American Flat Road/ Lucerne Access Right-of-Way Amendment

Draft Environmental Assessment Workshop

November 13, 2014

What is Before the BLM?

In August 2012 Comstock Mining, LLC submitted to the BLM an application and draft Plan of Development to amend their existing right-of-way.

Public Scoping

The BLM made presentations to:

Storey County Commissioners - January 7, 2013;

Lyon County Commissioners - January 15, 2013.

Public Scoping

January 17 until February 22, 2013.

Two **workshops** - 75 people in attendance.

The BLM received 41 scoping comments.

A **scoping report** - published in March 2013.

Other Agency Involvement to Date

Notification of the Project was also provided to:

State Historic Preservation Officer;
National Park Service;
Advisory Commission on Historic Preservation;
Comstock Historic District Commission;
Storey County; and
Yerington Paiute Tribe and Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

What is Not Before the BLM

Comstock Mining, LLC. has not submitted to the BLM a request to mine on public lands.

Alternatives Analyzed

No Action (Current Management)

Proposed Action

Non-Federal Alternative

Current Management

Comstock Mining, LLC. uses a portion of the Lucerne Haul Road and the American Flat Road to transport material to their processing facility.

The existing right-of-way for use of the American Flat Road expires on December 31, 2017.

Existing Right-of-Way

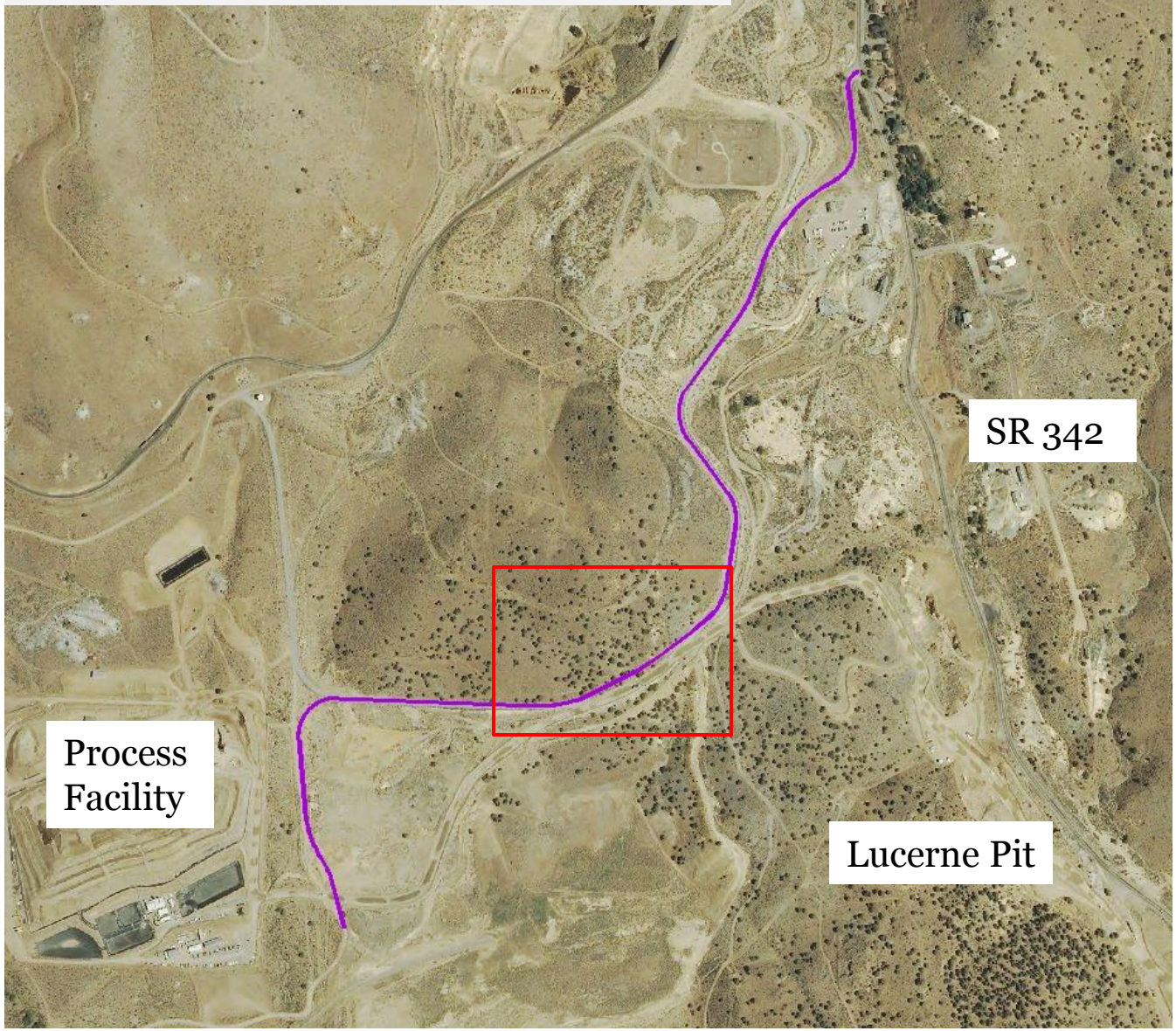
Proposed Action

Continue to use portions of the American Flat Road with modifications.

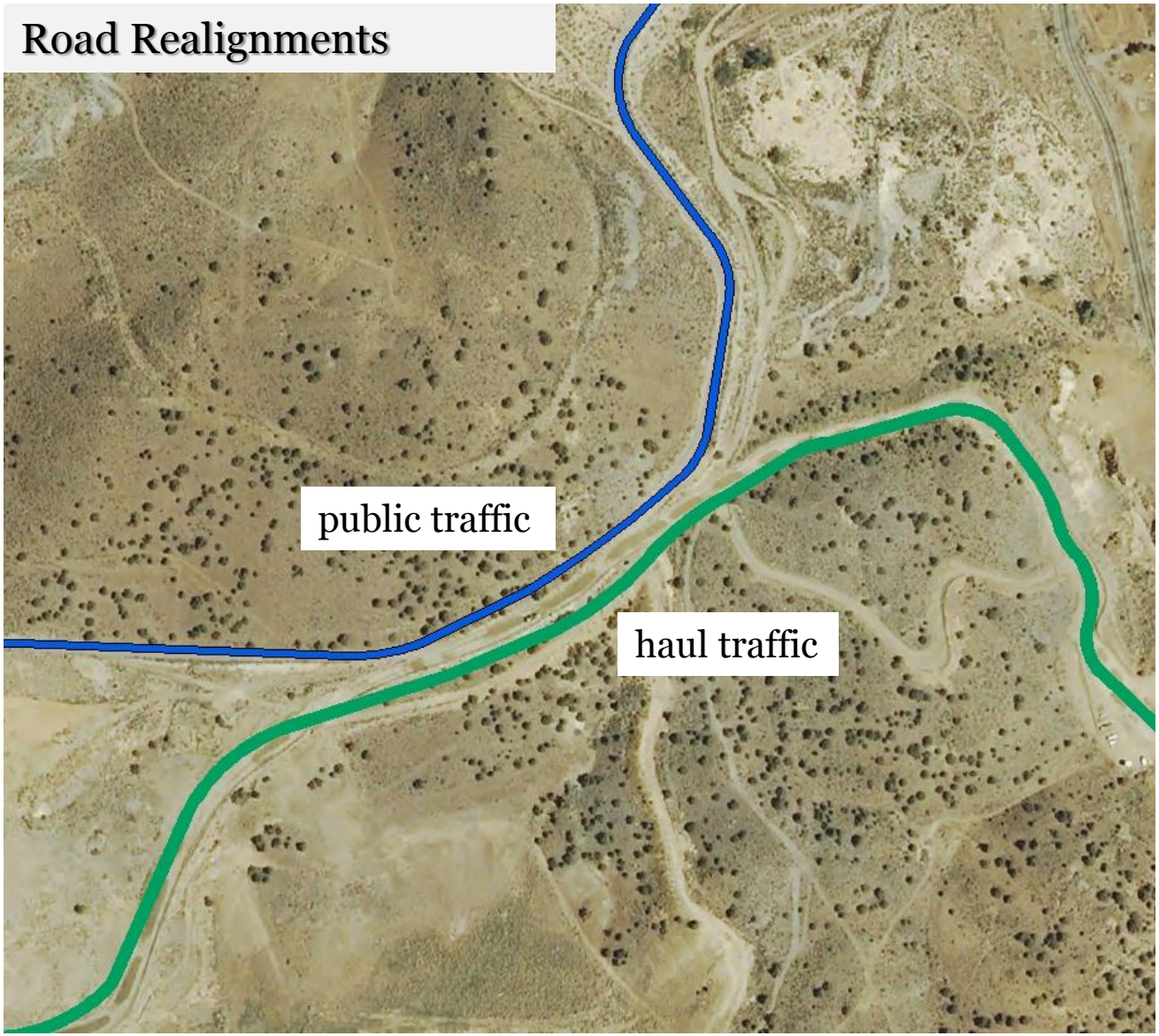
Use the Lucerne Haul Road exclusively with modifications.

