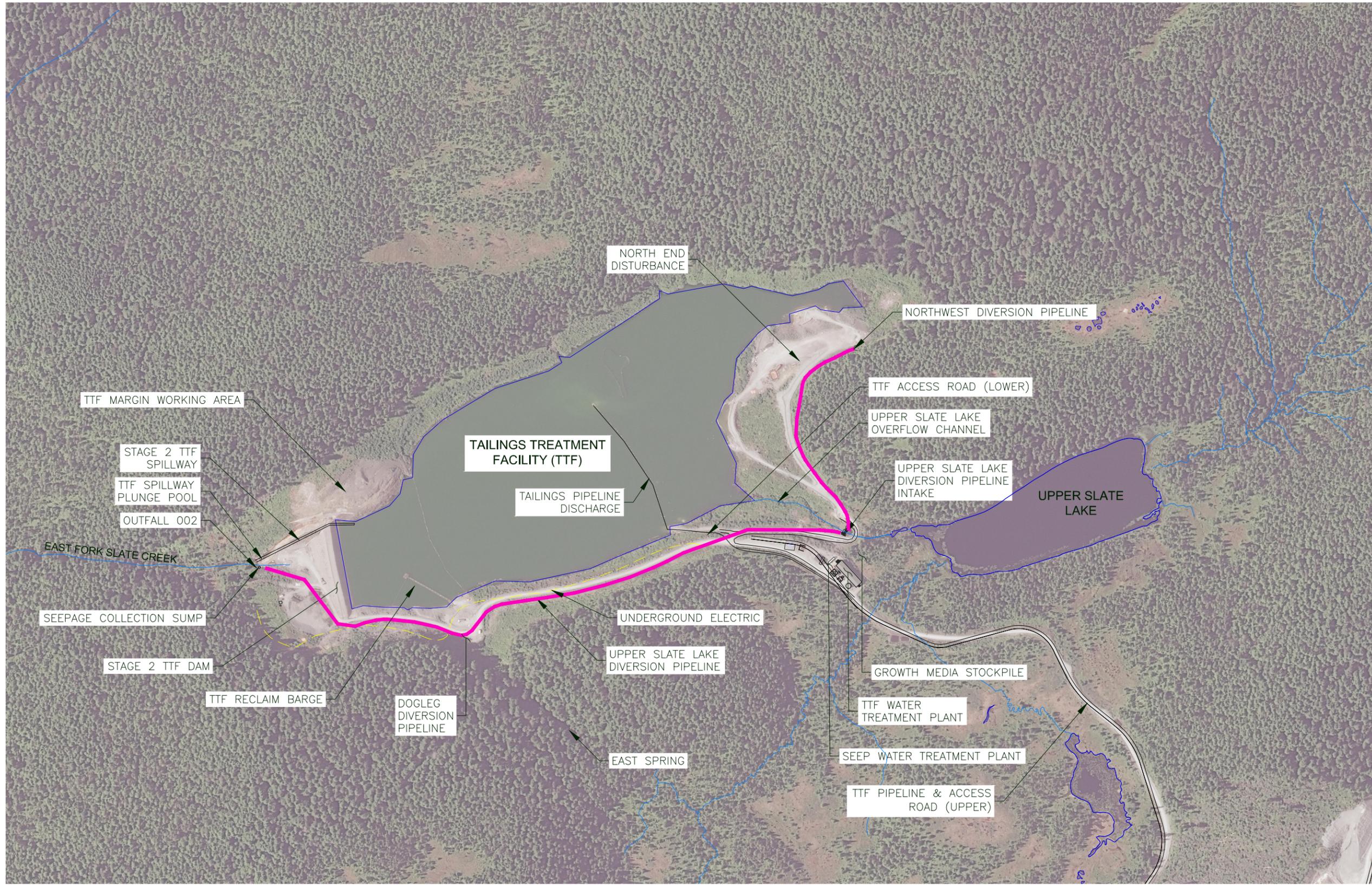
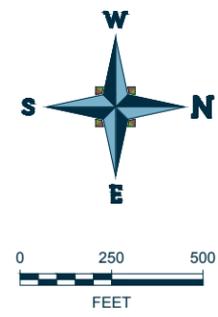
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 - EXISTING ALCAN POWERLINE
 - EXISTING DIVERSION PIPELINE

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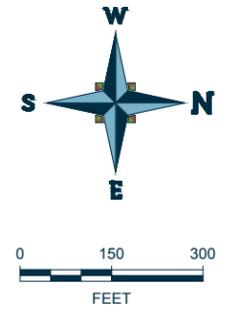


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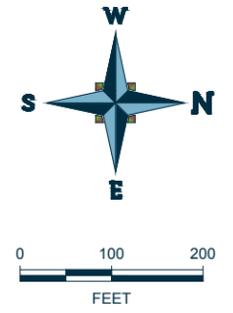
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Tables

Table 1 Kensington Mine - Surface Disturbance

Mine Facilities		Existing Parcel Disturbance Area
Parcel Number	Name	Acres
1	Comet Beach Camp	1.8
2	Comet Beach Road	5.9
3	Comet Laydown Area	0.4
4	Comet Waste Rock Stockpile	9.5
5	Comet Water Treatment Plant/Ponds	3.2
7	Historic 2050 Level Portal Development and Waste Rock Storage	1.5
8	Process Area	14.5
8A	Snow Berm Road	3.2
9	Kensington Waste Rock Storage	4.7
11	Storm Water Ponds	2.5
12	Pumphouse	0.1
13	Jualin Road & Ponds	25.6
14	Bulk Fuel Depot	0.8
15	Warehouse Area	3.4
16	Jualin Laydown #3	0.5
17	Administration Area	3.4
18	Laydown Area #1	2.1
19	Laydown Area #2	0.5
20	Pit #4 Waste Rock Stockpile	11.1
22 & 23	TTF Access Road (Upper and Lower)	14.2
24	Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF)	60.2
25	TTF Margin Working Area	15.9
27	TTF Pipeline & Access Road	13.2
28	TTF Dam Plunge Pool Area & Graphitic Phyllite Remediation	7.2
29A	Slate Creek Cove Marine Terminal Storage and Growth Media Stockpile Area	4.2
29B	Slate Cove Marine Terminal	0.7
31	Mud Dump Growth Media Stockpile Area	6.9
32	Laydown Area #6	2.7
33	Laydown Area #7	0.5
34	Slate Cove Growth Media Stockpile	1.8
36	TTF and Seep Water Treatment Plants (WTPs)	1.4
38	Land Application Area	15.7
Total Acres		239.3

Note:

Parcel 38 for land application area covers 15.7 acres but that acreage is not disturbed.

Table 2 - Kensington Gold Project – Wetlands Disturbance

Area	Description	Status 2018	Permitted Acres of Fill in Waters of the U.S. per 2005 Permit Table 1	Actual Waters of U.S. Acres Filled as of December 2018	Requested Acres of Total Fill in Waters of the U.S. 2009 update	Fill Volume (Cubic Yards)	Acres to be Reclaimed as Wetlands or Waters
1	Kensington Comet Beach Camp	Existing / Permitted	0	0	0	0	NA
2	Kensington Access Road	Existing / Permitted	0.9	0	0	0	NA
3	Kensington Borrow Pit #1	Not built	0.3	0	0	0	NA
4	Kensington Development Rock Stockpile Expansion	Existing / Permitted	5.1	4.5	4.5	220,000	8
5	Kensington Water Treatment Plant & Ponds and Expansion Area	Existing / Permitted	2.6	2.9	3.5	85,000	3.5
6	Kensington Snow / Topsoil Stockpile	Existing / Permitted	2.1	0	2.1	10,000	2.1
7	Kensington 2050 Level Portal Dev. Rock Storage	Existing / Permitted	0	0	0	0	0
8	Jualin Process Area	Built	1.1	2.0	2.0	97,000	NA
8A	Jualin Avalanche Berms & Road	Partially built		0.3	0.3	23,000	NA
9/9A	Jualin Development Rock Storage	Mostly Built	4.3	2.5	2.5	121,000	1.7
10	Jualin Storm Water Treatment Pond	Built	0	0.1	0.1	1,500	NA
11	Jualin Process Area Snow/Topsoil Stockpile	Built	0	0.2	0.2	3,000	0.6
12	Jualin Pumphouse	Built	0.1	0.1	0.1	1,500	NA
13	Jualin Access Road	Existing / Built	8.2	7.7	7.7	37,000	0.6
14	Jualin Laydown #1	Built	0.4	0	0	0	NA
15	Jualin Laydown #2	Built	3.5	0	0	0	NA
16	Jualin Laydown #3	Built	0.8	0	0	0	NA
17	Jualin Admin. Area	Built	2.5	0.1	0.1	1,500	2.5
18	Jualin Borrow Source #1	Built	0	0	0		0.2
19	Jualin Borrow Source #2	Built	0.1	1.1	1.1	10,500	
20	Jualin Borrow Source #3	Built	2.4	1.2	1.2	11,500	6.0
21	Jualin Borrow Source #4	Not built	0.7	0	0	0	NA

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22	LSL Tailings Pipeline & Access Road (Upper)	Built	4.7	4.3	4.3	41,500	4.3
23	LSL Tailings Facility Access Road (Lower)	Built	0.3	1.4	1.4	13,500	2.8
24	LSL Tailings Lake (tailings as fill)	Occupied	23.5	23.5	23.5	3,920,000	(23.5)
25	LSL Tailings Lake Margin Working Area	Partially occupied	8.5	10.9	10.9	500	8.7 (38.5)
26	LSL Tailings Dam Borrow Source	Partially built	0.3	0.3	0.3	3,000	0
27	LSL Tailings Pipeline Road (Mill to Snowslide Gulch)	Partially built	3.0	0.4	0.4	3,500	2.2
28	LSL Tailings Dam & Plunge Pool Area	Built	5.9	6.1	6.1	236,000	2.4
29	Slate Creek Cove Marine Terminal	Built	1.9	0.5	0.5	12,000	3.2
30	Slate Creek Cove Snow/Stockpile Area	Built	0.2	0	0	0	0.5
31	Jualin Topsoil Stockpile	Built	0	6.8	6.8	300,000	6.8
32	Jualin Borrow Source #6	Partially built	0	0.1	0.1	1,500	0
33	Jualin Borrow Source #7	Not Built	0	0	0	0	NA
34	Jualin Reclamation Material Area	Built	0	0	0	0	0
36	LSL Tailings Area Topsoil Stockpile	Not built	0	0.6	0.6	14,500	0.6
	TOTALS		83.4	77.6	80.3	5,168,500	110.0

**TABLE 4: ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ANNUAL SPILL LOG**

FACILITY NAME, ADDRESS & Phone #:							REPORT MONTH/YR: 2018 Summary	
Coeur Alaska - Kensington Gold Mine, (907) 523-3337								
Date of Spill	Time of Spill	Product Spilled	Quantity Spilled	Location of Spill	Cause of Spill or additional information	Area(s) Affected	Clean Up (Y/N)	Reported to State
1/11/2018	12:40 AM	Hydraulic Oil	2.5 gallons	Tailings Treatment Facility Lay-down yard	Hydraulic line broke on Pacific Waste Pumper Truck.	TTF lay-down yard.	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads. Spill occurred on frozen ground. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
1/19/2018	6:00 PM	Diesel	25 gallons	Mill Bench - adjacent to the 30,000 gallon tank	While filling the three temporary iso-containers while the existing 30,000 gallon fuel tank was being relocated oil leaked out of the 2 inch return line as a result of the failure of the integral air vent on tank 3. Each tank has an air vent with a float valve that closes once the fluid reaches a certain level. Tank 1 and 2 float valves closed and tank 3 did not. This caused an uneven pressure distribution which resulted in the fluid following the path of least resistance and overflowing tank 3 when there was still approximately 2 feet of available capacity in tanks 1 and 2.	Mill Bench fueling area	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads. Spill occurred on frozen ground. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to SPAR on 1/20/17 @ 11:45 AM
2/12/2018	7:00 AM	Hydraulic Oil	25 gallons	Portal Bench Ore Pad	Blown hydraulic line on Haul Truck UH03	Portal Bench - Ore Pad	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads. Spill occurred on frozen ground. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to SPAR on 2/13/18 @ 11:55 AM
2/24/2018	6:30 AM	Wastewater Sewage	5 gallons	Sewage Treatment Plant	The wastewater discharge hose to the vacuum tank was not emptied or capped. This allowed for residual domestic wastewater to drain onto the ground adjacent to the wastewater plant.	Sewage Treatment Plant	The area was immediately flagged-off to prevent access to the area. The spilled material was vacuumed up utilizing the vacuum truck. The spill area was disinfected with a 5% hypochlorite solution. All residual hypochlorite solution was then vacuumed up from the affected area.	Yes, Reported to ADEC Compliance and Enforcement Hotline on 2/24/2018 at 2:30 PM.
3/22/2018	11:00 AM	Hydraulic Oil	1 gallon	Tailings Treatment Facility North Lay-down yard	Cracked hydraulic hose on D-8 dozer operated by AAP	Tailings Treatment Facility North Lay-down yard	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads and 5 gallons of contaminated soil/ice was excavated. Spill occurred on frozen ground and ice. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report

Date of Spill	Time of Spill	Product Spilled	Quantity Spilled	Location of Spill	Cause of Spill or additional information	Area(s) Affected	Clean Up (Y/N)	Reported to State
3/29/2018	7:15 AM	Hydraulic Oil	1.5 gallons	Tailings Treatment Facility RB road	Blown hydraulic hose on a grader operated by AAP	Tailings Treatment Facility RB road	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads and approximately 0.25 cubic yards of soil was excavated from the road surface. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
4/10/2018	4:03 PM	Hydraulic Oil	3 gallons	Comet Waste Rock Portal	Blown hydraulic hose on a underground haul truck	Comet Waste Rock Portal	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads and 5 gallons of soil was excavated from the road surface. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
4/29/2018	4:30 PM	Hydraulic Oil	1.5 gallons	Kensington Ore Pad	Blown hydraulic hose on an excavator	Kensington Ore Pad	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads and 5 gallons of soil was excavated from the ore pad surface. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
5/11/2018	11:00 AM	Transmission Fluid	2.0 gallons	Haul Road from Portal to Mill Bench	Light vehicle driving on haul road from the portal to the mill bench when a rock flipped up and hit the transmission pan which put a small hole in the pan. Only a small portion of the fluid hit the ground before the operator placed pads under the small leak. The operator did not have a bucket to capture the leaking the fluid, so it continued to slowly leak onto the adsorbent pads.	Haul Road from Portal to Mill Bench	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads. Less than one quart actually contacted the ground, the remaining 1.75 gallons leaked onto the adsorbent pads. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
6/12/2018	2:00 PM	Ethylene Glycol (Anti-freeze)	15 gallons	Portal Pad Metal Dumpster	A crushed 55 gallon drum of ethylene glycol was placed into the metal dumpster at the portal pad and leaked residual glycol into the dumpster and on the ground outside the dumpster.	Portal Pad Metal Dumpster	Cleaned up with Adsorbent pads and 0.5 cubic yards of soil was excavated and placed into 55-gallon drums. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal. The contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors.	Yes, Reported to SPAR on 6/14/2018 at 2:10 PM.
7/6/2018	2:30 PM	Hydraulic Oil	15 gallons	Pit -4	Over-filled drum while transferring the oil from a tote	Pit -4 shop area	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads and 100 gallons of contaminated soil was excavated. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal. The contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors.	Yes, Reported to SPAR on 7/10/18 @ 1:45 PM
7/11/2018	1:00 AM	Transmission Oil	4 gallons	1065 Passing Bay - Underground Mine	Transmission hose on underground haul truck broke causing a spill of transmission oil	1065 Passing Bay - Underground Mine	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads and 5 gallons of contaminated soil was excavated. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal. The contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report

Date of Spill	Time of Spill	Product Spilled	Quantity Spilled	Location of Spill	Cause of Spill or additional information	Area(s) Affected	Clean Up (Y/N)	Reported to State
8/4/2018	5:00 AM	Diesel Fuel	1 gallon	Upper Camp Bus Parking Area	Diesel water separator valve on the crew bus was not completely closed which allowed approximately 1 gallon of diesel fuel to leak onto the ground while the bus was parked in the parking area	Upper Camp Bus Parking Area	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads and 1.5 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal. The contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors.	Yes, Reported in Site Monthly Report
8/25/2018	4:00 AM	Hydraulic Oil	60 gallons	Jualin 290 Vent/Escape Drift	An allen plug backed out of the manifold for the pressure washer on UB05 bolter causing hydraulic oil to be spilled onto the floor of the underground workings	Jualin 290 Vent/Escape Drift	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR on 8-25-18 at 10:40 AM.
9/14/2018	7:00 AM	Hydraulic Oil	20 gallons	Pit-7	A hydraulic hose broke on a John Deere haul truck. The spill occurred on top of a compacted soil pad thus the majority of the hydraulic oil pooled on the surface.	Pit-7	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads and approximately 25 gallons of contaminated soil was excavated. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR on 9-17-18 at 9:16 AM.
10/2/2018	11:00 AM	Hydraulic Oil	2 gallons	Underground in Kensington Mine_990-236 level	Hydraulic line burst on the jumbo drill	Underground in Kensington Mine_990-236 level	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads. The spill occurred in the underground mine on rock. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR in site monthly report.
10/3/2018	11:00 AM	Anti-freeze	2 gallons	Underground in Jualin Mine	A coolant leak developed from the radiator of the pumper truck while servicing the blue rooms in the Jualin underground mine.	Underground in Jualin Mine	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads. The spill occurred in the underground mine on rock. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR in site monthly report.
10/31/2018	10:30 PM	Hydraulic Oil	15 gallons	Waste Rock Stockpile	A hydraulic hose to the boom cylinder broke at the fitting on an excavator. The spill occurred on top of a compacted soil pad thus the majority of the hydraulic oil pooled on the surface.	Waste Rock Stockpile	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads and approximately 5 cubic yards of contaminated soil was excavated. Spent adsorbent pads and contaminated soil is planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR on 11-02-18 at 4:00 PM.
11/5/2018	12:00 PM	Engine Oil	250 gallons	Inside Power-House Building	A engine hose broke on an EMD generator. The spill was contained inside the powerhouse building which has as cement floor.	Inside Power-House Building	Cleaned up with adsorbent pads. Spent adsorbent pads are planned to be sent to Clean Harbors for disposal.	Yes, Reported to ADEC - SPAR on 11-06-18 at 9:40 AM.

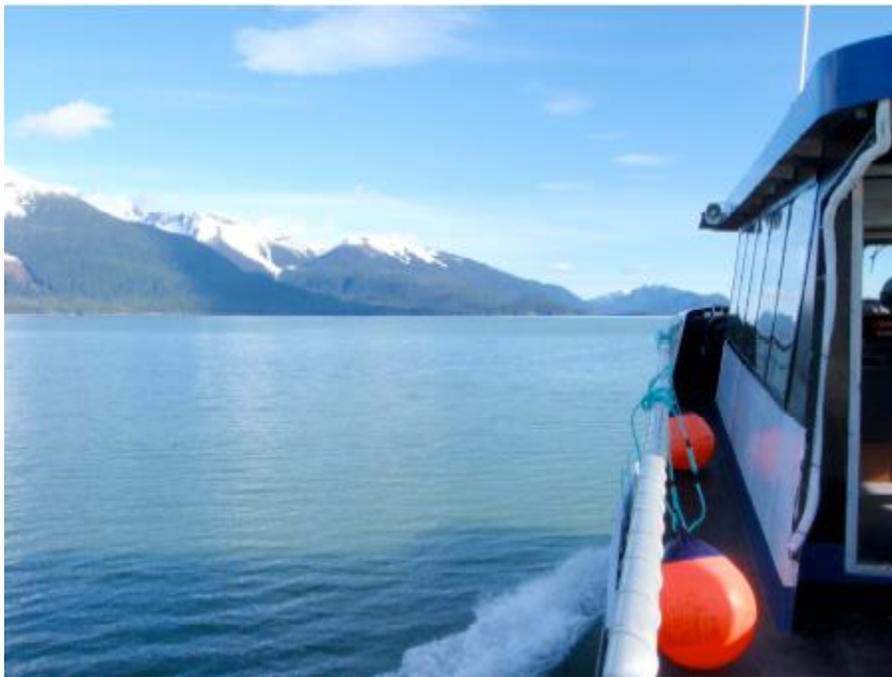
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Marine Mammal Monitoring Report - 2018

2018 Transportation Action Strategy

Marine Mammal Survey Report

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Introduction

Coeur Alaska's Berners Bay/Lynn Canal Transportation Plan (September 2004) includes the adoption of standard operating guidelines to ensure minimal disruption of marine mammals in the area from marine traffic. Some guidelines are designed to minimize impacts throughout the year, while others are specific to the spring eulachon and herring spawning runs when marine mammals congregate in large groups within Berners Bay. This report describes monitoring activities conducted during the April/May 2018 eulachon spawning season. The Coeur Alaska crew transportation vessel during this period was the M/V Majestic Fjord, a 65ft catamaran with four inboard diesel jet engines and crew of three people that transited between Yankee Cove and Slate Cove daily (Figure 1). A one-way trip from Yankee Cove to Slate Cove takes approximately 40 minutes and consumes around 55-60 gallons of fuel (personal comm. Clint Songer, F/V Majestic Fjord captain).

Methods

Designation of the eulachon spawning season requires some information to be gathered regarding marine mammal activity within Berners Bay as this is a good indicator that eulachon migration is underway. One source of this information is the ADFG herring spawning aerial survey data for Lynn Canal posted on the internet. These updates usually include a brief summary of the location of marine mammal concentrations. Coeur also conducts marine based surveys to monitor marine mammal numbers within Berners Bay. These surveys are undertaken by Coeur environmental personnel or contractors with marine mammal observation experience. Survey results were emailed to the NMFS Office of Protected Resources within 48 hours. When Coeur's marine mammal surveys and ADFG herring surveys show a substantial increase in marine mammals within Berners Bay the eulachon spawning season is declared to have commenced.

During the eulachon spawning run a marine mammal observer accompanies the Coeur transportation vessel on all crew transfers to help adjust the daily routing into Slate Cove to avoid congregations of fish and marine mammals. The marine observer keeps watch from the bridge of the vessel and uses binoculars as needed to identify marine mammals.

Vessel trips are also kept to no more than three per day (except for emergency environmental or safety situations), and the vessel is required to maintain a maximum speed of 13 knots within the bay (with Berners Bay designated as the area inside of Point St. Mary and Point Bridget, see Figure 1). Fuel and, if possible, concentrate shipments by barge are also restricted during the eulachon spawning period. The spawning period typically occurs approximately April 15 to May 15, typically about 2-3 weeks. Marine mammal observations are categorized into two zones: Berners Bay and outside Berners Bay. All observations, including date, time, observer, weather, visibility, wave height/conditions, and counts of marine mammals, are recorded on a data sheet (see Figure 2). Each one-way trip is recorded on its own sheet.

Results

Between April 17 and May 14, one hundred and thirty nine marine mammal observation surveys were completed aboard the M/V Majestic Fjord (see Table 2). The official eulachon run transportation regulations as determined by Coeur Alaska and NMFS were put into effect on April 24, 2018. Special measures taken during the eulachon run included: having a marine observer on the vessel during all trips and maintaining a maximum speed of 13 knots within Berners Bay. Regular transit speed is approximately 21-25 knots. Transportation vessel trips during the eulachon run were limited to 3 trips daily (see Table 1). No more than 3 trips per day were conducted during the 2018 eulachon spawning window.

The majority of pinniped activity was observed inside Berners Bay (see Table 3). A total of 2439 Steller sea lions were counted during the observation period; 2179 of these sightings (89.3%) occurred within Berners Bay. The vast majority; (98.1%) of the 381 harbor seal sightings occurred within Berners Bay. Most of these sightings were at pinniped haulout areas, such as the entrance to Slate Cove and Point Saint Mary. Gatherings of over 30 harbor seals on haulouts were observed. Pinniped activity was highest on May 1 through May 5.

Aside from humpback whales, the majority of cetaceans were observed outside of Berners Bay with 184 humpback whale, 37 Dall's porpoise, and 9 killer whale sightings (42.5%, 90.2% and 90% of the total sightings respectively). Humpback sightings were fairly consistent through the observation period, with at least one humpback being spotted most days. Killer whales were first seen on April 24 and were most commonly seen moving alone or in small groups of 2-5.

Porpoise sightings were inconsistent and sporadic, ranging in group size from 2-6 for most of the season. No recordable encounters with marine mammals occurred during the 2018 eulachon spawning season.

Discussion

Historic records showed eulachon arriving in the Berners Bay area usually in late April and early May (Harris et al 2005).

The three week restrictions were placed at the right time in 2018 to cover the greatest marine mammal activity surrounding the herring run. Careful observation of marine mammals and birds from the end of March is necessary in order to prepare for the official three-week period of transportation restrictions and ensure the goal of minimizing marine mammal encounters is achieved. The speed restriction is based on NMFS recommendations for Coeur Alaska vessels and may minimize potential impacts to marine mammals. The population of humpback whales in the North Pacific increased at around 7% per year since commercial whaling ceased in 1966 (Calambokidis et al 2008), but they are still considered endangered species owing to a worldwide population estimate being at only 8% of the historical population size (NMFS 1991). The Steller sea lion population east of Cape Suckling is not considered endangered, but vessel operations must still comply with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. The measures taken under Coeur's Transportation Action Strategy are designed to ensure compliance with this Federal law.

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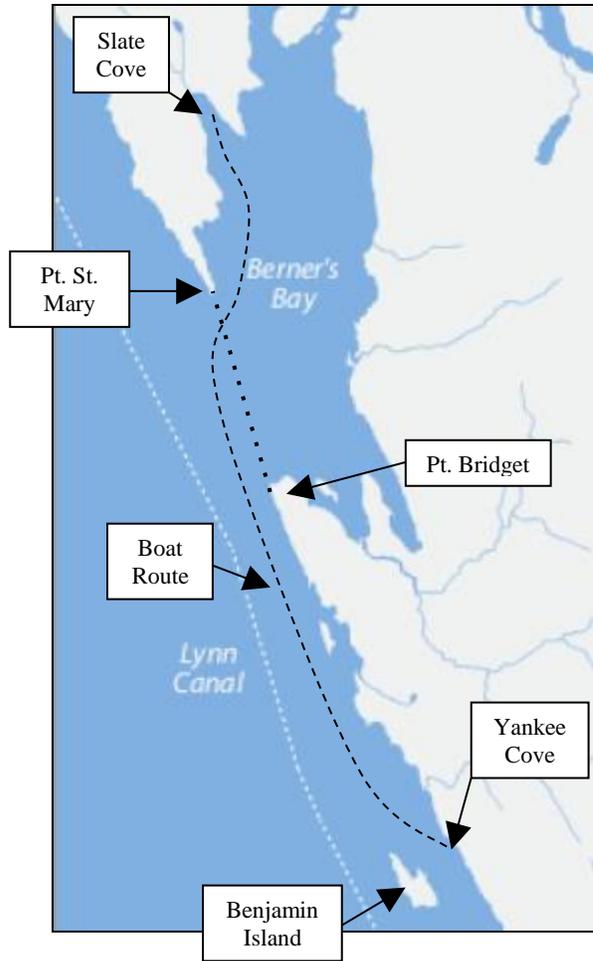


Figure 1: Boat route to Slate Cove from Yankee Cove. Line between Pt Bridget and Pt St Mary defines the area inside which the 13 knot speed limit applies.

Table 1: M/V Majestic Fjord Schedule, Spring/Summer 2018

Day	Morning Boat Departure	Evening Boat Departure 1st Run	Evening Boat Departure 2nd Run	Departure	Total trips
Monday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Tuesday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Wednesday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Thursday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Friday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Saturday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3
Sunday	05:35	16:05	17:45	Yankee Cove	3

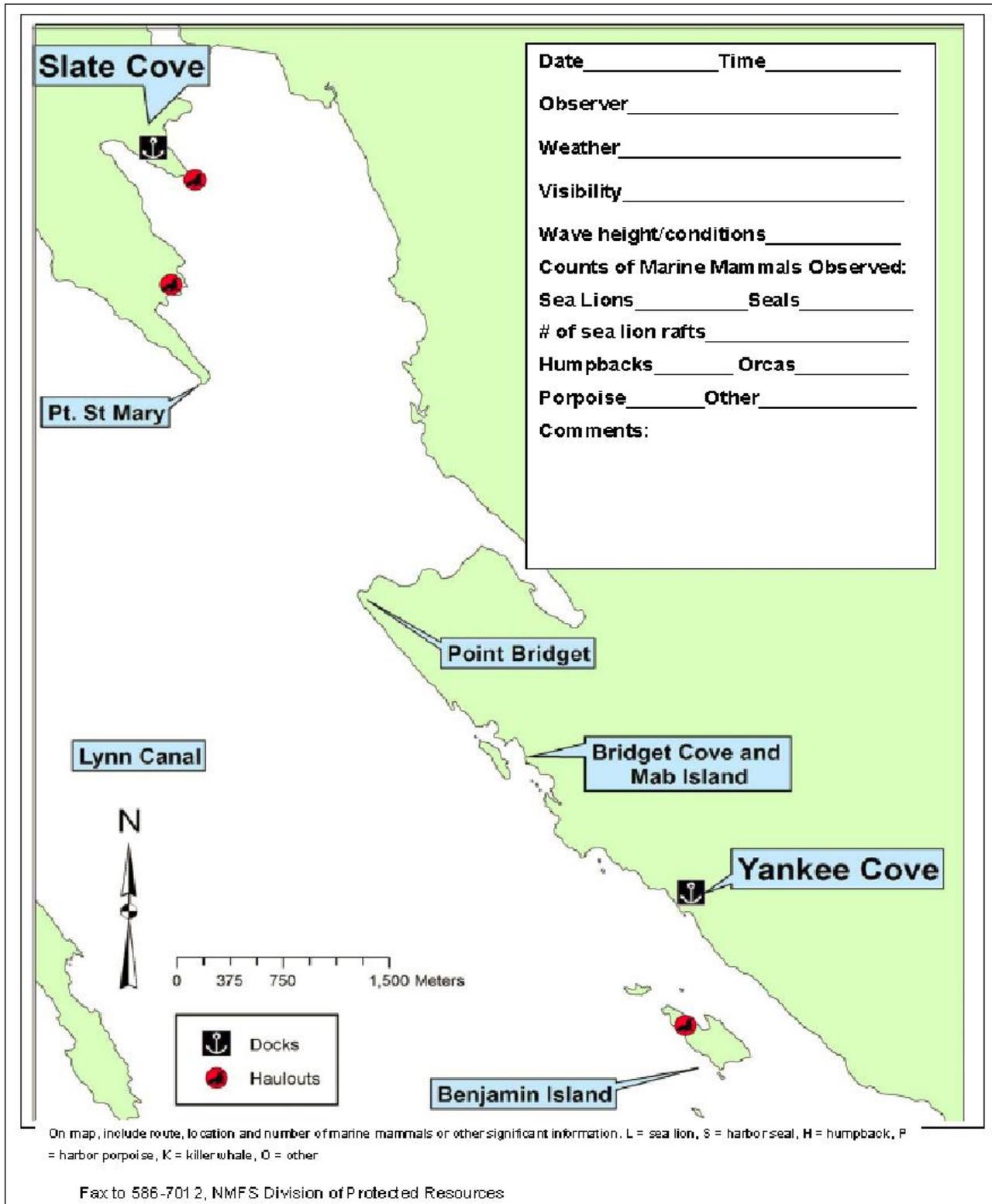


Figure 2: Data sheet

No.	Date	Time	Observer	Vessel	Route	Weather	Visibility (mi)	Wave Ht (ft.)
1	4/17/2018	16:02	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	clear	10+	0
2	4/17/2018	17:00	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	Clear	10+	0
3	4/17/2018	17:15	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	Clear	10+	0
4	4/17/2018	18:31	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	high broken	10+	0
5	4/22/2018	16:18	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	lte rain	3	0
6	4/22/2018	17:04	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	lte rain	5	0
7	4/22/2018	17:40	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	lte rain	5	0
8	4/22/2018	18:15	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	lte rain	6	0
9	4/23/2018	16:21	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	rain	2	1
10	4/23/2018	17:00	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	slate Cove to Yankee Cove	rain	3.5	0
11	4/23/2018	17:42	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	lte rain	5	1
12	4/23/2018	18:18	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	lte rain	5	0
13	4/24/2018	5:40	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	overcast	10	0
14	4/24/2018	6:28	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	lte rain	10	0
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17	4/24/2018	17:55	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	overcast	5	3
18	4/24/2018	18:38	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	overcast	5	4
19	4/25/2018	5:39	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	lte rain	5	1
20	4/25/2018	6:25	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	lte rain	5	2
21	4/25/2018	16:08	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	overcast	10	1
22	4/25/2018	17:05	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	overcast	10	3
23	4/25/2018	17:53	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	overcast	5	1
24	4/25/2018	18:38	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	overcast	10	1
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33	4/27/2018	16:05	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	broken clouds	10	0
34	4/27/2018	17:05	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	broken clouds	10	0
35	4/27/2018	17:47	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	clear	10	0
36	4/27/2018	18:26	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	clear	10	2
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38	4/28/2018	6:10	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	broken clouds	10	1
39	4/28/2018	16:05	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	clear	10	1
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54	4/30/2018	18:38	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Slate Cove to Yankee Cove	overcast	5	1
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57	5/1/2018	16:26	Phil Moser	Majestic Fjord	Yankee Cove to Slate Cove	lte rain	1	2
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134	5/14/2018	5:37	5			1				1			1					6	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	Gull activity. Black bear in Slate cove		
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136	5/14/2018	16:13		1						1								1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0			
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Attachment 2

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1.0 Introduction

This report describes the 2018 wildlife monitoring season (April through September) in accordance with the Kensington Project Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Plan. Coeur Alaska and resource agencies designed this plan to monitor wildlife resources in the Slate Lakes basin. This monitoring records the effectiveness of mitigation during mine operations that encourages land use by local wildlife.

The Kensington Gold Project Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) (USFS 2004) documented the occurrence of wildlife species in the Slate Lakes basin prior to construction activity. Coeur Alaska conducted a baseline survey in 2005 (Living System Designs 2005). Management indicator species in the Berners Bay area include black and brown bear, Sitka Black-tailed deer, Alexander Archipelago wolf, Bald Eagle, red squirrel, river otter, marten, Red-breasted sapsucker, Brown creeper, and Vancouver Canada goose.

Sightings of wildlife or their sign within the Slate Lakes basin include moose, black bear, brown bear, wolf, deer, Canada goose, red squirrels, porcupine, river otter, old beaver cuttings, Bald Eagles, Red-tailed Hawks, Pygmy Owls, Rufous Hummingbirds, Sooty Grouse, bats, wading birds, ducks, passerines, sapsuckers and various mustelid species.

Coeur Alaska monitored wildlife in 2006 and 2007 during the first phase of construction. Due to no construction activity during 2008, no wildlife monitoring was conducted during this period. Wildlife monitoring resumed in early September 2009 at the start-up of construction for the Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF) and continued through 2010 when mine tailings were first placed in the TTF. Monitoring ceased during 2011, but restarted in 2012 and has continued through 2018.

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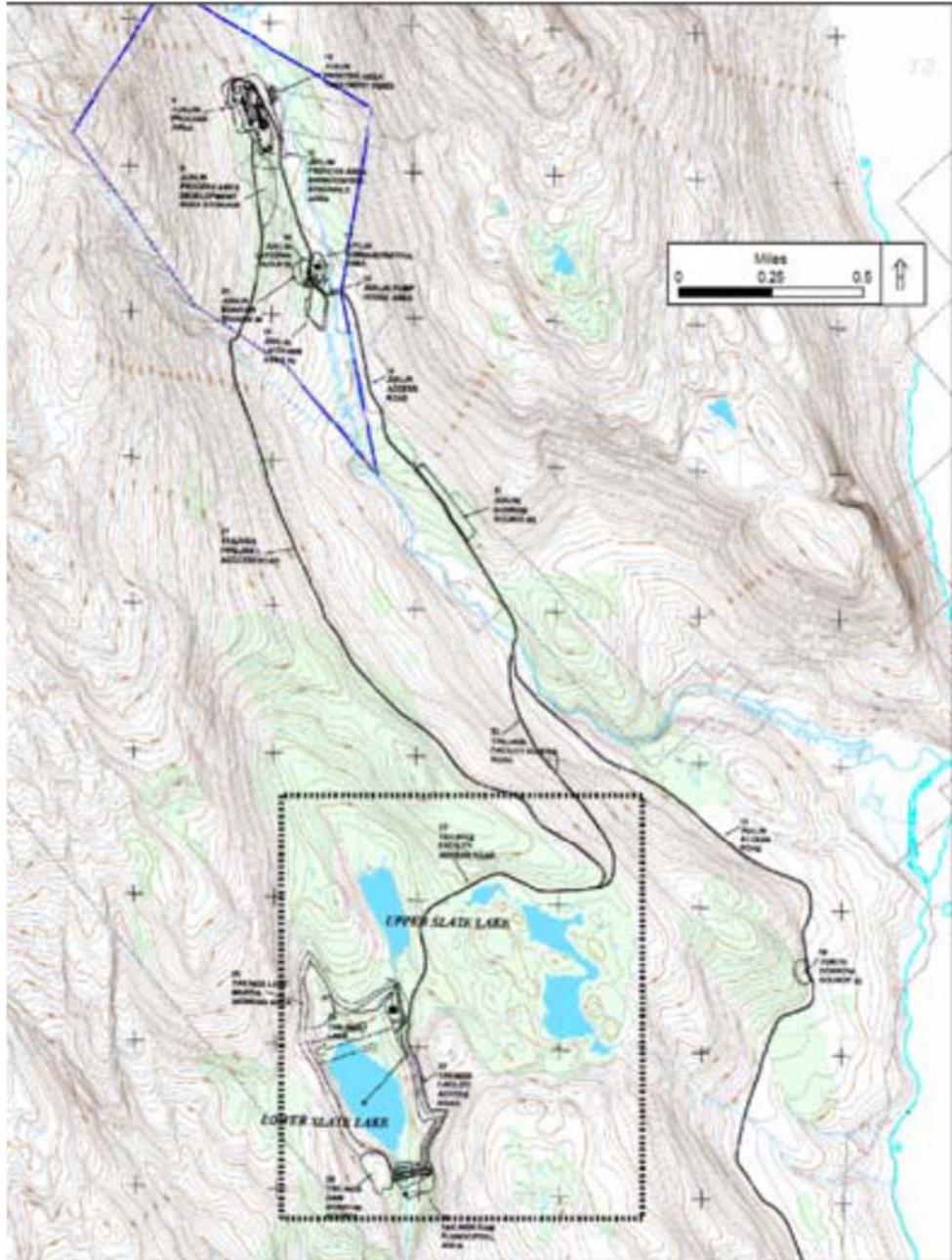


Figure 1: Slate Lakes basin in relation to access roads and the Tailings Treatment Facility (TTF). The access road to the TTF was constructed in 2006. The tailings dam was constructed between August 2009 and August 2010. Construction for the stage 3 tailings dam raise occurred February – December of 2018.

1.1 Wildlife Monitoring Objective

The objectives of the Kensington Project Wildlife Monitoring Plan are to:

- Supplement the regional resource knowledge base with site-specific data
- Gather new information on specific wildlife habitats and species that could be affected by increased activity at the project site with specific attention to sensitive species
- Identify concentrations of wildlife near specific resources (e.g., stream mouth marshes, anadromous streams, lakes, wetlands, bird nesting/feeding areas, large mammal crossing areas, etc.)
- Conduct wildlife observations along an established route surrounding the Slate Lakes basin on a frequent basis from spring through fall
- Collect data and other information that can be used to shape the subsequent year's studies and long-term monitoring



Figure 2: The Slate Lakes basin in 2005, prior to construction of the access road and the Lower Slate Lake Tailings Treatment Facility.

2.0 Survey Area

The wildlife monitoring survey area lies within the confines of the Slate Lakes basin, an area of approximately two square kilometers, ranging in elevation from 200 meters above sea level at the mouth of Lower Slate Lake, to 300 meters on the ridge to the west of Lower Slate Lake (Figure 1). Water bodies within the basin include Lower and Upper Slate Lakes to the west and the Spectacle Lakes complex to the east. Both Lower and Upper Slate Lake have steep western slopes, but much of the remaining area around Upper Slate Lake is flat with a mild slope to the east. The area around the Spectacle Lakes is also fairly flat. There is drainage from the southeast corner of Lower Spectacle Lake into Berners Bay, while Fat Rat Lake drains into Upper Slate Lake (Figure 2). Upper Slate Lake drains to Lower Slate Lake via Mid-Lake Slate Creek and Lower Slate Lake drains to East Fork Slate Creek.

Prior to construction, terrestrial vegetation types around Upper and Lower Slate Lakes were similar and included mixed spruce and hemlock forest to the west of both lakes and to the southeast of Lower Slate Lake. The north and east shores of both lakes were characterized by wetlands containing sedge meadow and scrub muskeg. The periphery timber of Lower Slate Lake was clear-cut by September 2005 and the TTF access road along the north of Spectacle Lakes was constructed by August 2006. The immediate vicinity of Upper Slate Lake has not been impacted by the project. The vegetation around the Spectacle Lake complex included sphagnum bogs and sedge fens with brushy, scrub forest in elevated areas. All of the lakes contained various species of aquatic vegetation, though not in high volume (Living System Designs 2005).