The BLM right-of-way would be amended to allow for use of three “wedges” in the Lucerne Pit.

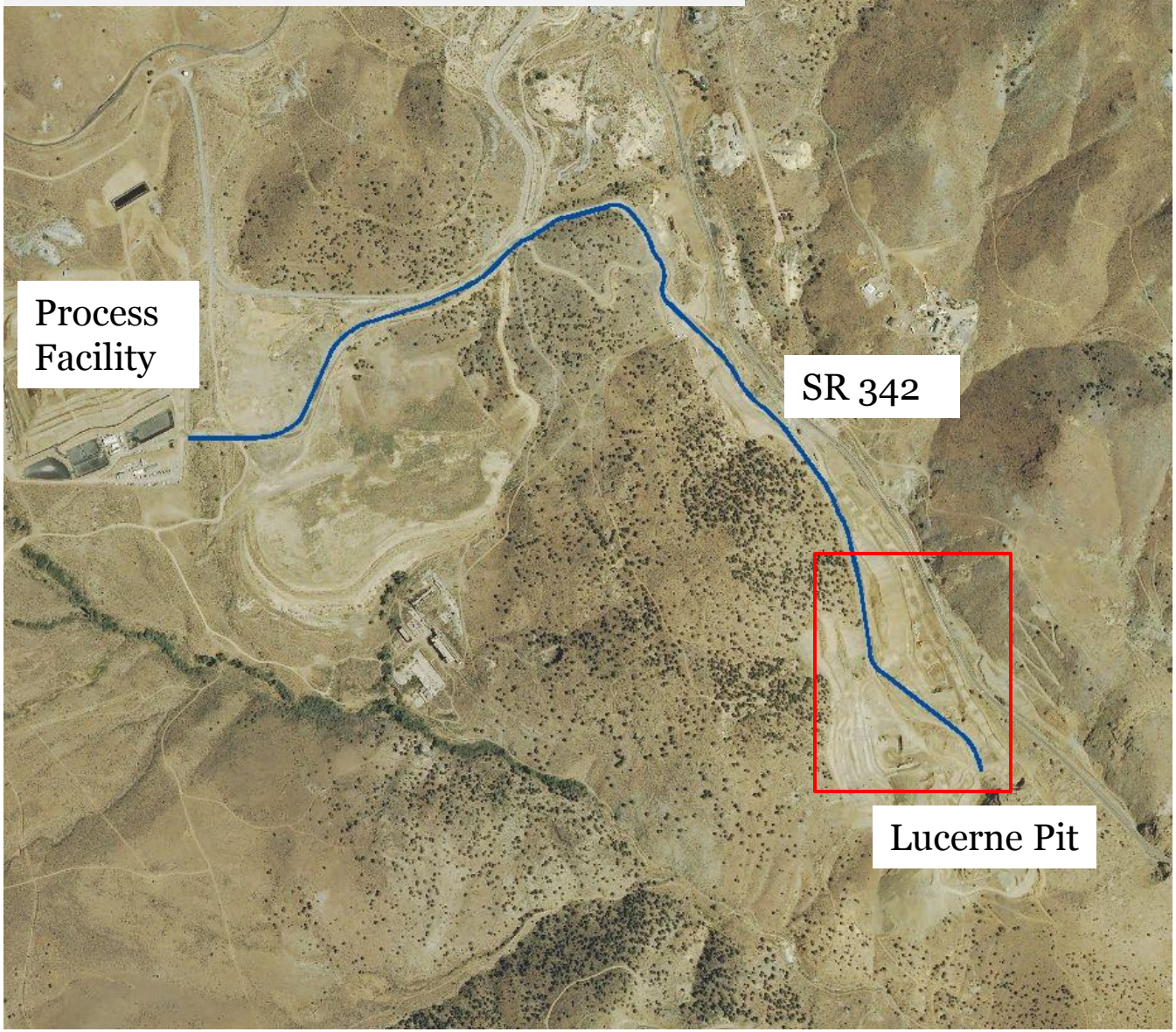
Proposed Right-of-Way