3.0 Methods

Kate Savage, who conducted wildlife monitoring in 2006, 2007, and 2010 established transects that were used in all surveys, including the 2018 season. There are 20 transects around the basin, each transect is 50 meters long and runs in a north-south direction (see Appendix A). The transects provide a systematic method for recording wildlife sign throughout the season. The north, middle, and south end of each transect were marked with stakes and survey flagging. GPS coordinates of each transect were also recorded (see list in Appendix B). Coeur Alaska environmental technicians visited each transect once per week during the 2018 season when possible. Starting at the north end of each transect (zero meters), the technicians walked the length of the transect examining the ground within one meter on both sides, ending at 50 meters. Technicians recorded the location of the sign found along transects (i.e. tracks, scat, digs) by indicating the meter number and whether they lay on the left, center, or right side of the transect. Furthermore, sign was removed from the

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transects by filling in tracks or brushing aside scat. In this way, fresh wildlife sign could be more easily separated from older, previously recorded sign. Three motion-sensor cameras (Browning Strike Force HD Pro, Model # BTC-5HDP) were positioned in areas of dense wildlife sign to provide information on the number of individuals using an area.

Scans with binoculars were also made from the access road and view-points between transects to detect the presence of wildlife from afar. This method was most effective for observing waterfowl on the lakes. Lower Slate Lake is easily visible from almost any aspect on the TTF road. Viewing locations were optimum in the Spectacle Lakes area from the western edge of Lower Spectacle Lake, the southern tip of Lower Spectacle Lake, which also afforded a good view of the adjacent southern slough, and the northern tip of upper Spectacle Lake.

Environmental technicians recorded data on wildlife sign along transects to ensure observations and data collection were as standardized and unbiased as possible. Other information collected included weather conditions, visibility, and the time at the start and end of each survey.



Figure 3: Spectacle Lakes basin with access road to the Tailings Treatment Facility (2010)

4.0 Survey Results

During the 2018 survey season, environmental technicians determined the presence of wildlife within the Slate Lakes basin through actual sightings, identification of wildlife sign (tracks, digs, scat, and feathers), and motion-sensor camera photography. Data collected during surveys included direct observations of wildlife species with photographs taken when possible, date and time, location, and behavior of wildlife. Specific signs such as digs, tracks, and scat were recorded on field data sheets. Other applicable data and observations were noted on the field data sheets as well. A complete photo log of all monitoring photos during the 2018 season is located in Appendix C. Table 1 through Table 4 summarize wildlife sign by the main species present in the Slate Lakes basin (All species, Bear, Moose, and Goose). Charts 1 through 7 compare data (number of signs observed) collected on these species from 2012 to 2018 by month.

4.1 Black Bears (*Ursus americanus*)

Indications of bear activity included animal sightings, tracks, scat, and digs, which were most prevalent in the month of July. The greatest amount of bear sign and sightings were noted at T13. Not all transects had sign of bear activity in 2018. Bears were frequently sighted crossing or traveling along the TTF access road and around the TTF throughout the season. Sows with cubs each were observed in the survey area this summer. No brown bears were sighted in the area in 2018. Black bears commonly triggered the trail cameras located around the survey area. One of the camera's was placed at a rubbing tree, where at least two distinct black bears were documented investigating and rubbing the tree with their backs.

4.2 Moose (*Alces alces*)

Moose sign consisted of tracks, scat, browse, and numerous photographs from the trail cameras; no bedding sites were observed in 2018. The greatest concentration of moose sign was counted during the month of May and at T5 in 2018. Transect(s) of highest concentration varies from season to season. Plants such as pond weeds, grasses, and sedges that generally make up part of moose's diet are all abundant within the survey area. Moose tracks can form deep depressions in soft, wet ground that persist for months. A single moose can also leave a large number of signs by simply walking parallel to a transect. These factors were taken into consideration when making any conclusions about levels of activity over time.

4.3 Avian Species

The avian species identified through direct sightings or indirectly through songs or calls included both resident and migratory wading birds, non-passerine land birds, passerines and species of special interest, which include waterfowl and raptors. No herons were observed in the Slate Lakes basin in 2018, though numerous herons were observed at Slate Cove and Comet Beach.

As with previous survey seasons, Canada geese (*Branta Canadensis*) have continued to use the area as a summer refuge. Geese were seen at the tailings pond early May in 2018 and sightings continued throughout

the season, peaking in August. A gaggle of nearly 40 geese were counted on Fat Rat Lake on August 3. High numbers of goose sign were concentrated at T14. This area is a large, open-flat located in close proximity to Fat Rat Lake. Goose signs observed were in the form of scat, tracks left in mud, and feathers. Numerous feathers were often found in one spot which may be an indication of summer molting. As environmental technicians conducted surveys, geese would often be observed swimming in groups on all the lakes of the survey area.

Sooty Grouse with chicks have been observed in the Slate Lakes basin in previous years. In 2018, at least 2 male Sooty Grouse mating calls could be heard throughout the Slate Lakes basin in the spring. No females were observed.

As with the 2014 through 2017 survey seasons, a pair of Yellowlegs appeared to be nesting in the survey area. No ground nest or signs of chicks were observed, however the pair behaved defensively whenever technicians attempted to survey the transects north of Upper and Lower Spectacle Lakes. Technicians were often mobbed and harassed by the pair from May to June. Ducks appear to make some use of Spectacle Lakes and Upper and Lower Slate Lake continually during summer and fall months. Goldeneyes, Mallards, Loons, Mergansers, and Greater Scaups were observed throughout the season.

Other common bird species observed in the area included Dark-Eyed Juncos, Steller's Jays, American Robins, Varied and Hermit Thrushes, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, American Dippers, Warblers, Sapsuckers, Common Ravens, Winter Wrens, Ruby-Crowned Kinglets, Tree Swallows, Olive-sided Flycatchers and song sparrows. Rufous Hummingbirds were heard and observed flying in the survey area several times in 2018. An avian species list compiled and updated yearly since 2012 by environmental technicians is located in Appendix E.

4.4 Other Sightings

Alexander Archipelago wolf scat was recorded on one occasion in August. Porcupine and marten tracks were recorded, both in the month of July.

Both Western Toads and Wood Frogs have not been sighted since 2012. It is likely that smaller mammals are just as active (if not more so) in summer, but their sign is more evident in snow. Current surveying practices were not conducive to obtaining representative data on small mammal, weasel, and rodent populations within the Slate Lakes basin.

4.5 Human Activity

The access road to the TTF has considerable traffic use at times, and experienced an increase with heavy equipment throughout 2018 due to the construction for the stage 3 tailing's dam raise. An increase in noise and traffic along the access road and at the dam and north laydown occurred throughout the survey season.

5.0 Discussion

The transects are all located in open bog and fen areas around the lakes, as opposed to thick brush, for ease of finding wildlife sign. Smaller, lighter mammals do not leave visible tracks in firmer ground. This led to some bias with apparent abundance of large mammals relative to smaller mammals.

Bear sign peaked in July and began steadily tapering off through fall, the same trend documented 2014 - 2017. This is most likely due to the bears' diet transitioning from the berries and roots found in the survey area in early summer, to salmon during the Pink, Chum, and Coho runs beginning early August in Slate and Johnson Creek. Most of the bear sign found was in the form of scat and digs. Bears have continued to use the TTF access road as a corridor for travel and all habitat within the survey site for food. There was less bear sign recorded in 2018 than previous years. However, bears were still regularly seen around site throughout the summer by environmental technicians and mine personnel. It seems that bears were not using the survey area the same way this summer. One can speculate the construction at the TTF played a role. It was also a notoriously bad berry year (all varieties) throughout Southeast Alaska.

The highest amount of moose sign was recorded in the month of May. The moose sign then steadily decreased through the rest of the summer and into the fall. There was minimal browse sign and little scat observed, which indicates that the moose might be traveling through the survey area, rather than using it as a food source like the bears. Summer moose activity in the survey area appear to have slightly declined since 2010 in recent years. However, moose were abundant in the winter throughout the survey area, January – March (see Appendix C: Photo Log). There were multiple cows and at least 2 of these cows were accompanied by calves.

Goose signs counted in 2018 were consistent with 2016 and 2017 data, which is higher in comparison to the 2014 and 2015 survey seasons. Both adults and gosling were witnessed this summer, confirming the survey area as optimal habitat for rearing young. Use of the Slate Lakes basin as a refuge for Canada geese has previously been documented in 2000 (ABR 2000), 2004 (USFS 2004), in 2005 (Living System Designs 2005), 2006, 2007 (Savage 2007), and 2012 through 2016 wildlife surveys. The no-fly zone over the Spectacle Lakes basin, instigated through Coastal Helicopters in 2007 to minimize disturbance to geese, continued through 2017.

6.0 Conclusions

Wildlife populations within the Slate Lakes basin generally appear healthy and abundant. Overall, signs and sightings show similar trends to previous years. A slight decrease in overall sign in 2018 could be attributed to the increased construction activity in the area for the TTF dam raise. Comparisons with baseline studies conducted in 2004 and 2005 indicate mining operations have had little impact on the abundance or habits of terrestrial wildlife in the area.

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SURVEY RESULTS

Table 1: Total Wildlife Sign Data																	
ALL	4/25	5/2	5/12	5/17	5/28	6/6	6/13	6/20	7/3	7/19	7/25	8/1	8/15	8/24	9/11	9/21	
T1	1			1					1	1			4	1			9
T2	1	1					1	2		2			1	1			9
T3			1				1			1							3
T4				1		1			1	2							5
T5	1				3	1	1		3	3	1		2	2		1	18
T6			1	2					1	1						1	6
T7		1		2				1							1		5
T8												1				1	2
T9							1		1					1			3
T10									1	4							5
T11				1						2			3	1		1	8
T12								1		1			5	1			8
T13										4	2	1		2			9
T14		1		1					1	2	3	3	3	2		1	17
T15				1						3			1				5
T16								1	1	2							4
T17							1	1	1	1			1				5
T18		1			1		1					1	4	3	1		12
T19				1		2			1			2	2				8
T20		1		1	1			2		1			1	1			8
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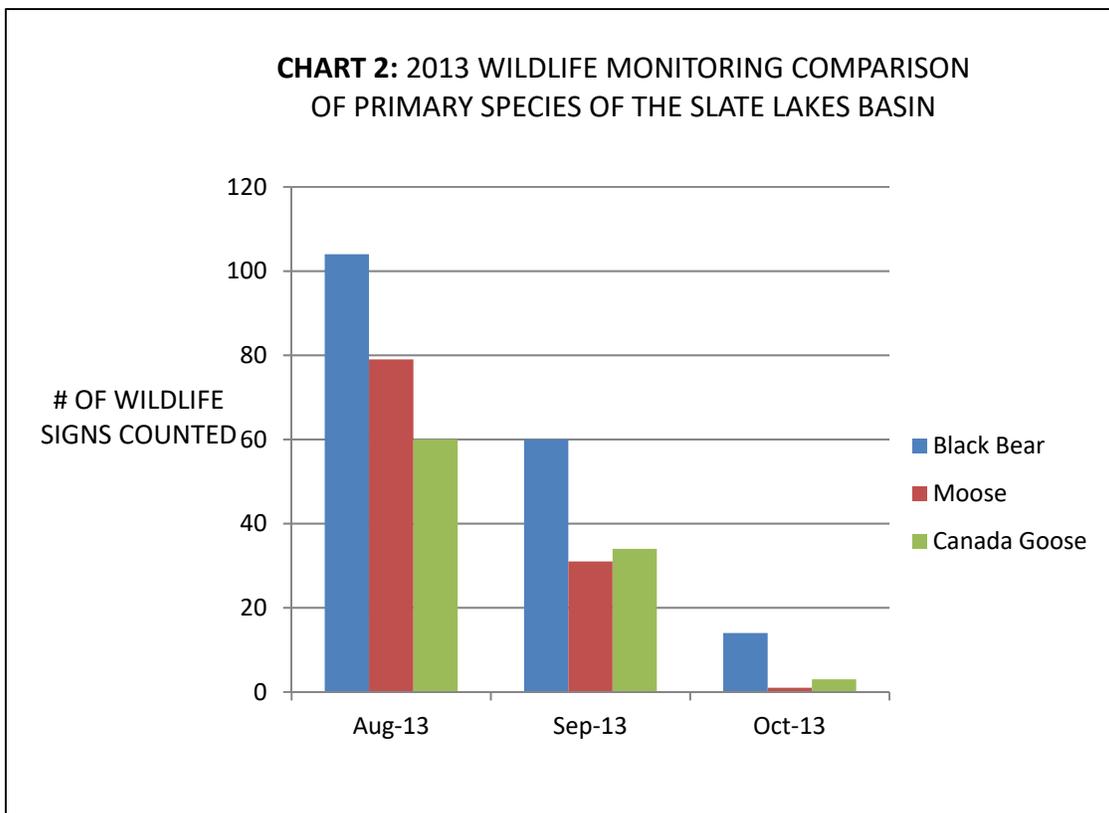
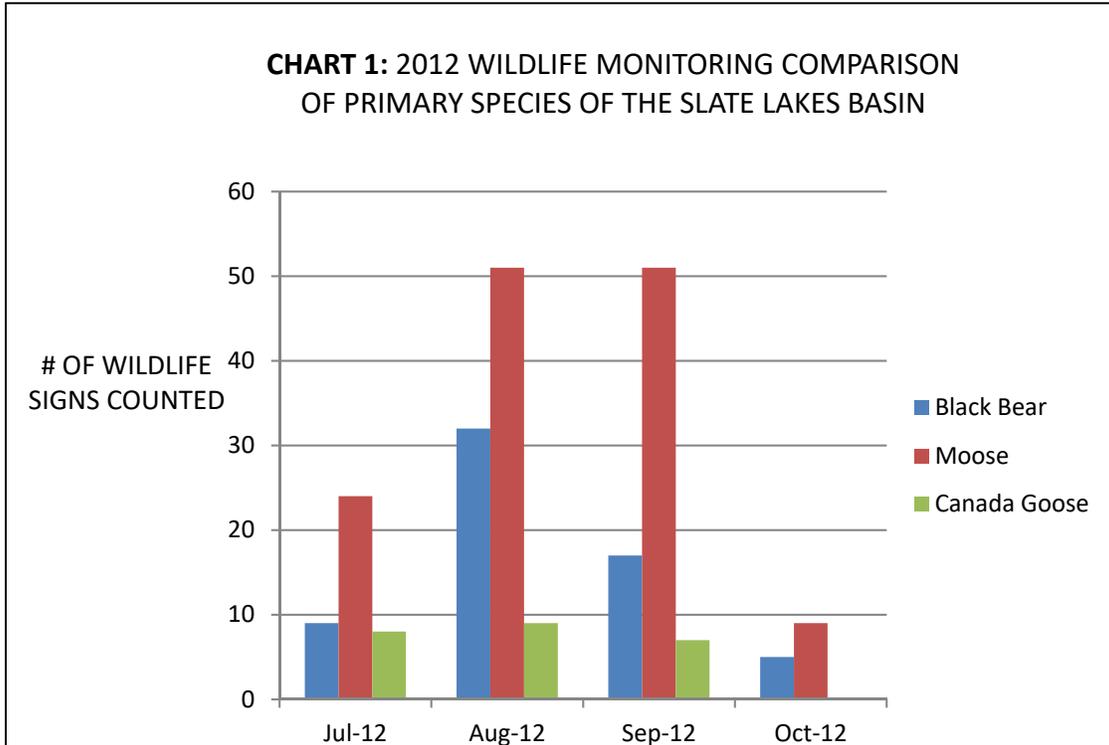
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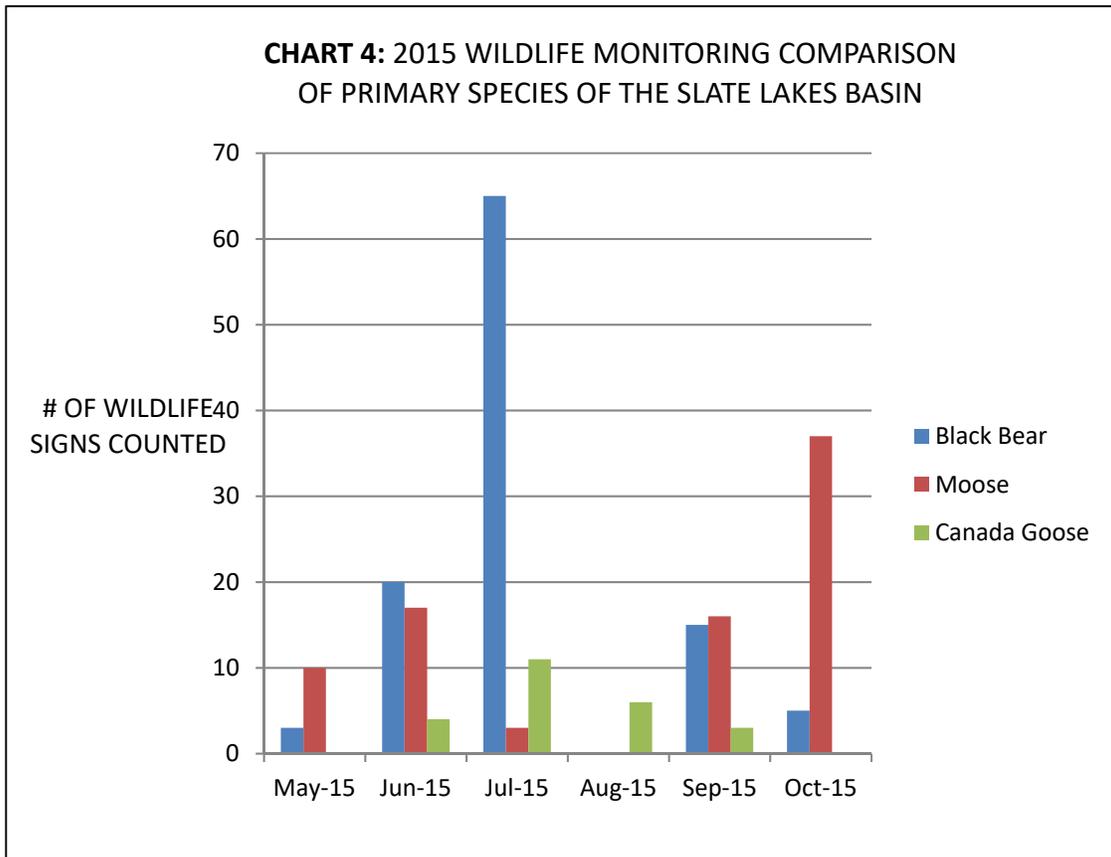
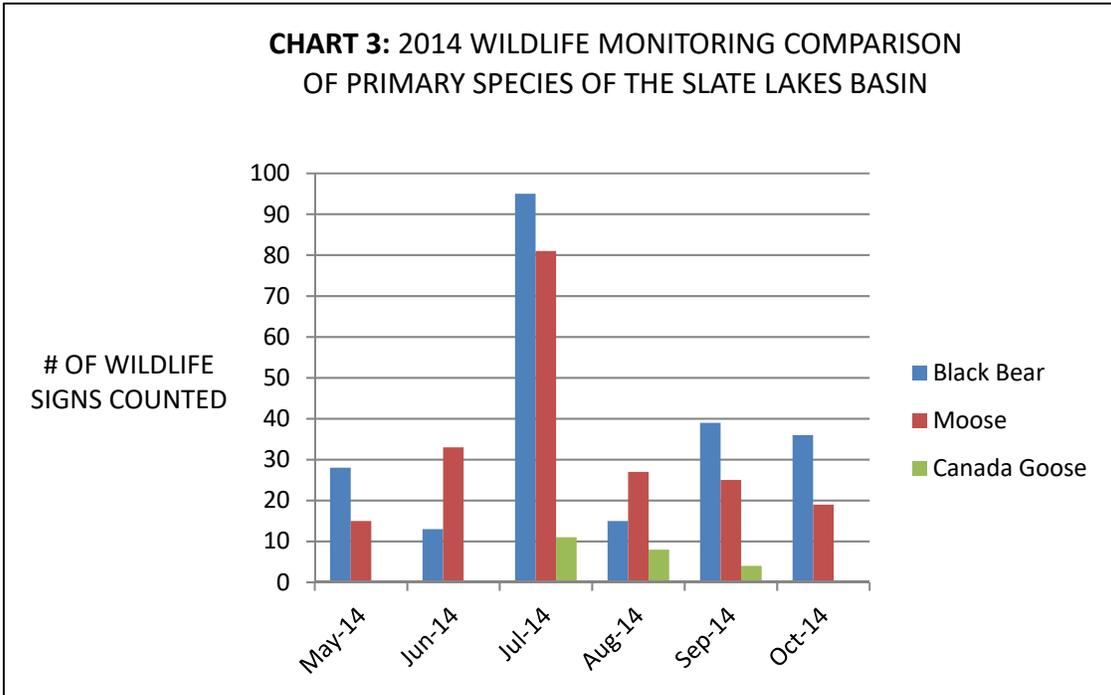
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T3			1				1										2
T4				1		1											2
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T17																	0
T18		1			1		1						1		1		5
T19				1		2						2					5
T20		1		1	1								1				4
TOTAL	3	5	2	10	5	4	4	3	3	6	0	2	5	1	1	0	54

Table 4: Goose Sign Data																	
GOOSE	4/25	5/2	5/12	5/17	5/28	6/6	6/13	6/20	7/3	7/19	7/25	8/1	8/15	8/24	9/11	9/21	
T1													1	1			2
T2										2			1				3
T3																	0
T4										2							2
T5									1	1	1			1			4
T6									1	1						1	3
T7																	0
T8												1				1	2
T9														1			1
T10										3							3
T11													3			1	4
T12										1			5				6
T13														1			1
T14									1	2	3	3	2	2			13
T15																	0
T16									1								1
T17							1		1				1				3
T18												1	3	2			6
T19									1				2				3
T20								2						1			3
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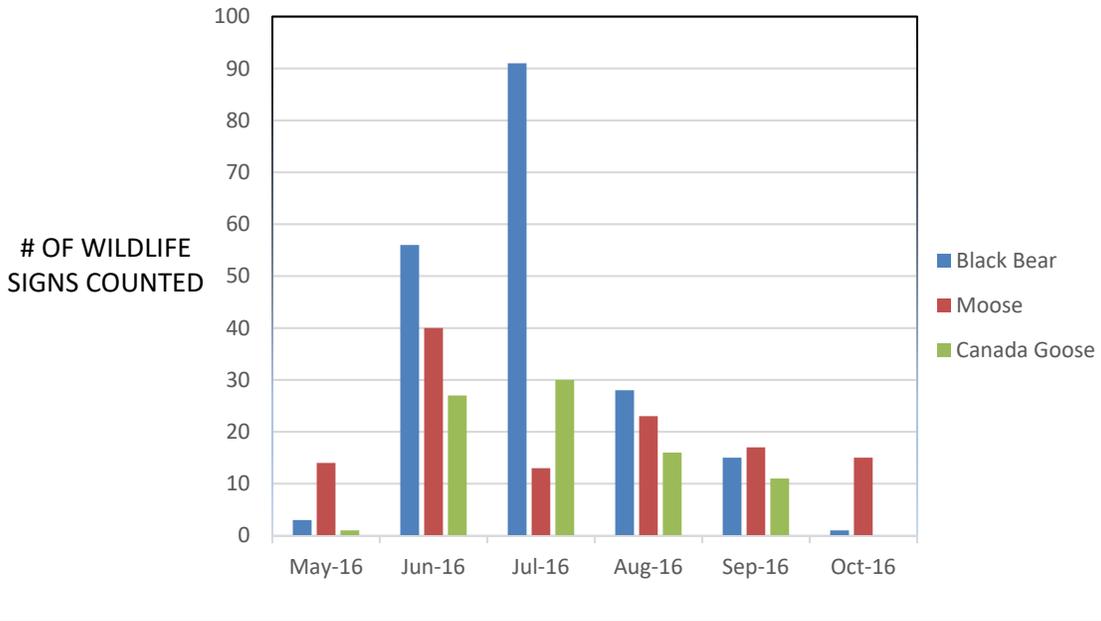


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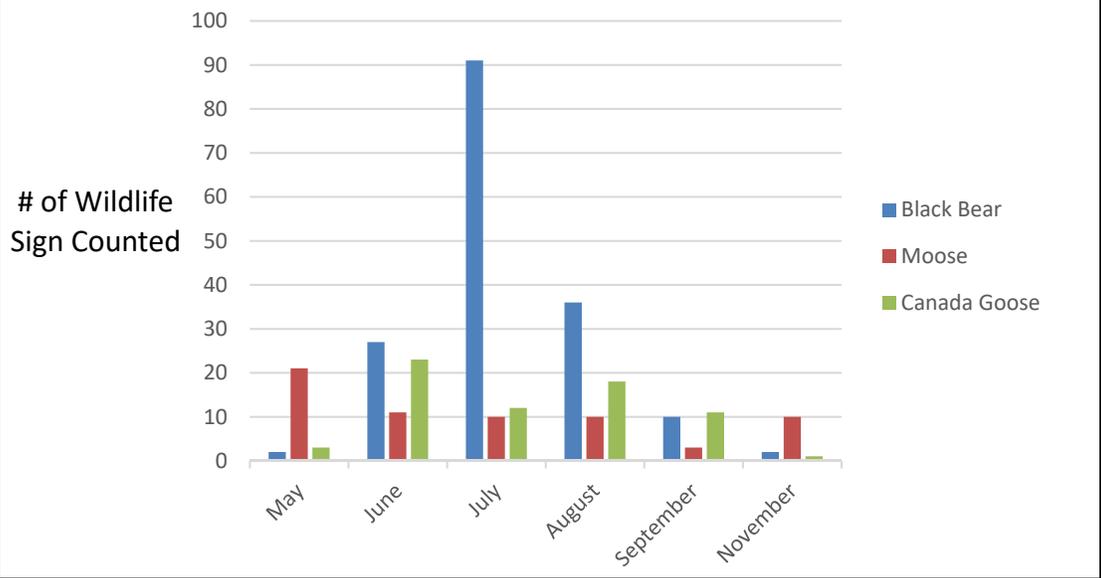


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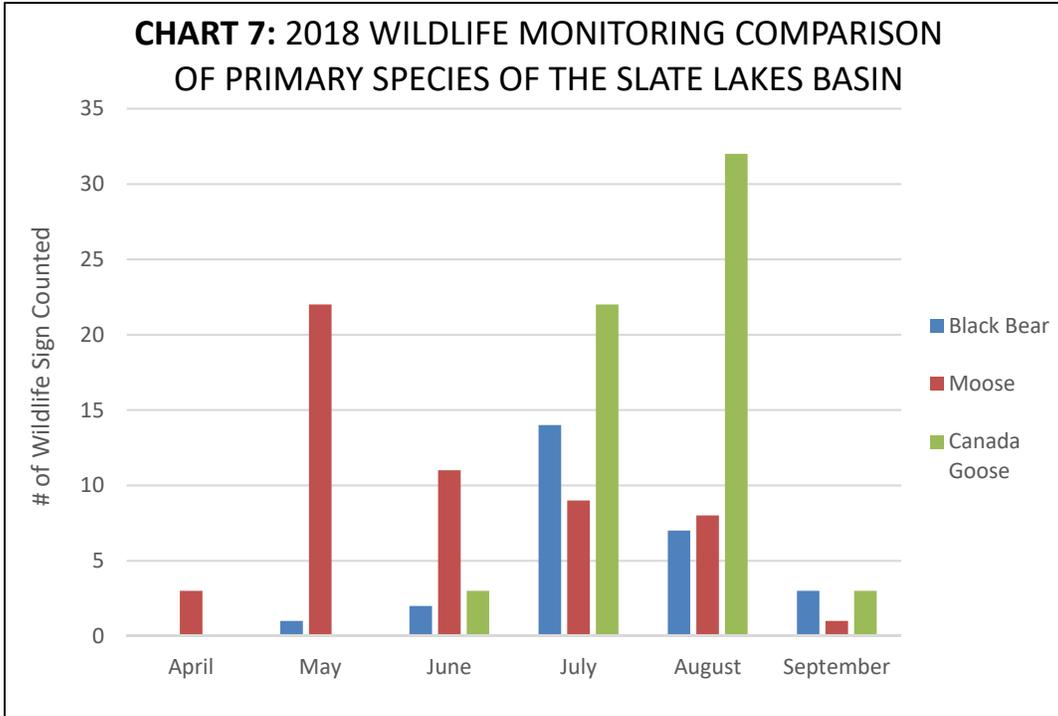
**CHART 5: 2016 WILDLIFE MONITORING COMPARISON
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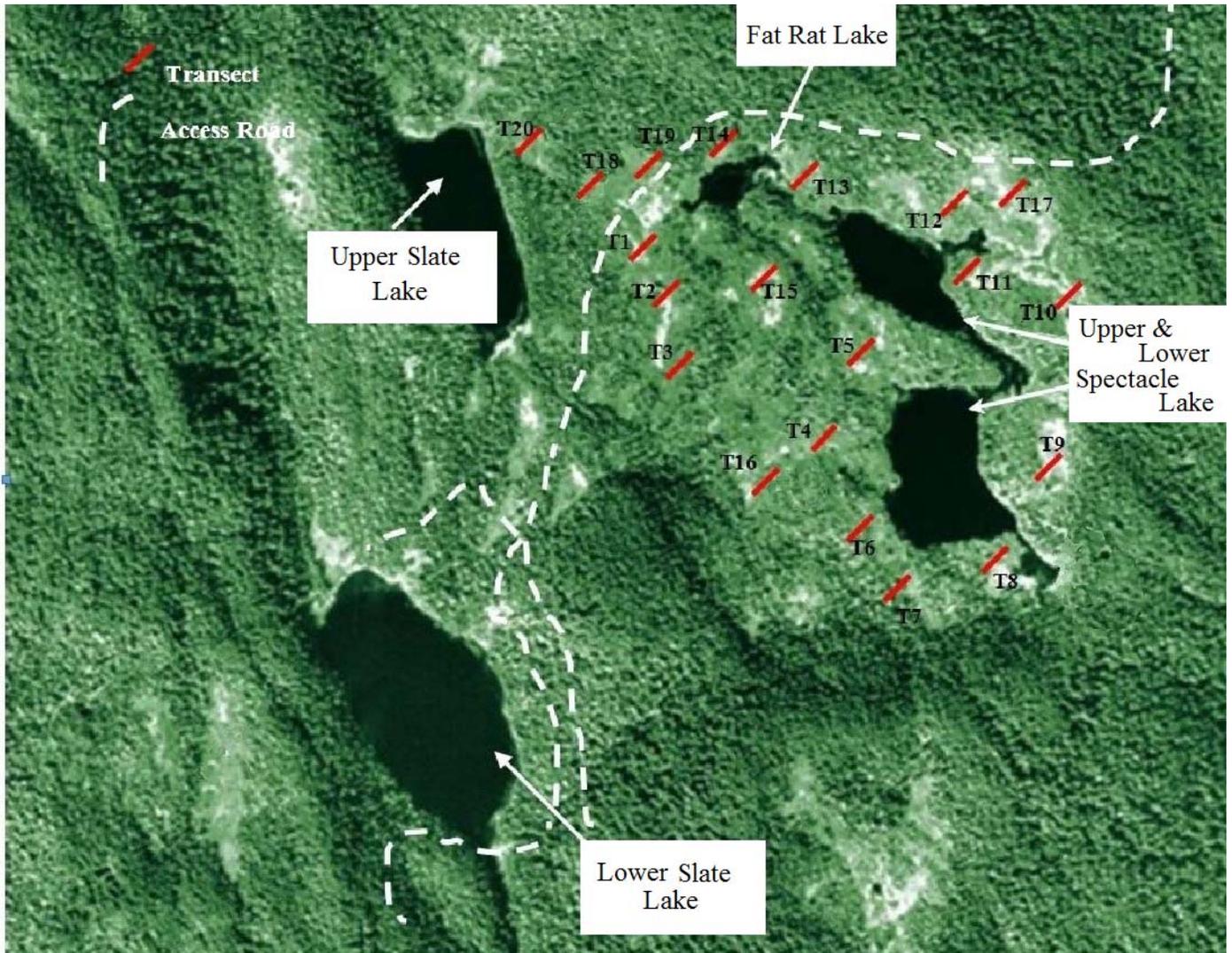
**CHART 6: 2017 WILDLIFE MONITORING COMPARISON
 OF PRIMARY SPECIES OF THE SLATE LAKES BASIN**



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APPENDIX A: SITE MAP WITH TRANSECTS



APPENDIX B: TRANSECT GPS COORDINATES

(All North End Coordinates)

T1 N 58.81712N/135.03537W
T2 N 58.81631N/135.03036W
T3 N 58.81509N/135.03416W
T4 N 58.81410N/135.03032W
T5 N 58.81537N/135.02911W
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T7 N 58.81182N/135.02705W
T8 N 58.81250N/135.02471W
T9 N 58.81377N/135.02370W
T10 N 58.81657N/135.02342W
T11 N 58.81678N/135.02596W
T12 N 58.81765N/135.02682W
T13 N 58.81788N/135.03061W
T14 N 58.81834N/135.03325W
T15 N 58.81660N/135.03181W
T16 N 58.81410N/135.03157W
T17 N 58.81782N/135.02492W
T18 N 58.81820N/135.03523W
T19 N 58.81812N/135.03630W
T20 N 58.81844N/135.03839W

APPENDIX C: WILDLIFE PHOTO LOG 2018



Cow moose traveling between T19 and T20 in May 2018

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
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Red-Tailed Hawk perched in snag by TTF in April 2018

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report



Black bear cub between T12 and T13 in June 2018 (year incorrect on camera)

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
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Porcupine between T19 and T20 in February 2018

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report



Black bear investigating rub tree near Upper Slate Lake in July of 2018

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report



Cow moose with calf traveling between T12 and T13 in June 2018 (year incorrect on camera)

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report



Black Bear traveling on water diversion pipe by TTF August 2018

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report



Cow moose and calf foraging in survey area in February 2018 (date incorrect on camera)

Coeur Alaska Kensington Gold Mine
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Transect Data

Transect: A11

Date: 5/12/18

Time: 1300-1600

Personnel: ANT

Weather: overcast + drizzle

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T18	/				nutkin
T19	/				nutkin
T20	/				upper state still 2/3 ice covered
T14	/				5m back white ring big knee white marks
T1	/				on wings - fat ref - + spec
T2	/				9 Barrows Goldeneye on spec
T3 24-25	L	track	MOOSE		maybe from last week?
T15	/			Red throated	Loons, spectacle pair
T5	/				
T6 28-35	L	track	moose		
T7	/				
T8	/				
T9	/				
T10	/				
T11	/				
T12	/				
T17	/				

Transect Data

Transect: A11

Date: SUNNY + 60°F

Time: 1130-1330

Personnel: BB, KS

Weather: 5/17/18

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T19 46	LCR	track	M		repet?
T20 15	LCR	track	M		
T1 28	LCR	T	M		mallards and greater cranes on far east lake
T14 47	LCR	T	M		
T15 24	L	T	B		many been SWALLOWERS
T4 25	R	T	M		
T6 27	L	T	M		
32	R	T	M		
T7 23	LCR	T	M		
30	LCR	T	M		
T11 0	L	T	M		

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2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report

Transect Data

Transect: _____ Date: 7-3-18 Time: 14:01
 Personnel: _____ Weather: SUN

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T7	17	L	Scat	Yankee Scat	
T13	---				
T10	40	L	Scat	Bear	
T9	9	L	Track	moose	
T8	---				
T-7	---				
T-6	22	R	scat	goose	
T-16	30	R	scat	goose	
T-4	21	Center	track	marten	
T-5	49	L	track	moose	
	42	L	scat	goose	
	24	L, C, R	track	bird	
T-15	---				
T2	---				
T1	15	R	track	moose	
T17	18	R	scat	goose	
T19	6	L	fruncher/ cabbage	goose	
T3	---				
T20	---				
T-18	---				

Transect Data

Transect: A01 Date: 7/19/18 Time: 1415-1930
 Personnel: RB, KS Weather: P. Cloudy + 60°F

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T1	46	L/R	+	M	
T2	5	R	S	G	
	16	C	S	G	
T3	40	L	S	B	
T4	2	R	feather	G	
	23	R	feather	G	
T5	22	C	dig	B	
		C	dig	B	
	5	L/R	T	M	
T5	36	C	S	G	
	36	L/R	T	B M	
	46	L/R	T	M	
T4	16	L	S	G	
	20	R	S	G	
T6	12	L	T	M	
	21	C	D	B	

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2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Monitoring Report

Transect Data
 Transect: A11 Date: 8/15/18 Time: 1600-1730
 Personnel: KS, RB Weather: overcast + hot

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T18 @ 12, 15, 24	L, R, R	Goose scat	Goose		
@ 40	R	Track	Moose		
T19 @ 10, 39	L, L	S	G		
T20 @ 24	L, R	T	M		
T14 @ 2	C	S	Bear		
@ 36, 45	L, C, R	S	G		
T-1 @ 3	C	S	G		
@ 6, 23	L, C, R	T x 2	M		
@ 18	C	S	Bear		
T-2 @ 31	C	S	G		
T-3					
T-15 @ 24	L	Dig	B		
T-5 @ 19	L	egg shell	Bird		
@ 48	L, C, R	T	M		
T-4					
T-16					
T-7					
T-6					
T-8					
T-9					
T-10					
T-17 @ 18	L	S	G		
T-17 @ 12	C	S	G		
@ 20	C, R	S x 4	G		Nothing on T-12
T-11 @ 8	C	S	G		
@ 9	C	Feather	G		
@ 10	C	S	G		

Transect Data
 Transect: A11 Date: 8/24/18 Time: 1330-1500
 Personnel: CWZ, KS Weather: low fog + 92°F

Location	L/R	Sign Type (Scat, Track, etc)	Species	Photo(Y/N)	Notes
T15	5	C	S	G	
	8	L	S	WOLF	
	10	C	F	G	
T20	49	L	S	G	
T1	15	C	S	G	
T2	30	L	S	B	
T14	13	R	S	G	
	27	R	S	G	
T9	14	R	D	B	
	35	C	S + F	G	
T9	27	C	F	G	
T11	47-50	L, C, R	browse	M	
T12	3	C	D	B	
T13	10	R	D	B	
	20	R	browse	G	

APPENDIX E: AVIAN SPECIES LIST

Waterfowl

American Wigeon (*Anas Americana*) **S**
Blue-winged Teal (*Anas discors*)
Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*) **S, Common**
Common Goldeneye (*Bucephala clangula*) **S**
Common Merganser (*Mergus merganser*) **S, Common**
Greater/ Lesser Scaup (*Aythya marila*) **S**
Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*)
Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) **S, Common**
Pacific Loon (*Gavia pacifica*) **S, Common**
Ring-necked Duck (*Aythya collaris*)
White-winged Scoter (*Melanitta fusca*)

Raptors

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) **S, Common**
Northern Harrier (*Circus cyaneus*)
Northern Pygmy Owl (*Glaucidium gnoma*) **S**
Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*) **S, Common**
Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)

Other

Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) **S, Common**
Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulous*)
Cedar Waxwing (*Bombycilla cedrorum*)
Chestnut-backed Chickadee (*Poecile rufescens*) **S, Common**
Common Raven (*Corvus corax*) **S, Common**
Dark-eyed Junco (*Junco hyemalis*) **S, Common**
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)
Hermit Thrush (*Catharus guttatus*) **S**
Least Sandpiper (*Calidris minutilla*)
Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) **S**
Northwestern Crow (*Corvus caurinus*)
Olive-sided Flycatcher (*Contopus borealis*) **C**
Orange-crowned Warbler (*Vermivora celata*) **C**
Pine Grosbeak (*Pinicola enucleator*)
Red-breasted Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus rubber*) **C**
Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*)
Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) **S, Common**
Savannah Sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis*)
Solitary Sandpiper (*Tringa solitaria*)
Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)
Sooty Grouse (*Dendragapus fuliginosus*) **S, Common**
Steller's Jay (*Cyanocitta stelleri*) **S, Common**
Tree Swallow (*Tachycineta bicolor*) **S, Common**
Varied Thrush (*Ixoreus naevius*) **S, Common**
White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*)
Wilson's Warbler (*Wilsonia canadensis*)
Pacific Wren (*Troglodytes troglodytes*) **S, Common**

Common = multiple sightings
throughout season

S = identified through sighting

C = identified through call or song

Attachment 3

Mountain Goat Population Monitoring near Kensington Mine, Alaska – March, 2018

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INTRODUCTION

This report was prepared to meet the annual reporting requirements for Coeur Alaska, Inc.. Funding for this project was made available in September 2005 and this report summarizes activities completed by December 30, 2017.

Background

In 2005, Coeur Alaska, Inc. re-initiated development activities at the Kensington mine site, located a short distance northwest of Berners Bay. In addition, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (ADOT/PF) proposed construction an all-season highway between Echo Cove and the Katzeihin River. In the context of these proposed industrial development activities, mountain goats were identified as an important wildlife species likely to be affected by mine development and road construction activities.

A small-scale study of mountain goats conducted in the vicinity of the Kensington mine by Robus and Carney (1995) showed that goats moved seasonally from high alpine elevations in the summer and fall to low, timbered elevations during winter months. One of the main objectives of the Robus and Carney (1995) study was to assess the impacts of the mine development activities on habitat use, movement patterns and, ultimately, productivity of mountain goats. However, the mine never became operational, thus these objectives could not be achieved, and by 1995 goat monitoring in the area wound down and eventually ended. In 2005, when the mine development activities were re-initiated, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) maintained that many of the same concerns that prompted the Robus and Carney (1995) study were still valid and needed to be addressed. In addition, large-scale plans for development of the Juneau Access road raised new and potentially more substantial concerns regarding not only the enlarged “footprint” of industrial development activities in eastern Lynn Canal, but also the cumulative impacts of both development projects on wildlife resources.

The potential effects of mining and road development activities on local mountain goat populations in the vicinity of the Kensington mine and eastern Lynn Canal have potentially important ramifications for management and conservation of the species in the area. Studies indicate that mountain goats can be negatively impacted by industrial development activities. Such effects include temporary range abandonment, alteration of foraging behavior and population decline (Chadwick 1973, Foster and RaHS 1983, Joslin 1986, Cote and Festa-Bianchet 2003, Cote et al. 2013, White and Gregovich 2017). Consequently, information about the distribution of mountain goats proximate to the mine and road development corridor is critical for determining the extent to which populations may be affected

by associated industrial activities. Information collected by Robus and Carney (1995), White et al. (2012) and White and Gregovich (2017), in the vicinity of Kensington mine, as well as Schoen and Kirchhoff (1982) near Echo Cove, suggest that spatial overlap between mountain goats and industrial activity are most pronounced when goats are over-wintering in low-elevation habitats.