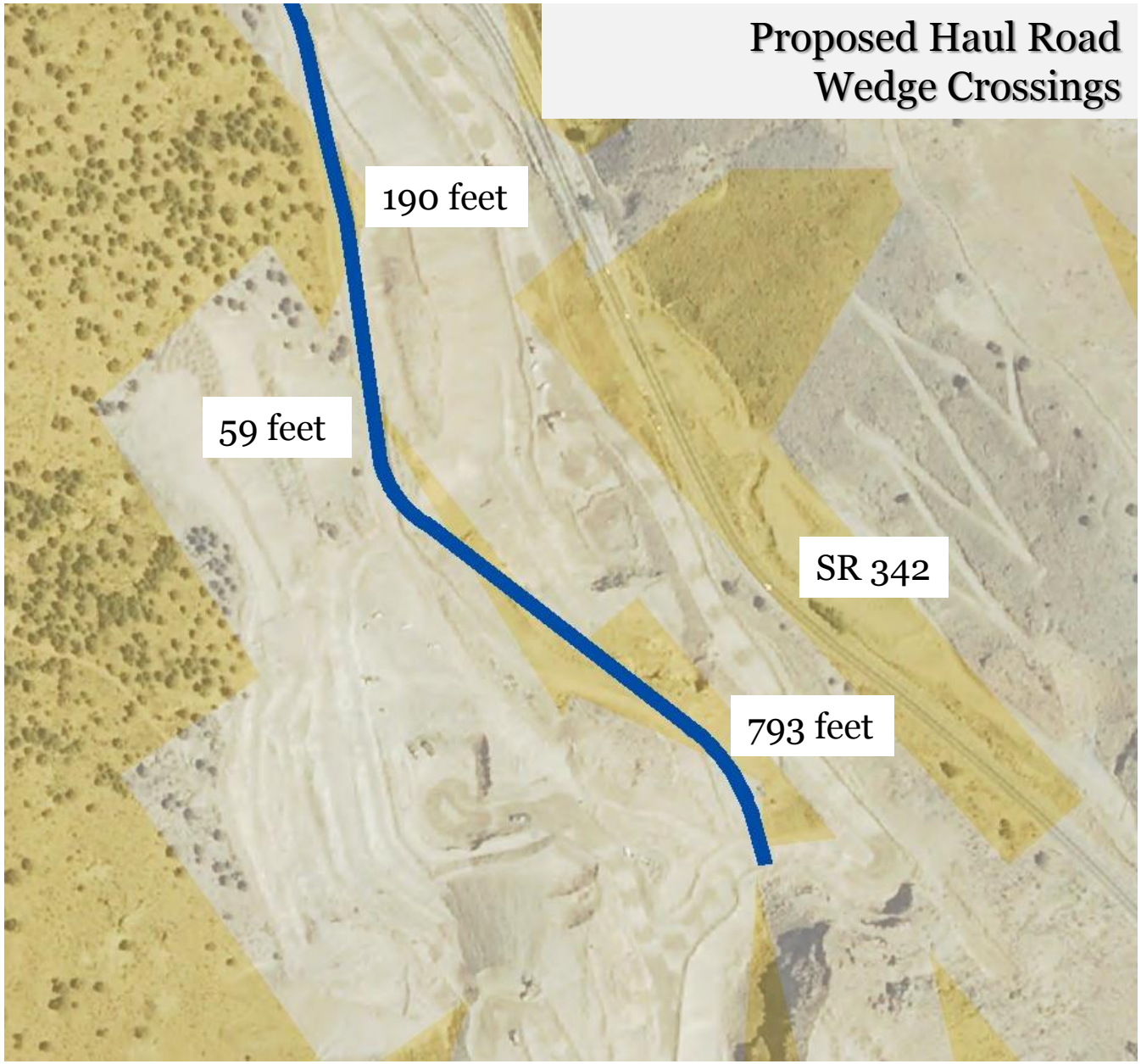
Road Realignments



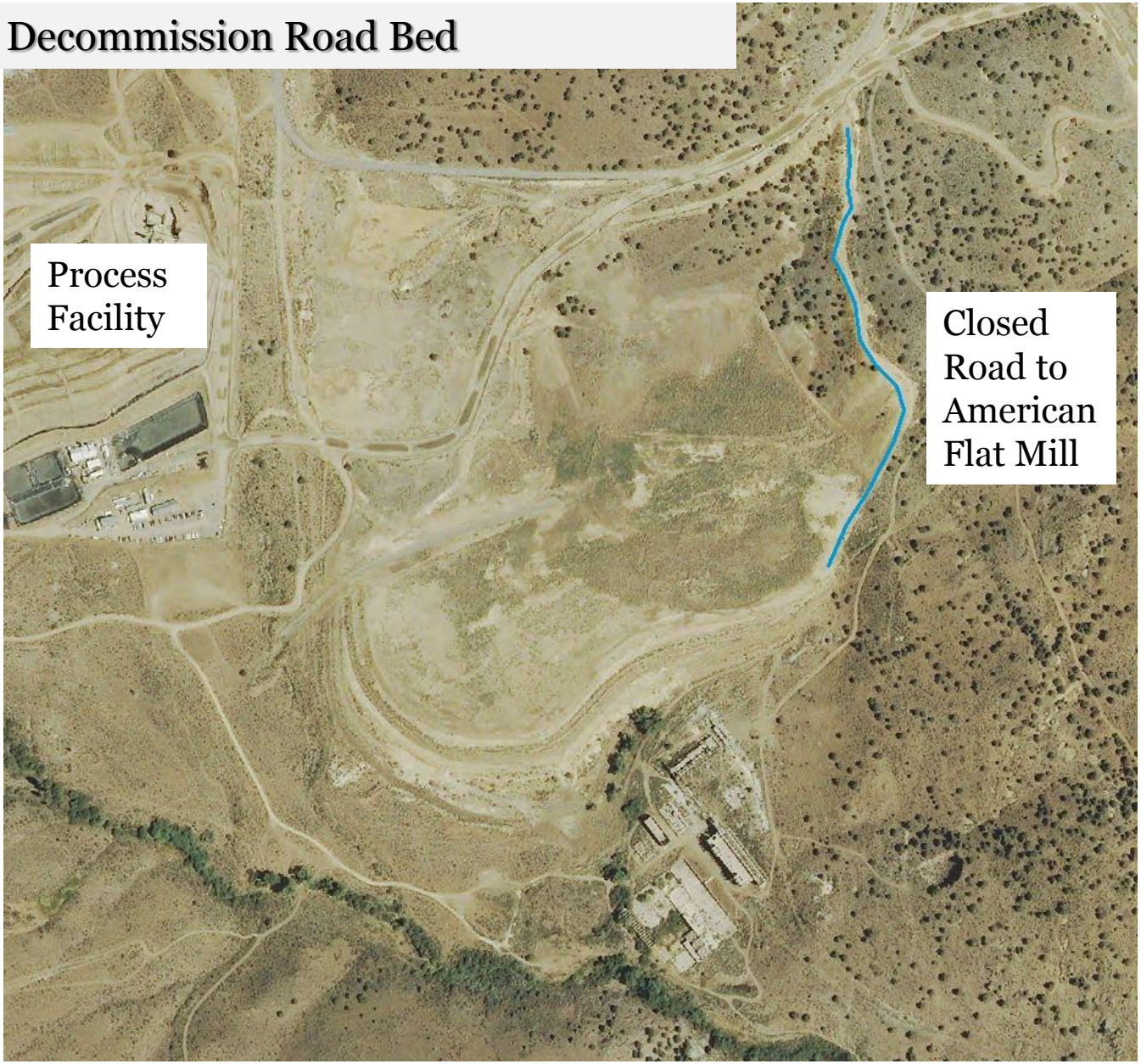
Proposed Exclusive Haul Road



Proposed Haul Road Wedge Crossings



Decommission Road Bed



Non-Federal Alternative

A reasonable alternative exists for Comstock Mining to continue operating without federal authorization.