In response to the above concerns, ADFG, with operational funding provided by ADOT/PF, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Coeur Alaska, Inc., initiated monitoring and assessment activities to determine possible impacts of road construction and mine development on mountain goats and identify potential mitigation measures, to the extent needed. Assessment and monitoring work has included collection of vital rate, habitat use and movement data from a sample of radio-marked mountain goats, in addition to conducting annual aerial population abundance and productivity surveys. These efforts are aimed at providing the ADFG with information necessary to appropriately manage mountain goats in the areas of development and provide guidance relative to mitigation measures, to the extent possible.

Implementation of field objectives were initiated in 2005 and consisted of a 5-year monitoring program (2005-2011) jointly funded by ADOT/PF, FHWA, Coeur Alaska, Inc. and ADFG. Beginning in 2007, the ADFG committed additional annual funding for a complementary aerial survey technique development project within and adjacent to the project area. In 2009, the USDA-Forest Service (Tongass National Forest) also began contributing funding to further support aerial survey technique development data collection efforts. And, in 2010, Coeur Alaska, Inc. resumed funding of mountain goat monitoring near the Kensington Mine and adjacent areas (as per the Kensington Plan of Operations, USFS 2005). In 2012, the project components funded by ADOT/PF and associated with the Juneau Access project were completed (see White et al. 2012). Currently, mountain goat monitoring activities are focused on the area surrounding the Kensington mine and north to the Katzeihin river, an area considerably smaller than the original Juneau Access/Kensington joint study area.

STUDY OBJECTIVES

Research efforts were designed to investigate the spatial relationships, vital rates, and abundance of mountain goats near the Kensington Mine and upper Lynn Canal. The research objectives were to:

- 1) determine seasonal movement patterns of mountain goats;
- 2) characterize mountain goat habitat selection patterns;

3) estimate reproductive success and survival of mountain goats; and

4) estimate mountain goat population abundance and composition.

STUDY AREA

Mountain goats were studied in a ca. 491 km² area located in a mainland coastal mountain range east of Lynn Canal, a marine fjord located between Juneau and Haines in southeastern Alaska (Figure 1 and 2). The study area was located in the Kakuhan Range and oriented along a north-south axis and bordered in the south by Berners Bay (58.76N, 135.00W) and the Katzeihin River (59.27N, 135.14W) in the north. The Kensington Mine, a hard rock gold mine, is located at the southern end of the study area, immediately south of Lions Head mountain in the Johnson, Slate and Sherman creek watersheds. A majority of above ground mining activity occurs in four principal locations situated between 200–300 meters in elevation. The overall mine “footprint” comprises 56.6 km² of patented claims; a significant amount of activity is at low elevation (<300 m) and underground. This study has occurred during both construction and production phases of the mine and possible sources of disturbance to mountain goats in the vicinity included blasting, heavy equipment operation, helicopter operation, and vehicle traffic.

Elevation within the study area ranges from sea level to 2070 m. This area is an active glacial terrain underlain by late cretaceous-paleocene granodiorite and tonalite geologic formations (Stowell 2006). Specifically, it is a geologically young, dynamic and unstable landscape that harbors a matrix of perennial snowfields and small glaciers at high elevations (i.e. >1200 m) and rugged, broken terrain that descends to a rocky, tidewater coastline. The northern boundary of the area is defined by the Katzeihin River, a moderate volume (ca. 1500 cfs; USGS, unpublished data) glacial river system (and putative barrier to mountain goat movement) that is fed by the Meade Glacier, a branch of the Juneau Icefield.

The maritime climate in this area is characterized by cool, wet summers and relatively warm snowy winters. Annual precipitation at sea-level averages 1.4 m and winter temperatures are rarely less than -15° C and average -1° C (Haines, AK; National Weather Service, Juneau, AK, unpublished data). Elevations at 790 m typically receive ca. 6.3 m of snowfall, annually (Eaglecrest Ski Area, Juneau, AK, unpublished data). Predominant vegetative communities occurring at low-moderate elevations (<460 m) include Sitka spruce (*Picea sitchensis*)-western hemlock (*Tsuga heterophylla*) coniferous forest, mixed-conifer

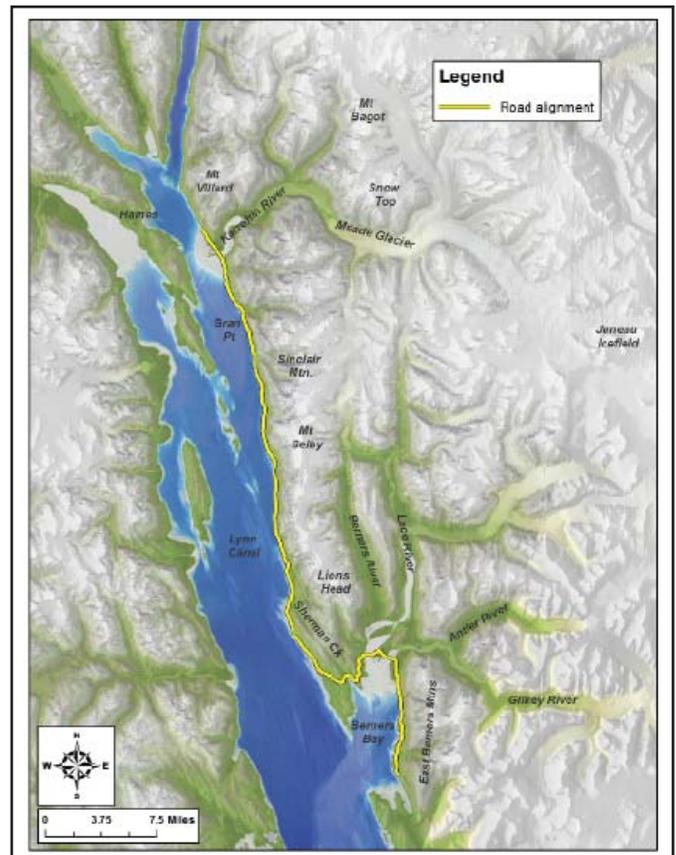


Figure 1: Map of the Lynn Canal and Berners Bay area. Local place names referenced in this report are identified. Mountain goats were studied in this area during 2005-2017.

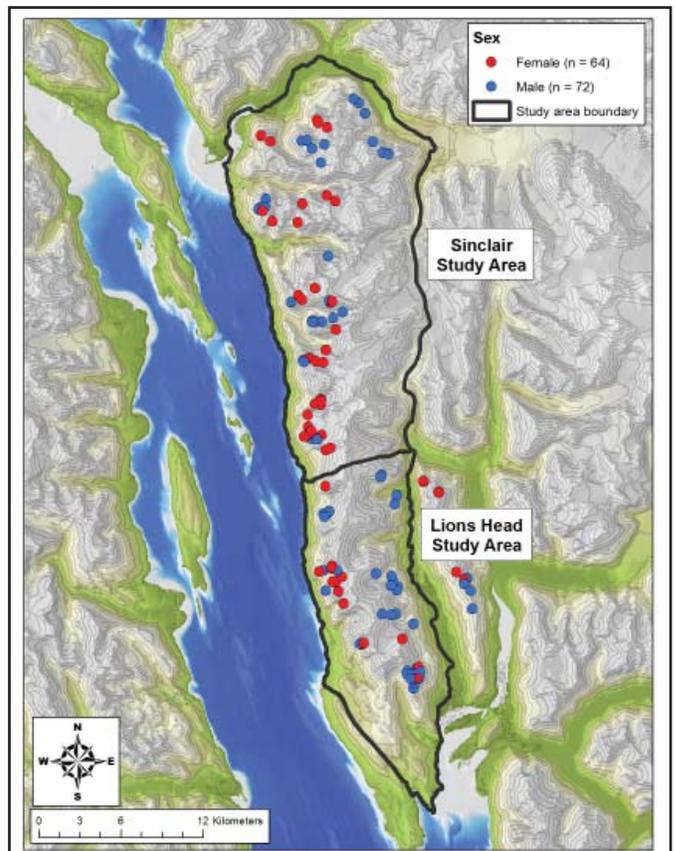


Figure 2: Locations of mountain goats captured and subsequently monitored in the Lynn Canal study area, 2005-2017.

muskeg and deciduous riparian forests. Mountain hemlock (*Tsuga mertensiana*) dominated ‘krummholtz’ forest comprises a subalpine, timberline band occupying elevations between ~460–760 meters. Alpine plant communities are composed of a mosaic of relatively dry ericaceous heathlands and moist meadows dominated by sedges, forbs and wet fens. Avalanche chutes are common in the study area and bisect all plant community types and often terminate at sea-level.

METHODS

Mountain Goat Capture

Mountain goats were captured using standard helicopter darting techniques and immobilized by injecting 3.0 - 2.4 mg of carfentanil citrate, depending on sex and time of year (Taylor 2000), via projectile syringe fired from a Palmer dart gun (Cap-Chur, Douglasville, GA). During handling, all animals were carefully examined and monitored following standard veterinary procedures (Taylor 2000) and routine biological samples and morphological data collected (Figure 3). Following handling procedures, the effects of the immobilizing agent was reversed with 100mg of naltrexone hydrochloride per 1mg of carfentanil citrate (Taylor 2000). All capture procedures were approved by the State of Alaska Animal Care and Use Committee.

Helicopter captures were attempted during periods when mountain goats were distributed at high elevations and weather conditions were favorable (i.e. high flight ceiling and moderate wind speed). Additionally, captures were scheduled to avoid periods within 8 weeks of parturition in order to avoid unnecessary disturbance of adult females and associated neonates. Captures were attempted in areas where mountain goat access to dangerously steep terrain could be reasonably contained.

GPS Location Data

Telonics TGW-3590 or TGW-4590 GPS radio-collars (Telonics, Inc., Mesa, AZ) were deployed on most animals captured. Telonics MOD-500 VHF radio-collars were been deployed on a subset ($n = 23$) of animals to enable longer-term monitoring opportunities. During 2009-2016, animals were simultaneously marked with GPS and lightweight (Telonics MOD-410) VHF radio-collars (370 g). Double-collaring animals was conducted to extend the period of time individual animals could be monitored (lifespan, GPS: 3 years, VHF: 6 years), thereby increasing the long-term opportunity to gather mountain goat survival and reproduction data and reducing the frequency that mountain goats must be captured. The combined weight of radio-collars attached to animals comprise 1.2% of average male body weight and 2.0% of average female body weight and



Figure 3: ADFG wildlife research technician, Yasaman Shakeri, preparing to administer the reversal to an immobilized female mountain goat (LG-191) captured in the upper Berners River, August 2017.

is well within the ethical standards for instrument deployment on free-ranging wildlife.

GPS radio-collars were programmed to collect location data at 6-hour intervals (collar lifetime: 3 years). During each location attempt, ancillary data about collar activity (i.e. percent of 1-second switch transitions calculated over a 15 minute period following each GPS fix attempt) and temperature (degrees C) were simultaneously collected. Complete data-sets for each individual were remotely downloaded (via fixed-wing aircraft) at 8-week intervals, and/or manually downloaded. Location data were post-processed and filtered for “impossible” points and 2D locations with PDOP (i.e. position dilution of precision) values greater than 10, following D’Eon et al. (2002) and D’Eon and Delparte (2005).

Resource Selection and Movement Patterns

Diet Composition.—Fresh fecal pellets were collected from live-captured animals during the summer-fall period (late-July to mid-October). Fecal pellet samples were also collected opportunistically during winter reconnaissance

and snow surveys. Samples were sent to Washington State University (Wildlife Habitat Analysis Lab, Pullman, WA) for dietary analyses. Specifically, microhistological analyses of plant cell fragments in pellet samples were conducted to provide an estimate of diet composition for individual mountain goats and a composite winter sample. Results of these analyses were reported in White et al. (2012).

Activity, Movement Patterns and Resource Selection.— Analyses of mountain goat GPS location data (i.e. data collected during 2005-2011) to characterize activity, movement and resource selection patterns were summarized in White (2006), Shafer et al. (2012) and White et al. (2012). More recently, White and Gregovich (2017) assessed relationships between mountain goat resource selection and proximity to mine development. In 2017, a collaboration was initiated with BUKO (Andre Fetzer) and Trent University (Joe Northrup) to analyze existing GPS location data to estimate timing of migration. Such analyses will ultimately be useful for quantitatively determining winter and summer range residency periods; information that is useful for determining site-specific “timing windows” relevant for managing industrial activities in the vicinity of mountain goat habitat.

Snow and Winter Severity Monitoring.— Winter distribution of mountain goats is strongly influenced by snow depth and distribution. Since patterns of snow accumulation vary at both small and large spatial scales it is often necessary to collect site-specific field data in order to accurately characterize these relationships within focal areas. Unfortunately, standardized snow depth monitoring information is extremely limited within the study area and additional information is needed in order to properly characterize spatial patterns of snow accumulation and, ultimately, mountain goat winter distribution. Consequently, in 2006 we initiated field efforts designed to create a snow depth database in order to generate spatially explicit snow depth models within the study area.

Standardized field surveys were conducted in order to estimate patterns of snow depth as it related to habitat type (i.e. forested/non-forested), altitude, and slope aspect. These efforts focused on four sites located in different mountain goat winter ranges in 2007 but consistent annual monitoring was conducted at only one site located on Echo Ridge, near Davies Creek. During surveys snow depth was measured at geo-referenced locations along an altitudinal gradient (beginning at sea level). Snow measurements were replicated at each sampling location (n = 5) and associated covariate information was collected. Sampling locations were spaced at regular (100-200 m) intervals, depending upon terrain complexity. Steep (>35 degrees),



Figure 4: Photograph of a mountain goat radiocollar (LG-173) melting out of an avalanche chute in the Yeldagalga Creek valley, July 2017. During the winter of 2016/2017, avalanches accounted for 44% of all radiocollared mountain goat mortalities.

exposed slopes were, generally, not sampled due to safety considerations. In addition, daily climate information for reference weather stations was acquired from the National Weather Service (Haines COOP Weather Station).

Reproduction and Survival

Kidding rates and subsequent survival were estimated by monitoring individual study animals during monthly surveys using fixed-wing aircraft (usually a Piper PA-18 Super Cub) equipped for radio-telemetry tracking or via ground-based observations. During surveys, radio-collared adult female mountain goats were observed (typically using 14X image stabilizing binoculars) to determine whether they gave birth to kids and, if so, how long individual kids survived (Figure 4). Monitoring kid production and survival was only possible during the non-winter months when animals could be reliably observed in open habitats. We assumed that kids did not survive winter if they were not seen with their mothers the following spring. Cases in which kid status assessments were equivocal were filtered from the data set and not used for subsequent estimates of kid survival.

Mortality of individual radio-collared mountain goats

was determined by detecting radio-frequency pulse rate changes during monthly monitoring surveys. In cases where mortality pulse rates were detected, efforts were made to investigate sites as soon as possible via helicopter or boat. To the extent possible, all mortalities were thoroughly investigated to ascertain the cause of death and relevant biological samples collected. We determined date of mortalities via examination of activity sensor data logged on GPS radio-collars. Annual survival of radio-collared animals was estimated using the Kaplan-Meier procedure (Pollock et al. 1989). This procedure allows for staggered entry and exit of newly captured or deceased animals, respectively.

Population Abundance and Composition

Aerial Surveys.—Population abundance and composition surveys were conducted using fixed-wing aircraft (Helio Courier and PA-18 Super Cub) and helicopter (Hughes 500) during August-October, 2005-2017. Aerial surveys were typically conducted when conditions met the following requirements: 1) flight ceiling above 5000 feet ASL, 2) wind speed less than 20 knots, 3) sea-level temperature less than 65 degrees F. Surveys were typically flown along established flight paths between 2500-3500 feet ASL and followed geographic contours. Flight speeds varied between 60-70 knots. During surveys, the pilot and experienced observers enumerated and classified all mountain goats seen as either adults (includes adults and sub-adults) or kids. In addition, each mountain group observed was checked (via 14X image stabilizing binoculars) to determine whether radio-collared animals were present.

Sightability Data Collection.—During aerial surveys, data were simultaneously collected to evaluate group-level sighting probabilities. These data were used to parameterize aerial survey “sightability” models which were subsequently used to convert minimum counts to actual population size (i.e. White et al. 2016). Specifically, we characterized behavioral, environmental and climatic conditions for each radio-collared animal seen and not seen (i.e. missed) during surveys. In cases where radio-collared animals were missed, it was necessary to back-track and use radio-telemetry techniques to locate animals and gather associated covariate information. Since observers had general knowledge of where specific individual radio-collared animals were likely to be found (i.e. ridge systems, canyon complexes, etc.), it was typically possible to locate missed animals within 5-15 minutes after an area was originally surveyed. In most cases, it was possible to completely characterize behavioral and site conditions with minimal apparent bias, however in some cases this was not possible (i.e. animals not seen in forested habitats, steep ravines, turbulent canyons) and incomplete covariate information was collected resulting in missing data.

Evaluation of Population Trends.—In order to assess how mountain goat abundance changed over space and time we delineated nine geographically distinct survey areas and summarized the maximum number of adult and kid mountain goats seen in each area, by year (Appendix 4 and 5). The number of animals seen during aerial surveys is a commonly used metric of mountain goat population abundance; termed the “minimum count”. Since the quantity does not account animals “missed” during surveys, the minimum count underestimates actual population size (i.e. by 35-50%). In order to account for variation in survey conditions and mountain goat aerial survey sighting probabilities we used a “sightability” model to derive population estimates based on aerial survey observations and associated covariate values (White et al. 2016). Specifically, the model is based on aerial survey mark-resight data collated in Lynn Canal and other areas of southeastern Alaska. The model accounts for variation in sky condition, group size, terrain and habitat type and converts minimum counts to actual population size (White et al. 2016). To assess population trends, we used simple linear regression to fit equations and determine proportional change in population size and density over time, for each area. We determined the amount of summer range habitat in each area (km²; based on RSF models in White and Gregovich 2017) in order to covert population size to density; a standardized quantity useful for geographic comparisons and inference.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mountain Goat Capture and Handling

Capture Activities.—During August 2017, 8 animals (males, n = 4; females, n = 4) were captured in the Lions Head-Mt. Sinclair areas. All animals were simultaneously marked with GPS (TGW-4590) and lightweight VHF (Telonics MOD-410) radio-collars. Since 2005, 136 mountain goats have been radio-marked in the Lions Head and Sinclair Mountain study areas; GPS location data has been compiled for 82 animals within this area. Currently (as of 3/1/2018), 22 animals are marked in these two areas; all other previously deployed collars have either remotely released or animals have died. Annual capture activities are important for maintaining adequate sample sizes and compensating for natural or scheduled collar losses.

Biological Sample Collection.—During handling procedures, standard biological specimens were collected and morphological measures recorded. Specific biological samples collected from study animals included: whole blood (4 mL), blood serum (8 mL), red blood cells (8 mL), ear tissue, hair and fecal pellets. Whole blood, serum, red blood cells and fecal pellet sub-samples were either sent to Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen (ADFG, Fairbanks, AK) for disease and trace mineral screening or archived at ADFG

facilities in Douglas, AK. During 2010, nasal and pharyngeal swab samples were collected from 5 animals to index prevalence of respiratory bacteria.

Genetic Analyses.—Tissue samples from all mountain goats captured between 2005-2017 have been genotyped by Aaron Shafer (Trent University/University of Alberta). (Duplicate samples are archived at ADFG, Douglas, AK). A subset of these data were analyzed and included in continent-wide analyses of mountain goat population genetics (Shafer et al. 2010). Shafer et al. (2010) indicated that substantial genetic structuring exists among mountain goats in southeastern Alaska (and across the western North American range of the species). More recent analyses indicated that three genetically distinct mountain goat populations occur in our study area [east Berners mountains, Kakuhan range (including Lions Head and Sinclair Mountain), and Mt. Villard]; population boundaries generally coincide with our specific study area boundaries (Shafer et al. 2012). These findings indicate that gene flow between our study areas (with the exception of the Lion Head and Sinclair study areas, which are genetically indistinct) is limited. Additional analyses examined the extent to which mountain goat habitat selection characteristics and landscape configuration are linked to genetic relatedness across the study area (Shafer et al. 2012). Results from this analyses indicated that small- (i.e. distance to cliffs, heat load) and large-scale (i.e. river valleys and marine waterways) landscape features are key determinants of mountain goat gene flow across our study area (Shafer et al. 2012). In 2016, a new state-wide mountain goat population genetics project was initiated and will include more spatially extensive analyses that utilize both microsatellite and genomic techniques. This project is funded by ADFG and Trent University but will benefit our knowledge of mountain goat genetics in this study area as well.

Disease Surveillance.—In 2010, a subset of captured animals (n = 5) were tested (Washington Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory, Pullman, WA) for prevalence of respiratory bacteria associated with incidence of pneumonia (specifically *Pasteurella trehalosi* and *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*). Results of these analyses were summarized in White et al. (2012). Further surveillance testing for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* was conducted in 2014, 2016 and 2017. All seven animals tested in 2014 were negative for *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*; laboratory results for 2016 and 2017 are not yet available.

During 2005-2015, blood serum samples collected from captured animals have been tested each year for a suite of 15 different diseases relevant to ungulates (Appendix 1). Of particular interest was contagious ecthyma (CE), a viral disease previously documented among mountain goats in

Juneau, Haines and other areas of southeastern Alaska. Common symptoms of CE include presence of grotesque lesions on the face, ears, and nose which can lead to death of animals, primarily those in young or old age classes; healthy adults commonly survive the disease. Of the 65 animals successfully tested for CE in the Lions Head and Mt Sinclair areas, three animals (5%) tested positive for CE-specific antibodies; a level of prevalence comparable to other southeastern Alaska populations tested.

Trace Mineral Testing.—In 2010-2014, whole blood and

Table 1: Proportion of radio-marked adult female mountain goats observed with kids at heel during parturition in the Lynn Canal study area, 2005-2016. Data are also presented from other study areas, for comparative purposes.

Area	Year	Kids	AdF	Prop	SE
Baranof					
	2010	4	4	1.00	0.00
	2011	5	6	0.83	0.15
	2012	3	5	0.60	0.22
	2013	5	10	0.50	0.16
	2014	9	12	0.75	0.13
	2015	7	14	0.50	0.13
	2016	8	12	0.67	0.14
	2017	4	11	0.36	0.15
	Total	45	74	0.61	0.06
Haines-Skagway					
	2010	5	10	0.50	0.16
	2011	8	10	0.80	0.13
	2012	8	11	0.73	0.13
	2013	10	12	0.83	0.11
	2014	10	17	0.59	0.12
	2015	14	18	0.78	0.10
	2016	11	15	0.73	0.11
	2017	6	11	0.55	0.15
	Total	72	104	0.69	0.05
Lynn Canal					
	2005	8	12	0.67	0.14
	2006	16	25	0.64	0.10
	2007	20	32	0.63	0.09
	2008	19	33	0.58	0.09
	2009	15	25	0.60	0.10
	2010	18	26	0.69	0.09
	2011	18	27	0.67	0.09
	2012	9	15	0.60	0.13
	2013	9	13	0.69	0.13
	2014	8	14	0.57	0.13
	2015	15	17	0.88	0.08
	2016	14	17	0.82	0.09
	2017	13	17	0.76	0.10
	Total	182	273	0.67	0.03

Table 2: Estimates of mountain goat survival for different sex classes during 2005-2017, Lynn Canal, AK. Data are also presented from other study areas, for comparative purposes.

	Males				Females				Total			
	At Risk	Died	\hat{S}	SE	At Risk	Died	\hat{S}	SE	At Risk	Died	\hat{S}	SE
Baranof Island												
2010/2011	8	1	0.88	0.11	4	0	1.00	0.00	12	1	0.92	0.08
2011/2012	12	0	1.00	0.00	6	0	1.00	0.00	18	0	1.00	0.00
2012/2013	17	3	0.82	0.09	6	0	1.00	0.00	23	3	0.87	0.07
2013/2014	17	3	0.82	0.09	10	0	1.00	0.00	27	3	0.89	0.06
2014/2015	17	3	0.82	0.09	12	1	0.92	0.08	29	4	0.86	0.06
2015/2016	14	0	1.00	0.00	13	2	0.84	0.11	27	2	0.92	0.06
2016/2017	23	3	0.85	0.08	13	2	0.82	0.12	36	5	0.84	0.06
All years	106	13	0.87	0.03	64	5	0.92	0.04	170	18	0.89	0.02
Cleveland Pen.												
2009/2010	5	0	1.00	0.00	2	0	1.00	0.00	7	0	1.00	0.00
2010/2011	6	2	0.67	0.16	6	0	1.00	0.00	12	2	0.83	0.10
2011/2012	4	2	0.50	0.18	6	0	1.00	0.00	10	2	0.80	0.11
2012/2013	2	1	0.50	0.35	6	0	1.00	0.00	8	1	0.88	0.12
2013/2014	1	0	1.00	0.00	6	2	0.67	0.19	7	2	0.71	0.17
2014/2015	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2015/2016	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All years	18	5	0.72	0.09	26	2	0.92	0.05	44	7	0.84	0.05
Haines-Skagway												
2010/2011	13	4	0.69	0.13	10	3	0.70	0.14	23	7	0.70	0.10
2011/2012	16	2	0.87	0.09	10	1	0.90	0.09	26	3	0.88	0.06
2012/2013	18	2	0.89	0.07	11	1	0.91	0.08	29	3	0.90	0.06
2013/2014	22	2	0.91	0.06	12	1	0.92	0.08	34	3	0.91	0.05
2014/2015	19	2	0.89	0.07	16	2	0.85	0.08	35	4	0.88	0.05
2015/2016	18	5	0.72	0.10	16	3	0.79	0.10	34	8	0.75	0.07
2016/2017	13	6	0.56	0.13	14	4	0.71	0.11	26	10	0.64	0.09
All years	116	23	0.80	0.04	85	15	0.82	0.04	201	38	0.81	0.03
Lynn Canal												
2005/2006	11	2	0.82	0.12	11	1	0.91	0.09	22	3	0.86	0.07
2006/2007	33	11	0.67	0.08	25	4	0.84	0.07	58	15	0.74	0.05
2007/2008	36	7	0.77	0.08	31	4	0.83	0.08	67	11	0.80	0.05
2008/2009	36	10	0.66	0.09	34	6	0.73	0.09	70	16	0.69	0.06
2009/2010	28	4	0.86	0.07	26	4	0.85	0.07	54	8	0.85	0.05
2010/2011	25	3	0.88	0.06	24	2	0.91	0.06	49	5	0.90	0.04
2011/2012	23	6	0.72	0.10	23	3	0.85	0.08	46	9	0.77	0.07
2012/2013	19	8	0.59	0.10	16	7	0.60	0.11	34	15	0.59	0.07
2013/2014	13	3	0.75	0.13	11	2	0.83	0.11	24	5	0.79	0.08
2014/2015	11	5	0.57	0.14	14	1	0.93	0.07	25	6	0.76	0.08
2015/2016	8	1	0.86	0.11	17	2	0.88	0.08	25	3	0.87	0.07
2016/2017	13	6	0.54	0.14	17	3	0.82	0.09	30	9	0.70	0.08
All years	232	66	0.72	0.03	217	39	0.82	0.03	448	105	0.77	0.02

At Risk = maximum number of animals monitored per month (per time period)

serum samples were analyzed to determine trace mineral concentration for 31 mountain goats in order to examine whether mineral deficiencies were prevalent in our study population (Appendix 2a). While experimental data is limited to assess deficiency threshold values for Selenium, a trace mineral that can influence pregnancy, values less than 0.10 ppm are generally considered low. In the Lion Head/Sinclair study areas 32% of animals had blood Selenium values below this threshold (Appendix 2b); a high proportion of deficiencies relative to other mountain goat research study areas in southeastern Alaska. Presumably, deficiencies are related to site productivity and geologic substrate and can provide some level of insight relative to inherent productivity of mountain goat summer range in this area.

GPS Location Data

GPS System Performance.—The performance of GPS radio-collars (Telonics TGW-3590) was evaluated for 124 collars deployed since the beginning of the study (see White et al. 2012). In general, the remote GPS data collection system used in this study worked as expected. Specifically, we did not encounter any significant problems with GPS collar performance, nor did any notable problems occur with remote data download attempts.

Winter Severity and Snow Modeling

Snow Surveys.—Field-based snow surveys were conducted within 5 days of April 1 during 2007-2008, 2010-2017 on Echo Ridge. Analyses of these data quantified the degree to which snow depth differs with increasing elevation between forested and non-forested sites (White et al. 2012). Overall, these data quantify the extent to which snow depth varied relative to elevation and habitat type (i.e. open vs. forest). Specifically, snow depth was 30-40 inches deeper in open relative to forested habitats, on average. Further, snow depth increased 2.3-2.7 inches per 100 foot gain in elevation, on average (White et al. 2012). Importantly, these data provide quantitative information about winter severity in areas representative of where mountain goats in our study area are wintering. Such data will be able to be used as covariates in future analyses of survival, reproduction and resource selection.

Climate Data.—Daily climate data were archived from the National Weather Service database to characterize broader scale climate patterns. Mean daily snow depth and snowfall data were summarized from data collected at the National Weather Service station in Haines, AK (Appendix 3). Mean snowfall in Haines during the study period (2005-2016) was 117% of the long-term normal (i.e. 1950-2016). Overall, snowfall in Haines during 5 of the 7 initial winters of the study was above normal (including 5 of the 10 highest snowfall winters on record; 39 years of

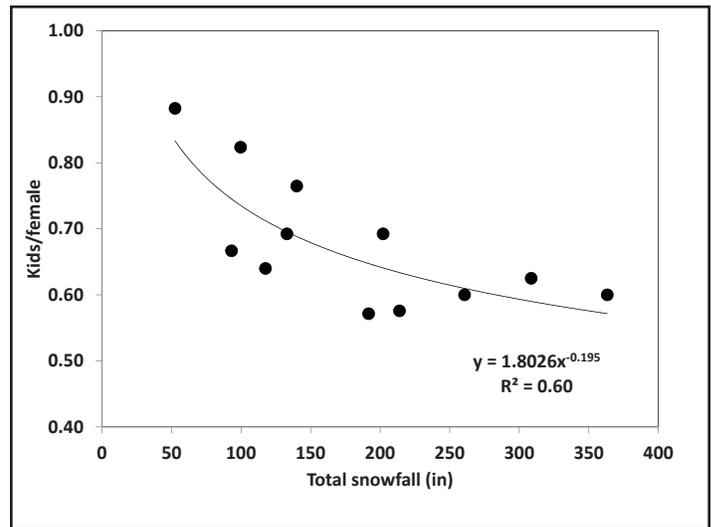


Figure 5. Relationship between total annual snowfall (Haines, AK) and the proportion of radio-marked females with kids during the parturition period during 2006-2017 in Lynn Canal, AK.

data). However, 3 of the last 4 winters have been below average, and included the winter of 2014/2015 which was exceptionally mild (54 inches of total snowfall, or 34% of normal).

Reproduction and Survival

Kid Recruitment.—Kid recruitment of radio-marked female mountain goats was estimated by determining the percentage of radio-marked females seen with kids during May-June aerial telemetry surveys (Table 1). Since each radio-marked female was not observed daily during the kidding period, it was not possible to determine if kids were born and subsequently died prior to, or between, surveys. As such, estimates of kid production reported here are presumably lower than the actual percentage of females that gave birth. Nevertheless, our estimates of kid production were similar to estimates of kidding rates reported elsewhere (Festa-Bianchet and Cote 2007).

Annual estimates of kid production in Lynn Canal ranged from 57-88% between 2005-2016 (Table 1). During 2017, 76% of radio-marked females (n = 17) had a kid at heel; nine percent above average (Table 1). As described above, the previous three winters have been particularly mild and likely contributed to the observed increase in reproduction; preliminary analyses suggest that reproduction is negatively related to total snowfall during the preceding winter (Figure 5).

Survival.—Mountain goats were monitored monthly during fixed-wing aerial telemetry flights and/or via GPS-telemetry. During 2016/2017 biological year, 9 radio-marked animals died. Overall, 70±8% of animals survived during 2016/2017; a relatively low proportion (i.e. 7% lower than the long term average) given that winter snowfall, an important determinant of winter survival (White et al.

2011), was only 90% of average. Interestingly, avalanches were the cause of death in 4 of 9 mortality cases, and an additional animal died from a presumed fall during winter (the remaining 4 radiocollared animals died of unknown, but non-avalanche related, causes). Conditions leading to winter avalanches or falls can be somewhat independent of total winter snowfall amounts and instead more strongly linked to persistent weak layers in the snowpack. The ontogeny and stability of snowpacks can be complex and related to storm cycle sequences and, sometimes, anomalous events such as rain-on-snow and hard freezes. Overall, the higher than usual occurrence of avalanche related mortalities in the study area resulted in lower survival of mountain goats than would be expected based on total winter snowfall. Typically, we would expect relatively shallow snowpacks to improve availability of food resources, reduce costs of locomotion and depletion nutritional reserves leading to increased probabilities of survival.

Population Abundance and Composition

Aerial Surveys.—During September 2017, we conducted three aerial surveys in the Lions Head and Sinclair Mountain study areas and the Berners-Lace ridge area (Appendix 4). The Berners-Lace ridge was surveyed because seasonal movement (albeit limited) by male mountain goats has been documented from the Lions Head study area to this site in past years.

Evaluation of Population Trends.— Geographic and temporal trends were calculated for eight survey areas within the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas, and Berners-Lace ridge (Appendix 4, 5a-c). Analyses were based on population estimates derived using the White et al. (2016) aerial survey sightability model and aerial survey data collected during 2005-2016.

Population densities declined substantially in most areas since 2005/2006 (Table 3). In the Lions Head area, the strongest decline occurred in the Kensington (i.e. -14% per year) and neighboring Met (-31% per year) survey areas, while the lower density West Berners area experienced less pronounced decline (-3% per year) areas; Berners-Lace Ridge appeared stable. In the more northerly Sinclair study area, mountain goat populations exhibited even stronger declines (Table 3). The peripheral, low density populations adjacent to the icefield appeared stable (but should be interpreted cautiously due to very low total number of animals seen in each areas). Population densities also varied substantially among areas with the highest initial densities occurring on the south and west side of the Kakuhan range (i.e. Kensington, Met, Yeldagalga and S Katzehin). Areas on the east side of the Kakuhan Range, generally had lower densities (and closer proximity to icefields and glaciers).

Table 3: Estimated change in minimum count densities, based on mountain goats observed during aerial surveys during 2005-2017, Lynn Canal, Alaska.

Area	Slope (change/yr)	r ²	Density (est total/km ²)			Area (km ²)	# years
			Mean	Max	Min		
<u>Lions Head</u>							
W Berners	-0.03	0.03	1.3	2.3	0.6	22.0	13
Kensington	-0.14	0.23	2.4	5.9	1.2	19.9	13
Met	-0.31	0.54	5.6	8.2	3.6	15.4	12
<u>Sinclair</u>							
Yeldagalga	-0.21	0.22	4.5	8.2	1.8	25.1	12
S Katzehin	-0.26	0.70	2.6	5.1	1.3	41.6	12
Katzehin Lk	-0.14	0.51	1.2	2.2	0.2	21.2	11
<u>Icefield</u>							
S Meade	0.07	0.12	1.1	2.7	0.4	18.2	12
U Lace	<0.01	<0.01	0.7	1.3	0.2	16.9	12
<u>BL Ridge</u>							
	-0.01	0.01	1.5	2.0	1.0	30.0	10

The general decline in mountain goat populations coincided with succession of severe winters between 2006-2014; total annual snowfall in Haines was greater than average in 6 of the 8 winters during this period (Appendix 3). Winter snowfall can exert strong negative effects of mountain goat survival (White et al. 2011) by increasing energetic costs of locomotion and burial of food resources. It is not immediately clear why declines appear to be strongest in the northwestern Kakuhan Range (i.e. Yeldagalga, South Katzehin and Katzehin Lake) and Kensington survey areas. It is possible that snow depths are greater in the northwestern areas; an observation supported by anecdotal information. The northwestern survey areas also had the highest initial population densities and may have been closer to nutritional carrying capacity (and thus more vulnerable to population declines) prior to the severe winters. In the Kensington area, declines appeared stronger than in surrounding areas to the east suggesting that factors other than local variation in winter conditions were important. Recent analyses suggested that mountain goat avoidance of winter range habitats within 1.8 km of Kensington Mine developments has reduced the functional winter range carrying capacity by 42% in the local area (White and Gregovich 2017). Thus, mine related disturbance may have indirectly exacerbated the effects of severe winters in the local mountain goat population. Nonetheless, the analyses and interpretation of the causes of population

declines should be considered preliminary.

Population estimates derived from aerial survey data collected in 2016 and 2017 indicated that the mountain goat sub-populations in the Yeldagalga survey area may be recovering, following the previously described multi-year decline. In other areas, populations appear to have remained stable over the last three mild (i.e. below average snowfall) winters. Under such winter conditions, population growth is expected and its currently unclear why a stronger population recovery has not occurred. Overall, results should be considered cautiously until additional data are collected in future years and confirm the apparent recovery trend.

Sightability Modeling and Population Estimates.—During all surveys, data were collected for purposes of developing group-level aerial survey sighting probability models. In addition, complementary aerial surveys were conducted in areas outside of the study area (Haines, Baranof Island) where mountain goats were marked as part of independent studies. Collection of data in other areas enabled acquisition of additional sightability data resulting in opportunity to more accurately parameterize sightability models; however, a majority of the data used to develop models was collected in the Lynn Canal/Berners Bay study areas. Details of this modeling effort are summarized in White et al. (2016).

FUTURE WORK

The mountain goat population monitoring and assessment work in the vicinity of the Kensington Mine is planned to continue during the operational phase on mining operations. The project area for ongoing mine-related monitoring work encompasses the area between Slate cove and the Katzehin River (i.e. the “Lions Head” and “Sinclair” study areas). In this area study animals (2016/17, n = 30) will continue to be monitored monthly to assess reproductive status and survival. Mortalities will be investigated during April - October, or as conditions allow. GPS location data will be downloaded from radio-collars following field recovery efforts; GPS radio collars automatically release 3 years after capture/deployment (or at the time of mortality). GPS data will be post-processed and appended to the existing GPS location database. During late-summer, 6-8 mountain goats will be captured to ensure scientifically defensible sample sizes are maintained. Three replicate aerial surveys will be conducted in early-fall 2017, weather permitting, in order to estimate mountain goat sightability, population abundance and composition. During 2017-2018, efforts will continue to develop mountain goat aerial survey sightability models and, ultimately, derive population estimates. Results of project activities will be summarized and submitted to Coeur Alaska, Inc. and as-

sociated stakeholders as an annual research project report in spring 2019.

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Appendix 1: Incidence of disease prevalence of mountain goats in the Lions Head, Sinclair, Villard and East Berners study areas, 2010-2015. Results are also provided for three other populations in southeastern Alaska in 2010-2015, for comparison. (Kakuhan includes the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas combined).

Disease	Baranof			Cleveland			Haines			Berners			Kakuhan			Villard			Total		
	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop	n	Pos.	Prop
Contagious Ecthyma	40	2	0.05	10	1	0.10	44	3	0.07	20	1	0.05	65	3	0.05	24	0	0.00	203	10	0.05
Chlamydia	16	0	0.00	12	0	0.00	28	1	0.04	27	0	0.00	34	0	0.00	30	1	0.03	147	2	0.01
Q Fever	36	0	0.00	11	0	0.00	50	0	0.00	29	0	0.00	65	3	0.05	32	1	0.03	223	4	0.02
Bluetongue	17	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	18	0	0.00	102	0	0.00
Bovine respiratory syncytial virus (BRSV)	17	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	16	0	0.00	101	0	0.00
Infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR)	17	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	102	0	0.00
Parainfluenza-3 (PI-3)	17	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	102	0	0.00
Epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD)	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	101	0	0.00
Caprinae arthritis encephalitis (CAE)	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	16	0	0.00	100	0	0.00
Malignant catarrhal fever-ovine (MCF)	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	16	0	0.00	100	0	0.00
Leptospirosis cannicola	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	101	0	0.00
Leptospirosis grippo	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	1	0.05	21	0	0.00	17	1	0.06	17	1	0.06	101	3	0.03
Leptospirosis hardjo	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	101	0	0.00
Leptospirosis ictero	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	3	0.15	21	2	0.10	17	3	0.18	17	3	0.18	101	11	0.11
Leptospirosis pomona	17	0	0.00	9	0	0.00	20	0	0.00	21	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	17	0	0.00	101	0	0.00

Positive titers: PI3>1:120, IBR> 1:64, BRSV >1:32, Leptospirosis sp.>1:100

Appendix 2a: Trace mineral concentration documented for mountain goats in the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas, 2010-2013. Results are also provided for three other populations in southeastern Alaska in 2010-2014, for comparison. (Kakuhan includes the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas combined).

Area	Se			Mo			Mn			Fe			Cu			Zn		
	mean	SE	n	mean	SE	n	mean	SE	n	mean	SE	n	mean	SE	n	mean	SE	n
Baranof	0.31	0.01	36	0.05	0.00	36	0.006	0.000	36	1.64	0.07	36	1.07	0.02	36	0.81	0.03	36
Cleveland	0.26	0.01	5	0.05	0.00	5	0.006	0.000	5	1.71	0.09	5	0.81	0.03	5	0.70	0.04	5
Kakuhan	0.17	0.02	31	0.05	0.00	31	0.006	0.000	31	1.58	0.09	31	1.01	0.05	31	0.81	0.03	31
Haines	0.24	0.02	52	0.05	0.00	51	0.006	0.000	51	1.82	0.07	51	1.06	0.03	51	0.83	0.03	51
Average	0.24	0.01	126	0.05	0.00	125	0.006	0.000	125	1.72	0.04	125	1.04	0.02	125	0.82	0.02	125

Appendix 2b: Selenium concentration for mountain goats in the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas, 2010-2013. Results are also provided for three other populations in southeastern Alaska in 2010-2014, for comparison. (Kakuhan includes the Lions Head and Sinclair study areas combined).