A new processing facility could be constructed on private lands in Lyon County.

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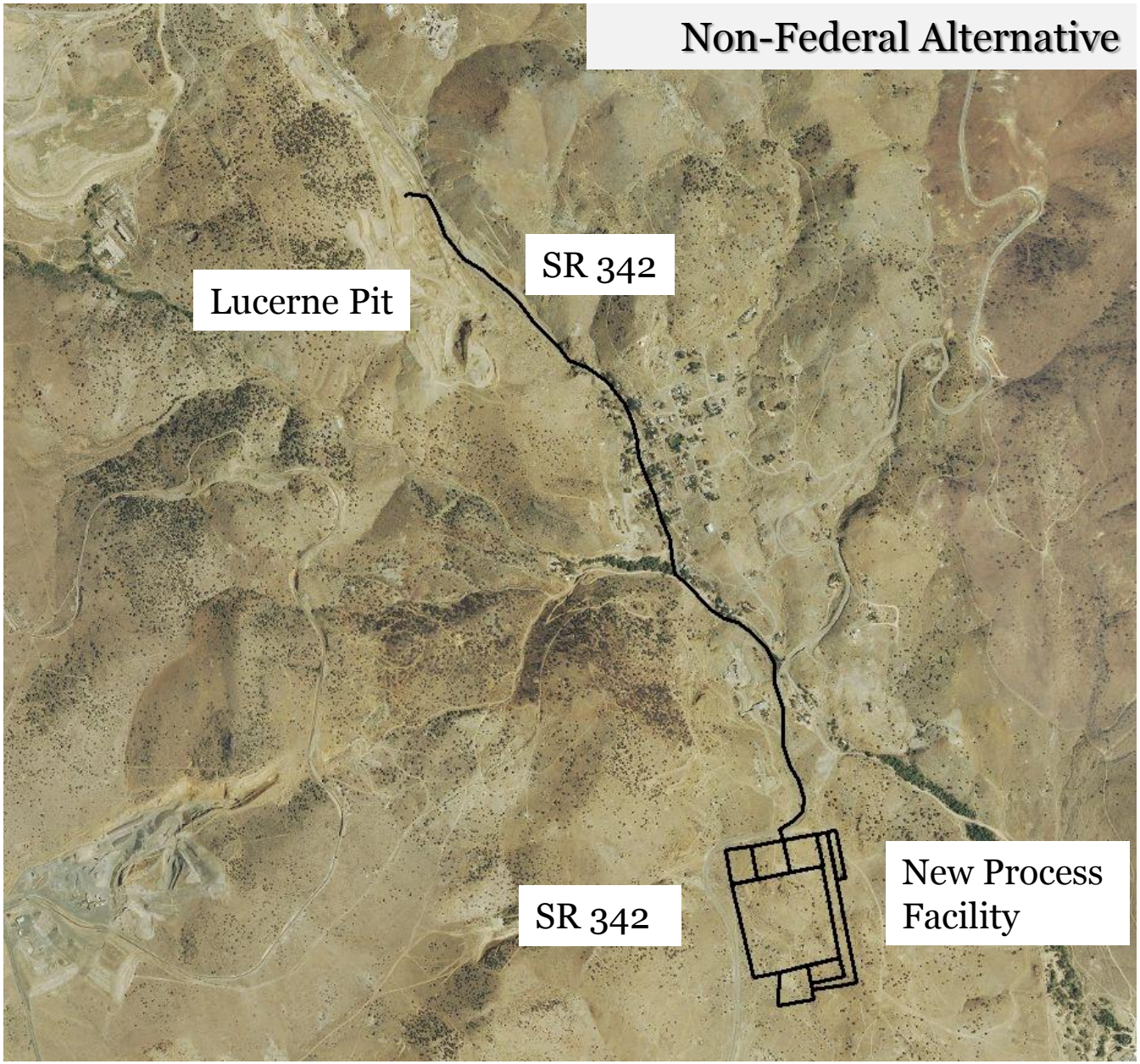

Public Review

Draft Environmental Assessment

November 10 to December 9

About Commenting

Not an election, it's about the analysis!

Form letters or petitions count as one comment.

Explain the <u>why</u> or <u>because</u>…

Comments should be *substantive* and be *relevant* to the proposed Project.