Selenium (ppm)

Area	mean	SE	n	Min	Max	# < 0.10	Prop < 0.10
Baranof	0.31	0.01	36	0.19	0.41	0	0.00
Cleveland	0.26	0.01	5	0.22	0.29	0	0.00
Kakuhan	0.17	0.02	31	0.05	0.37	10	0.32
Haines	0.24	0.02	52	0.03	0.73	9	0.17
Average	0.24	0.01	126	0.03	0.73	19	0.15

Appendix 3a: Monthly snowfall (in.) recorded at the NWS weather station in Haines, AK between 2005-2017.

Year	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Total	% of normal
2005/2006	0	30	9	40	22	16	0	0	118	76%
2006/2007	0	42	78	81	28	78	3	0	309	199%
2007/2008	0	6	56	78	41	31	3	0	214	138%
2008/2009	22	24	56	62	45	43	9	0	261	168%
2009/2010	0	48	19	68	8	59	0	0	202	130%
2010/2011	0	24	25	19	20	3	3	0	93	60%
2011/2012	0	126	40	121	20	56	0	0	363	234%
2012/2013	4	20	41	21	23	10	14	1	133	86%
2013/2014	0	20	92	22	23	35	1	0	192	124%
2014/2015	0	0	5	14	18	16	0	0	53	34%
2015/2016	0	21	43	18	16	2	0	0	100	64%
2016/2017	13	11	43	22	19	33	0	0	140	90%
Average, Study period	3	31	42	47	23	32	3	0	181	117%
Average, Long-term ¹	3	22	39	38	28	20	3	0	155	100%

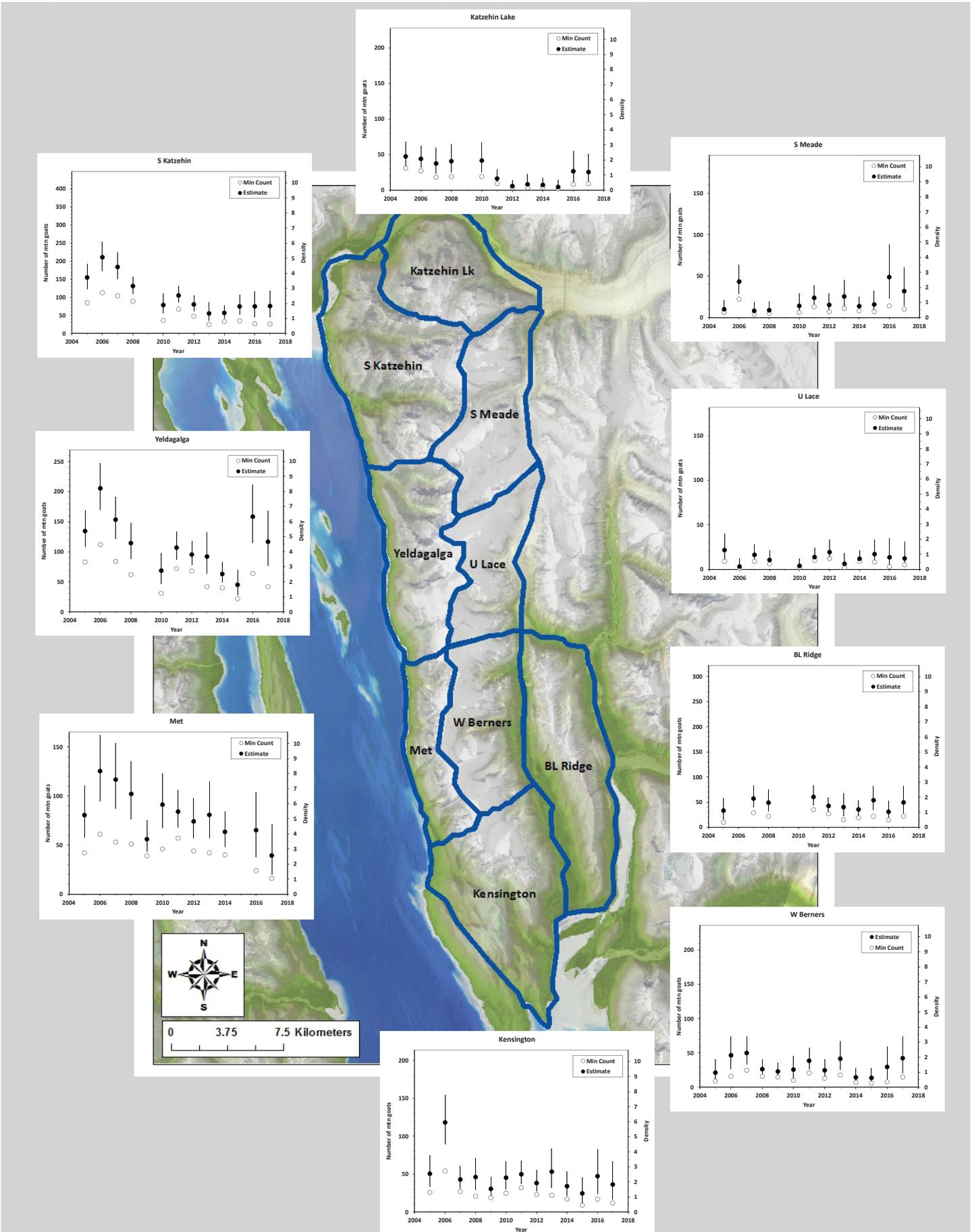
¹Haines Airport (1950-1955, 1973-1998) and Haines COOP NWS Station (1999-2017)

Appendix 3b: Summer temperature and precipitation (in.) recorded at the NWS weather station in Haines, AK between 2005-2017.

Year	Temperature - July/August						Precipitation		
	Farenheit			Celcius			Inches		
	Mean - 0 ft.	Mean - 3000 ft. ¹	Departure	Mean - 0 ft.	Mean - 3000 ft. ¹	Departure	May/ June	July/ Aug	Annual
2005/2006	58.48	47.78	1.22	14.71	8.77	0.68	3.2	4.0	64.9
2006/2007	56.21	45.52	-1.05	13.45	7.51	-0.58	6.5	3.7	67.0
2007/2008	57.66	46.97	0.40	14.26	8.32	0.22	2.0	6.0	56.9
2008/2009	54.83	44.14	-2.43	12.69	6.74	-1.35	4.7	9.3	63.9
2009/2010	59.34	48.64	2.08	15.19	9.25	1.15	0.9	8.4	77.5
2010/2011	56.63	45.94	-0.63	13.68	7.74	-0.35	5.1	3.6	46.7
2011/2012	56.37	45.68	-0.89	13.54	7.60	-0.49	1.5	6.0	85.6
2012/2013	55.98	45.29	-1.28	13.32	7.38	-0.71	8.7	6.5	54.3
2013/2014	59.20	48.50	1.94	15.11	9.17	1.08	5.0	2.8	54.8
2014/2015	57.08	46.39	-0.18	13.93	7.99	-0.10	6.6	12.0	69.4
2015/2016	57.61	46.92	0.35	14.23	8.29	0.20	3.0	9.0	73.4
2016/2017	58.82	48.13	1.56	14.90	8.96	0.87	6.8	3.5	60.8
Average, Study period	57.26	46.57	0.00	14.03	8.09	0.00	4.5	6.2	64.6

¹Temperature adjusted based on standard lapse rate (-5.941 C/3000 ft)

Appendix 4: Mountain goat aerial survey areas in the Kakuhan Range (Lions Head, Sinclair and Berners-Lace Ridge study areas). Each area was surveyed by fixed- and/or rotor-wing aircraft during August-October, 2005-2017. Summer range population size and density (mountain goats/km²) estimates were derived using sightability and RSF modeling and described in associated figures.



Appendix 5a: Summary of mountain goat population composition, minimum count and population estimates based on data collected during aerial surveys on the Lions Head study area (and associated survey areas), 2005-2017. "Minimum counts" represent the number of mountain goats seen during aerial surveys and do not account for variation in sighting probabilities between surveys/years. Population estimates explicitly account for variation in group-level sighting probabilities among surveys/years.

Study Area	Survey Area	Year	Minimum Count				Population Estimate				# of surveys	Area (km ²)
			Adults	Kids	Total	Prop. kids	Total	LCI	UCI	Density		
Lions Head	W Berners	2005	9	0	9	0.00	21	11	20	1.0	2	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2006	16	2	16	0.13	47	20	27	2.1	4	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2007	18	7	25	0.28	50	17	24	2.3	4	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2008	15	1	16	0.06	26	9	15	1.2	2	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2009	12	3	15	0.20	23	8	13	1.0	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2010	9	1	10	0.10	26	13	20	1.2	2	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2011	17	4	21	0.19	39	13	18	1.8	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2012	11	2	13	0.15	25	10	16	1.1	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2013	16	2	18	0.11	42	17	25	1.9	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2014	6	1	7	0.14	15	8	13	0.7	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2015	5	1	6	0.17	14	8	14	0.6	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2016	7	1	8	0.13	30	18	29	1.3	1	22.0
Lions Head	W Berners	2017	14	1	15	0.07	42	21	32	1.9	1	22.0
Lions Head	Kensington	2005	21	5	26	0.19	51	17	24	2.5	2	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2006	48	8	54	0.15	118	29	36	5.9	4	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2007	24	4	27	0.15	43	12	18	2.2	4	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2008	17	4	21	0.19	46	17	25	2.3	2	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2009	15	5	19	0.26	31	10	15	1.5	2	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2010	18	7	25	0.28	45	15	22	2.3	2	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2011	25	7	32	0.22	50	13	18	2.5	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2012	20	3	23	0.13	38	11	17	1.9	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2013	17	5	22	0.23	53	21	31	2.7	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2014	16	1	17	0.06	34	13	19	1.7	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2015	7	2	9	0.22	25	14	21	1.2	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2016	13	4	17	0.24	47	23	36	2.4	1	19.9
Lions Head	Kensington	2017	10	2	12	0.17	36	19	31	1.8	1	19.9
Lions Head	Met	2005	35	7	42	0.17	80	22	31	5.2	2	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2006	47	14	61	0.23	125	30	37	8.2	5	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2007	48	5	53	0.09	117	30	37	7.6	4	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2008	39	13	51	0.25	102	26	33	6.6	2	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2009	30	9	39	0.23	56	13	19	3.6	2	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2010	32	14	46	0.30	91	24	32	5.9	2	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2011	42	15	57	0.26	84	16	22	5.5	1	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2012	37	7	44	0.16	74	17	24	4.8	1	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2013	31	11	42	0.26	81	24	34	5.3	1	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2014	30	10	40	0.25	63	15	21	4.1	1	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2015	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2016	17	7	24	0.29	65	27	39	4.2	1	15.4
Lions Head	Met	2017	12	4	16	0.25	39	19	32	2.6	1	15.4

Appendix 5b: Summary of mountain goat population composition, minimum count and population estimates based on data collected during aerial surveys on the Mt. Sinclair study area (and associated survey areas), 2005-2017. "Minimum counts" represent the number of mountain goats seen during aerial surveys and do not account for variation in sighting probabilities between surveys/years. Population estimates explicitly account for variation in group-level sighting probabilities among surveys/years.

Study Area	Survey Area	Year	Minimum Count				Population Estimate				# of surveys	Area (km ²)
			Adults	Kids	Total	Prop. kids	Total	LCI	UCI	Density		
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2005	67	16	83	0.19	134	26	35	5.4	2	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2006	95	22	112	0.20	206	36	41	8.2	6	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2007	69	15	84	0.18	153	31	38	6.1	3	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2008	50	12	62	0.19	114	26	34	4.6	2	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2010	25	9	31	0.29	69	22	29	2.7	2	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2011	57	15	72	0.21	107	20	26	4.3	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2012	59	9	68	0.13	95	17	23	3.8	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2013	34	8	42	0.19	92	29	40	3.7	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2014	31	9	40	0.23	63	14	20	2.5	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2015	15	7	22	0.32	45	17	25	1.8	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2016	49	15	64	0.23	158	43	54	6.3	1	25.1
Sinclair	Yeldagalga	2017	31	11	42	0.26	117	40	51	4.7	1	25.1
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2005	72	13	85	0.15	155	32	38	3.7	2	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2006	94	19	113	0.17	211	38	43	5.1	4	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2007	84	20	104	0.19	184	33	40	4.4	3	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2008	70	19	89	0.21	131	21	27	3.2	2	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2010	29	7	36	0.19	79	24	31	1.9	2	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2011	53	14	67	0.21	105	20	26	2.5	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2012	42	6	48	0.13	80	18	25	1.9	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2013	21	4	25	0.16	55	20	31	1.3	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2014	27	6	33	0.18	57	15	21	1.4	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2015	27	8	35	0.23	75	23	31	1.8	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2016	21	6	27	0.22	75	30	41	1.8	1	41.6
Sinclair	S Katzehin	2017	24	2	26	0.08	76	31	42	1.8	1	41.6
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2005	23	8	31	0.26	47	13	21	2.2	2	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2006	25	3	27	0.11	44	13	18	2.1	4	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2007	16	2	18	0.11	37	14	22	1.8	3	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2008	15	4	19	0.21	41	16	23	1.9	2	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2010	14	5	19	0.26	42	17	25	2.0	2	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2011	7	2	9	0.22	16	7	13	0.8	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2012	3	0	3	0.00	6	3	8	0.3	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2013	2	1	3	0.33	8	5	14	0.4	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2014	3	1	4	0.25	7	3	10	0.3	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2015	2	0	2	0.00	4	2	10	0.2	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2016	7	1	8	0.13	26	16	29	1.2	1	21.2
Sinclair	Katzehin Lk	2017	8	1	9	0.11	25	14	26	1.2	1	21.2

Appendix 5c: Summary of mountain goat population composition, minimum count and population estimates based on data collected during aerial surveys on the Meade Icefield and Berners-Lace Ridge study areas (and associated survey areas), 2005-2017. "Minimum counts" represent the number of mountain goats seen during aerial surveys and do not account for variation in sighting probabilities between surveys/years. Population estimates explicitly account for variation in group-level sighting probabilities among surveys/years.

Study Area	Survey Area	Year	Minimum Count				Population Estimate				# of surveys	Area (km ²)
			Adults	Kids	Total	Prop. kids	Total	LCI	UCI	Density		
Icefield	U Lace	2005	9	0	9	0.00	22	12	18	1.3	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2006	1	0	1	0.00	3	2	9	0.2	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2007	8	1	9	0.11	16	7	12	1.0	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2008	6	1	6	0.17	10	4	11	0.6	2	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2010	2	1	2	0.50	4	2	8	0.2	2	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2011	6	4	10	0.40	14	4	10	0.8	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2012	9	3	12	0.25	19	7	14	1.1	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2013	2	0	2	0.00	6	4	12	0.4	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2014	6	3	9	0.33	12	3	9	0.7	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2015	7	1	8	0.13	17	9	16	1.0	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2016	3	0	3	0.00	13	10	22	0.8	1	16.9
Icefield	U Lace	2017	3	2	5	0.40	12	7	19	0.7	1	16.9
Icefield	S Meade	2005	6	1	6	0.17	10	4	11	0.5	2	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2006	19	3	22	0.14	43	14	21	2.4	2	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2007	3	1	4	0.25	8	4	10	0.4	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2008	5	1	5	0.20	9	4	10	0.5	2	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2010	4	2	6	0.33	14	8	15	0.8	2	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2011	10	3	13	0.23	24	10	15	1.3	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2012	7	0	7	0.00	15	8	14	0.8	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2013	10	1	11	0.09	25	12	20	1.4	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2014	5	3	8	0.38	14	6	11	0.7	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2015	5	2	7	0.29	16	9	16	0.9	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2016	12	2	14	0.14	49	26	39	2.7	1	18.2
Icefield	S Meade	2017	9	1	10	0.10	32	18	29	1.7	1	18.2
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2005	10	0	10	0.00	33	17	25	1.1	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2006	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2007	25	4	29	0.14	57	18	26	1.9	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2008	19	3	22	0.14	49	18	26	1.6	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2009	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2010	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2011	26	9	35	0.26	60	16	23	2.0	2	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2012	24	3	27	0.11	43	12	17	1.4	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2013	13	2	15	0.13	40	18	27	1.3	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2014	16	3	19	0.16	36	13	18	1.2	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2015	18	4	22	0.18	54	20	28	1.8	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2016	13	2	15	0.13	31	14	22	1.0	1	30.0
BL Ridge	BL Ridge	2017	17	5	22	0.23	49	21	33	1.7	1	30.0

Appendix 6: Summary of mountain goats captured and monitored in the Lions Head and Mt. Sinclair study areas during 2005-2017, Lynn Canal, AK.

Mtn Goat ID	Date - Capture	Year	Sex	Est. Age	Kid	Weight (lbs.)	Fate	Date - Fate	Days Monitored
LG001	9/26/05	2005	M	9	--	308	Died	4/17/06	203
LG002	9/26/05	2005	F	11	1	140	Died	4/16/06	202
LG003	9/26/05	2005	F	7	1	180	Died	4/10/07	561
LG004	9/26/05	2005	F	7	1	196	Release	8/15/07	688
LG005	9/26/05	2005	M	9	--		Died	5/9/07	590
LG006	10/2/05	2005	M	8	--	347	Died	2/10/06	131
LG007	10/2/05	2005	M	2	--	163	Release	8/15/07	682
LG008	10/2/05	2005	F	5	0	171	Died	7/8/13	2836
LG008	8/15/10	2010	F	7	1	172	Died	7/8/13	1058
LG009	10/2/05	2005	F	10	0		Release	8/15/07	682
LG010	10/3/05	2005	F	7	?	187	Release	8/15/07	681
LG011	10/3/05	2005	M	9	--	335	Died	2/11/07	496
LG016	10/14/05	2005	M	5	--	273	Release	8/15/07	670
LG019	10/15/05	2005	M	5	--	273	Died	6/26/06	254
LG020	10/15/05	2005	M	8	--	285	Release	8/15/07	669
LG021	10/15/05	2005	F	4	0	194	Release	8/15/07	669
LG022	10/15/05	2005	F	8	?		Release	8/15/07	669
LG023	10/15/05	2005	M	9	--	221	Release	8/15/07	669
LG024	7/28/06	2006	M	3	--	134	Died	7/13/08	716
LG025	7/28/06	2006	F	6	?	130	Died	5/11/07	287
LG026	7/28/06	2006	M	6	--	251	Died	11/17/06	112
LG027	7/28/06	2006	M	10	--	274	Died	12/31/07	521
LG028	7/28/06	2006	M	8	--		Died	7/18/07	355
LG029	7/28/06	2006	F	7	?	160	Release	9/11/08	776
LG030	7/28/06	2006	F	8	?		Died	4/25/07	271
LG036	7/29/06	2006	M	6	--	308	Release	9/11/08	775
LG037	7/29/06	2006	M	4	--	216	Died	2/18/08	569
LG038	7/29/06	2006	F	4	?	141	Release	9/11/08	775
LG039	8/29/06	2006	F	10	0	165	Died	5/10/07	254
LG040	8/29/06	2006	M	8	--		Died	4/24/12	2065
LG040	9/24/08	2008	M	10	--	309	Died	4/24/12	1308
LG041	8/29/06	2006	F	5	1		Release	9/11/08	744
LG045	9/25/06	2006	F	6	0	185	Release	9/11/08	717
LG050	10/7/06	2006	M	8	--	250	Died	4/17/07	192
LG051	10/7/06	2006	F	2	0	145	Release	9/11/08	705
LG052	10/7/06	2006	F	3	0	160	Release	9/11/08	705
LG053	10/7/06	2006	M	3	--	171	Release	9/11/08	705
LG060	10/13/06	2006	M	5	--	287	Release	9/1/08	689
LG061	10/13/06	2006	M	10	--	350	Died	5/15/09	945
LG061	8/18/08	2008	M	12	--	301	Died	5/15/09	270
LG062	10/13/06	2006	M	10	--	310	Release	9/1/08	689

Appendix 6 (continued): Summary of mountain goats captured and monitored in the Lions Head and Mt. Sinclair study areas during 2005-2017, Lynn Canal, AK.

Mtn Goat ID	Date - Capture	Year	Sex	Est. Age	Kid	Weight (lbs.)	Fate	Date - Fate	Days Monitored
LG078	8/2/07	2007	F	9	1	175	Release	9/11/08	406
LG079	8/2/07	2007	M	11	--	269	Died	8/24/07	22
LG080	8/2/07	2007	M	6	--	281	Release	9/11/08	406
LG081	8/2/07	2007	M	4	--	217	Release	9/11/08	406
LG083	8/3/07	2007	M	5	--	258	Died	6/11/11	1408
LG084	8/3/07	2007	M	4	--	180	Died	4/12/11	1348
LG086	8/11/07	2007	M	4	--	223	Died	10/7/08	423
LG087	8/11/07	2007	M	5	--	233	Died	2/21/10	925
LG088	8/11/07	2007	F	8	0	160	Died	11/1/09	813
LG089	8/11/07	2007	M	4	--	240	Died	11/1/09	813
LG090	8/11/07	2007	F	3	0	157	Release	9/11/08	397
LG097	8/16/08	2008	F	5	1	151	Release	6/7/11	1025
LG098	8/16/08	2008	M	6	--	279	Died	2/15/14	2009
LG098	8/16/12	2012	M	10	--	302	Died	2/15/14	548
LG099	8/18/08	2008	M	6	--	266	Release	6/7/11	1023
LG100	8/18/08	2008	F	10	1	163	Died	10/6/08	49
LG101	8/18/08	2008	M	5	--	277	Died	10/8/09	416
LG102	8/18/08	2008	M	7	--	328	Died	4/3/13	1689
LG103	8/18/08	2008	F	7	0	185	Died	10/14/12	1518
LG103	9/10/11	2011	F	10	0		Died	10/14/12	400
LG104	8/18/08	2008	F	6	0	192	Release	6/7/11	1023
LG106	8/19/08	2008	M	5	--	242	Died	4/17/10	606
LG112	9/21/08	2008	F	11	1	199	Died	2/4/09	136
LG117	9/24/08	2008	F	3	0	170	Release	6/7/11	986
LG118	9/24/08	2008	F	3	0	166	Release	6/7/11	986
LG119	9/24/08	2008	M	4	--	237	Alive	2/20/18	3436
LG120	9/24/08	2008	F	5	1	175	Died	3/22/09	179
LG124	8/5/09	2009	M	5	--	291	Died	3/2/12	940
LG125	8/5/09	2009	F	4	0	150	Died	4/11/14	1710
LG126	8/5/09	2009	F	6	1	175	Died	10/15/12	1167
LG127	8/5/09	2009	F	11	1	182	Died	3/9/10	216
LG128	8/5/09	2009	F	6	0	170	Died	7/27/10	356
LG136	9/1/09	2009	F	2	0	131	Died	10/18/09	47
LG137	9/1/09	2009	M	9	--	342	Died	6/19/12	1022
LG141	8/15/10	2010	M	7	--	307	Died	1/15/15	1614
LG143	8/15/10	2010	F	6	1	175	Died	5/7/13	996
LG144	8/15/10	2010	F	6	1	163	Died	6/14/11	303
LG145	8/15/10	2010	F	6	1	192	Alive	2/20/18	2746
LG146	8/15/10	2010	M	2	--	134	Died	7/12/12	697
LG147	9/10/11	2011	F	3	0	145	Died	10/11/12	397
LG148	9/10/11	2011	F	6	0	182	Died	9/11/17	2193
LG149	9/10/11	2011	F	6	0	164	Died	8/28/12	353
LG150	9/10/11	2011	M	5	--	234	Died	5/19/13	617
LG151	9/10/11	2011	F	5	1	180	Died	6/24/12	288
LG152	9/10/11	2011	M	11	--	296	Died	5/21/12	254
LG153	9/10/11	2011	M	5	--	243	Died	11/8/16	1886
LG154	8/16/12	2012	F	2	0	151	Died	8/7/17	1817

Appendix 6 (continued): Summary of mountain goats captured and monitored in the Lions Head and Mt. Sinclair study areas during 2005-2017, Lynn Canal, AK.

Mtn Goat ID	Date - Capture	Year	Sex	Est. Age	Kid	Weight (lbs.)	Fate	Date - Fate	Days Monitored
LG155	8/16/12	2012	F	12	0	186	Died	5/8/13	265
LG156	8/16/12	2012	M	6	--	265	Died	1/24/14	526
LG157	8/16/12	2012	M	4	--	282	Alive	2/20/18	2014
LG158	8/16/12	2012	M	4	--	192	Died	1/5/14	507
LG159	8/16/12	2012	M	3	--		Died	10/11/14	786
LG160	10/10/12	2012	F	2	0	172	Alive	2/20/18	1959
LG161	10/10/12	2012	F	3	0	160	Alive	2/20/18	1959
LG162	8/15/13	2013	M	8	--	325	Died	1/7/17	1241
LG163	8/15/13	2013	M	3	--	170	Died	7/7/15	691
LG164	8/15/13	2013	F	7	1	180	Alive	2/20/18	1650
LG166	8/15/13	2013	M	2	--		Died	6/29/14	318
LG167	8/20/14	2014	F	11	0	208	Died	1/17/17	881
LG168	8/20/14	2014	F	5	1	193	Alive	2/20/18	1280
LG169	8/20/14	2014	F	9	0	155	Died	10/15/16	787
LG170	8/20/14	2014	M	7	--	254	Died	11/7/14	79
LG172	8/20/14	2014	M	3	--	174	Alive	2/20/18	1280
LG173	8/20/14	2014	M	6	--	268	Died	11/19/16	822
LG174	8/20/14	2014	F	10	1		Alive	2/20/18	1280
LG175	8/25/15	2015	F	4	0	202	Alive	2/20/18	910
LG176	8/25/15	2015	M	6	--		Alive	2/20/18	910
LG177	8/25/15	2015	F	11	1	211	Alive	2/20/18	910
LG178	8/25/15	2015	M	6	--	300	Alive	2/20/18	910
LG179	8/25/15	2015	F	4	1		Alive	2/20/18	910
LG180	8/25/15	2015	F	1	0		Died	4/15/16	234
LG181	9/2/16	2016	M	7	--	295	Died	12/28/16	117
LG182	9/2/16	2016	M	6	--	331	Died	4/5/17	215
LG183	9/2/16	2016	F	9	1	191	Alive	2/20/18	536
LG184	9/2/16	2016	M	5	--	321	Alive	2/20/18	536
LG185	9/2/16	2016	F	5	0	193	Alive	2/20/18	536
LG186	9/2/16	2016	F	7	1	200	Alive	2/20/18	536
LG187	9/2/16	2016	M	5	--		Died	10/23/16	51
LG188	9/2/16	2016	M	4	--		Alive	2/20/18	536
LG189	8/10/17	2017	M	4	--	321	Alive	2/20/18	194
LG190	8/10/17	2017	M	3	--		Alive	2/20/18	194
LG191	8/10/17	2017	F	6	1	170	Alive	2/20/18	194
LG192	8/10/17	2017	F	6	1	172	Alive	2/20/18	194
LG193	8/10/17	2017	M	9	--		Alive	2/20/18	194
LG194	8/10/17	2017	F	8	1	179	Alive	2/20/18	194
LG195	8/10/17	2017	F	3	0	156	Alive	2/20/18	194
LG196	8/10/17	2017	M	4	--	209	Alive	2/20/18	194

Attachment 4

2018 Re-vegetation Test Plot Monitoring Results

KC HARVEY ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: 5173 I NORRILL

Date: 6/18/17

Data Collector(s): P. SMITH

Slope(%)/Aspect: /

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover
Grass	5									
Forb	10									
Shrub										
Total	15									
Weed										
Cover Crop										
Rock	75									
Litter	5									
Bare Ground	5									
Other Species:										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

M 085/
L12115W

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch None Fiber

Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name: **SITE 1 (NOBRT)**

Date: **8/12/18**

Data Collector(s): **(Y) N**

A. STRON

Aspect: **Slope (degree):**

Photographs taken: **(Circle one)**

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	YES	0	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p>SSF Range Class 1-20% Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe</p> <p>SSF % and Class: 89% Stable</p>
Surface Litter		3	14	
Surface Rock Fragments		2	14	
Pedestals		0	14	
Flow Patterns		3	15	
Rills		0	14	
Gullies		6	15	
TOTAL		8		

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: SITE 2 (MIDLES)

Date: 6/18/18

Data Collector(s): P. STORM

Slope(%)/Aspect: 1

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover
Grass	10									
Forb	10									
Shrub	—									
Total	20									
Weed	—									
Cover Crop										
Rock	70									
Litter	5									
Bare Ground	5									
Other Species:										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

Moss/
Lichen

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seedling Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch

None Fiber

Grazing

Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity

None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

Site 2 (Middle)

Date 6/17/18

Data Collector(s)

D. STRON

Photographs taken:

Y

N

Photograph notes:

Slope (degree):

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)										
Soil Movement	Yes	3	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (Identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p>SSF Range</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1-20%</td> <td>Stable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-40%</td> <td>Slight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41-60%</td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61-80%</td> <td>Critical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81-100%</td> <td>Severe</td> </tr> </table>	1-20%	Stable	21-40%	Slight	41-60%	Moderate	61-80%	Critical	81-100%	Severe
1-20%	Stable													
21-40%	Slight													
41-60%	Moderate													
61-80%	Critical													
81-100%	Severe													
Surface Litter		3	14											
Surface Rock Fragments		2	14											
Pedestals		0	14											
Flow Patterns		3	15											
Rills		0	14											
Gullies		0	15											
TOTAL		11	160	<p>SSF % and Class:</p> <p>11/160 STABLE</p>										

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):



KC HARVEY ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC

Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: ST# 3 SODM

Date: 6/18/18

Data Collector(s): D. STRON

Slope(%) / Aspect: /

Vegetation:

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Foliar % Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover	Total Foliar % Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover
Grass	15									
Forb	/									
Shrub	45									
Total	60									
Weed	/									
Cover Crop										
Rock	20									
Litter	10									
Bare Ground										
Other Species:						Other Species:				
Grass						Grass				
Forb						Forb				
Shrub						Shrub				
Weed						Weed				

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Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch None Fiber

Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

Plot 3 (South)

Date 6/18/18

Data Collector(s)

P. S. 2082

Photographs taken:

Y

N

Photograph notes:

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)										
Soil Movement	Yes	3	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition.</p> <p>2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present).</p> <p>3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature.</p> <p>4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values.</p> <p>5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100</p> <p>6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p><u>SSF Range</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1-20%</td> <td>Class Stable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-40%</td> <td>Slight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41-60%</td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61-80%</td> <td>Critical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81-100%</td> <td>Cover</td> </tr> </table>	1-20%	Class Stable	21-40%	Slight	41-60%	Moderate	61-80%	Critical	81-100%	Cover
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61-80%	Critical													
81-100%	Cover													
Surface Litter		3	14											
Surface Rock Fragments		0	14											
Pedestals		0	14											
Flow Patterns		3	15											
Rills		0	14											
Gullies		0	15											
TOTAL		9	100	<p>SSF % and Class:</p> <p>9% STABLE</p>										

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):



SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

Plot 1 (North)

Date **7/28/12**

Data Collector(s)

P. STON

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Photographs taken: (circle one)

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	3	Y	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p>SSF Range Class 1-20% Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe</p>
Surface Litter	3	Y	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	2	Y	14	
Pedestals	0	Y	14	
Flow Patterns	0	Y	15	
Rills	0	Y	14	
Gullies	0	Y	15	
TOTAL	8			<p>SSF % and Class: 87% Stable</p>

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: SR 5, T&E 2 (M. 0022)

Date: 7/29/18

Data Collector(s): R SPOW

Slope(%)/Aspect: /

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover
Grass	12 15									
Forb	R									
Shrub	F									
Total	20									
Weed										
Cover Crop										
Rock	35									
Litter	16									
Bare Ground	35									
Other Species:										
Grass					Other Species:					
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

**ALDER
1 spruce**

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch

None Fiber

Grazing

Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity

None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Date: **7/23/19**

Data Collector(s):

P. STROU

Location Name:

Plot 2 (middle)

Photographs taken:

Y

N

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	0	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross cut pre-entred possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (Identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p>SSF Range Class 1-20% Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe</p>
Surface Litter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	3	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	2	14	
Pedestals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	0	14	
Flow Patterns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	3	15	
Rills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	0	14	
Gullies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y	0	15	
TOTAL		9	100	<p>SSF % and Class: 9% STABLE</p>

Comments (When applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: 5172 3 (SOUTH)

Date: 7/28/18

Data Collector(s): P. STROW

Slope(%) / Aspect: /

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site						
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	
Grass	5										
Forb											
Shrub	90										
Total	95										
Weed											
Cover Crop											
Rock	5										
Litter											
Bare Ground											
Other Species:						Other Species:					
Grass						Grass					
Forb						Forb					
Shrub						Shrub					
Weed						Weed					

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Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

- HEAVY ALDER COVER

Long-term vegetation monitoring plan

- Additional Monitoring Methods**
- Seeding Count Yes No
- Canopy Cover Yes No
- Mulch None Fiber
- Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both
- Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Date **7/28/12**

Data Collector(s) **P. STRAW**

Location Name: **PLOT 3 (SOUTH)**

Photographs taken: **Y**

N

Aspect: Slope (degree):

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)												
Soil Movement	0	Y	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition.</p> <p>2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present).</p> <p>3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature.</p> <p>4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values.</p> <p>5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100</p> <p>6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SSF Range</td> <td>Class</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-20%</td> <td>Stable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-40%</td> <td>Slight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41-60%</td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61-80%</td> <td>Critical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81-100%</td> <td>Severe</td> </tr> </table>	SSF Range	Class	1-20%	Stable	21-40%	Slight	41-60%	Moderate	61-80%	Critical	81-100%	Severe
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41-60%	Moderate															
61-80%	Critical															
81-100%	Severe															
Surface Litter	3	Y	14													
Surface Rock Fragments	2	Y	14													
Pedestals	0	Y	14													
Flow Patterns	0	Y	15													
Rills	0	Y	14													
Gullies	0	Y	15													
TOTAL	5		100	<p>SSF % and Class: 5% STABLE</p>												

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: Plot 1 (AORTA)

Date: 8/27/18

Data Collector(s): P. STRUB

Slope(%) / Aspect:

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover
Grass	5									
Shrub	10									
Total	55									
Other Species:										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

ADD

Relative % Cover (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub)) / (Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

Long-term care and maintenance plan

- Additional Monitoring Methods**
- Seeding Count Yes No
- Canopy Cover Yes No
- Mulch**
- None Fiber
- Grazing**
- Wildlife Livestock Both
- Severity**
- None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

PLOT 1 (K01277)

Date 8/29/18

Data Collector(s)

P. STON

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Photographs taken: (circle one)

Y

N

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-eroded possible factor # if it is not potentially present).
Surface Litter	Y	3	14	3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values.
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	2	14	5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (Identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.
Pedestals	Y	0	14	SSF Range 1-20% Class Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe
Flow Patterns	Y	0	15	<p>SSF % and Class: 9% STABLE</p> <p>KCH HARVEY ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC</p>
Rills	Y	0	14	
Gullies	Y	0	15	
TOTAL	Y	8	100	

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Site Name: Plot 2 (W/DLC) Date: 8/29/18

Data Collector(s): P. STOR Slope(%)/Aspect: 1

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial					Reference Site				
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover
Grass	10									
Forb ^{MASS}	10									
Shrub	10									
Total	30									
Weed										
Cover Crop										
Rock	65									
Litter	15									
Bare Ground										
Other Species:						Other Species:				
Grass						Grass				
Forb						Forb				
Shrub						Shrub				
Weed						Weed				

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seedling Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch None Fiber

Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

PLOT 2 (MIDDLE)

Date 8/24/18

Data Collector(s) P. STROW

Photographs taken:

(Y) N

(circle one)

Photograph notes:

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.
Surface Litter	Y	3	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	2	14	
Pedestals	Y	0	14	
Flow Patterns	Y	5	15	
Rills	Y	0	14	
Gullies	Y	0	15	SSF % and Class: 11 2/6 STABLE Severe
TOTAL	Y	8	100	

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: Plot 3 (South)

Date: 8/29/12

Data Collector(s): P. STRONG

Slope(%) / Aspect: /

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial				Reference Site					
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ %Cover	Species 2/ %Cover	Species 3/ %Cover	Species 4/ %Cover
Grass	5									
Forb										
Shrub	85									
Total	90									
Weed										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										
Other Species:										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch

None Fiber

Grazing

Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity

None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

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SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Date 8/29/18

Data Collector(s) P

A.57702

Location Name: Pot 3 (South)

Photographs taken: (circle one)

N

Aspect: Slope (degree):

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF (identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below:</p> <p>SSF Range Class 1-20% Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe</p>
Surface Litter	Y	0	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	0	14	
Pedestals	Y	0	14	
Flow Patterns	Y	0	15	
Rills	Y	0	14	
Gullies	Y	0	15	
TOTAL		3	100	<p>SSF % and Class: 3% STABLE</p>

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):



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Qualitative Monitoring

Site Name: Plot 1 (NOGHT)

Date: 10/31/18

Data Collector(s): D. SPOON

Slope(%) / Aspect: /

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial					Reference Site				
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover
Grass	5									
Forb	20									
Shrub	5									
Total	30									
Weed										
Cover Crop										
Stock	45									
Litter	20									
Soil Ground	5									
Other Species:										
Grass										
Forb										
Shrub										
Weed										

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch None Fiber

Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name:

Plot 1 (North)

Date 10/31/18

Data Collector(s)

P. STROUD

Photographs taken:

Y

N

Aspect:

Slope (degree):

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition.</p> <p>2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present).</p> <p>3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature.</p> <p>4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values.</p> <p>5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (identified factors / possible factors) x 100</p> <p>6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <p>SSF Range Class</p> <p>1-20% Stable</p> <p>21-40% Slight</p> <p>41-60% Moderate</p> <p>61-80% Critical</p> <p>81-100% Severe</p>
Surface Litter	Y	0	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	2	14	
Pedestals	Y	0	14	
Flow Patterns	Y	0	15	
Rills	Y	0	14	
Gullies	Y	0	15	
TOTAL	Y	6		<p>SSF % and Class:</p> <p>6% STABLE</p>

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

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Site Name: Plot 2 (Middle)

Date: 10/31/17

Data Collector(s): P. STOW

Slope(%)/Aspect: 1

Vegetation

	Reclamation Trial					Reference Site				
	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover	Total Foliar Cover	Species 1/ % Cover	Species 2/ % Cover	Species 3/ % Cover	Species 4/ % Cover
Grass	10									
Forbs	25									
Shrub										
Total	35									
Weed										
Cover Crop										
Rock	35									
Litter	25									
Bare Ground	5									
Other Species:						Other Species:				
Grass						Grass				
Forb						Forb				
Shrub						Shrub				
Weed						Weed				

Relative % Cover _____ (Disturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))/(Undisturbed Total (Grass+Forb+Shrub))

Additional Monitoring Methods

Seeding Count Yes No

Canopy Cover Yes No

Mulch None Fiber

Grazing Wildlife Livestock Both

Severity None 0-5% Low 5-40% Moderate 40-60% Heavy 60-100%

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SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Date: 10/31/19

Data Collector(s):

P. STRON

Photographs taken: (circle one)

Y

N

Location Name:

Plot 2 (middle)

Slope (degree):

Photograph notes:

Aspect:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition. 2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present). 3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature. 4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values. 5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (Identified factors / possible factors) x 100 6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below. SSF Range Class 1-20% Stable 21-40% Slight 41-60% Moderate 61-80% Critical 81-100% Severe
Surface Litter	Y	3	14	
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	2	14	
Pedestals	Y	0	14	
Flow Patterns	Y	3	15	
Rills	Y	0	14	
Gullies	Y	0	15	
TOTAL	Y	11		SSF % and Class: 11% S-ABLC

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):



SURFACE STABILITY EVALUATION

Location Name: **Plot 3 South**

Date **10/31/18**

Data Collector(s) **N**

Aspect: **Slope (degree):**

Photographs taken: **(Y)**

Photograph notes:

Comments:

EROSION FEATURE	POTENTIALLY PRESENT (Yes or No)	IDENTIFIED FACTORS	POSSIBLE FACTOR	Procedure: (refer to Erosion Condition Classification System publication if needed)												
Soil Movement	Y	3	14	<p>1) Observe the total sample area and determine the average condition.</p> <p>2) Determine if each item is potentially present. Only the potentially present items will be considered in the total calculation (cross out pre-entered possible factor # if it is not potentially present).</p> <p>3) For items potentially present, review the Erosion Condition Class (Soil Surface Factor) sheet and assign a numerical value to each erosion feature.</p> <p>4) Total both the weighted values and the possible values.</p> <p>5) Calculate the Total percent SSF: (Identified factors / possible factors) x 100</p> <p>6) Write the total percent and corresponding condition class in the box below.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>SSF Range</td> <td>Class</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1-20%</td> <td>Stable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-40%</td> <td>Slight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>41-60%</td> <td>Moderate</td> </tr> <tr> <td>61-80%</td> <td>Critical</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81-100%</td> <td>Severe</td> </tr> </table>	SSF Range	Class	1-20%	Stable	21-40%	Slight	41-60%	Moderate	61-80%	Critical	81-100%	Severe
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21-40%	Slight															
41-60%	Moderate															
61-80%	Critical															
81-100%	Severe															
Surface Litter	Y	0	14													
Surface Rock Fragments	Y	0	14													
Pedestals	Y	0	14													
Flow Patterns	Y	0	15													
Rills	Y	0	14													
Gullies	Y	0	15													
TOTAL		3		<p>SSF % and Class: 3% STABLE</p>												

Comments (when applicable, include information on width, depth, uniformity, number per m² or height):

