Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE: **Stillwater NVC01000**

NEPA NUMBER: **DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2014-0001-DNA**

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: **NVN 092541**

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: **Top Gun Pit 3rd Negotiated Sale**

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
T16N, R29E,
Sec. 18 Lot 3, SWSENW, NWNESW

T16N, R28E
Sec. 13 E2NENESE

Approximately 62.5 Total Acres

APPLICANT (if any): **Hiskett & Sons**

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The applicant proposes to excavate up to approximately 43,000 cubic yards of mineral materials from the Top Gun Pit over a 3 year period under a Negotiated Sale Contract with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The existing pit, stockpiles, and other surface disturbance in the project area is approximately 60 acres. Mining at the Top Gun Pit is actively being conducted on a 15 acre portion of the 60 acre material sale site. The proposed sale, NVN 092541, would increase the surface disturbance but activities would still be within the 60 acre project area.

In 2006 Hiskett & Sons expanded the project area to the east to provide finer material to mix with the aggregate to make a specified blended product. The expansion to the east increased the project area by 2.5 acres to a project total of 62.5 acres. Surface disturbance within the 62.5 acres is approximately 13.5 acres with an additional 5 acres of disturbance on the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) right of way (ROW) to the north for processing and stockpile of material. The use on the NDOT ROW to the north is consistent with the proposed action in the original EA. This additional acreage and the current proposed Negotiated Sale Contract are being proposed in this document EA-NV-030-03-032 previously analyzed the original 60 acre area for prior negotiated mineral material sale contracts. The attached maps indicate the proposed excavation in the existing pit and show the 2.5 acre expansion to the east of the currently authorized pit. This negotiated sale would be the third one issued to Hiskett & Sons in the Top Gun Pit area since 2003.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

*LUP Name** CCFO Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP)

Date Approved: May 9, 2001

Other Document_____ Date
Approved_____

Other Document_____ Date
Approved_____

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Section 10-MIN-5: **Administrative Actions,** "1. Continue to provide mineral material commodities to the using public, following these general criteria:

A. Avoid duplication of pits within the same general area.
B. Examine hauling distances and place sites according to acceptable VRM classification where possible
C. Use existing sites to the greatest extent possible.
D. For major transportation R/W's, place sites a minimum of 10 miles apart.
E. Determine life expectancy of sites and set rehabilitation requirements in advance."

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions):

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Environmental Assessment:

Environmental Assessment, Top Gun Pit Material Sale, Churchill County, Nevada
Document No. EA-NV-030-03-032
Decision & Rational: August 18, 2003

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The proposed action is a negotiated sale for sand and gravel which lies within the same analysis area that EA-NV-030-03-032 had evaluated for a previous gravel sale. The Environmental Assessment (EA) encompassed a 60 acre-area within which the proposed 15 acre material sale site location is situated. However, in the previous contract the project area was expanded to the East for a total of 62.5 acres. The proponent has previously removed approximately 400,000 cubic yards of material from the current 60 acre-area under previous Negotiated Sale contracts NVN 077182, NVN 084266. The 2.5 additional acres are adjacent to the existing 60-acre area and the geographic and resource conditions are similar to the previously analyzed 60 acre area in EA NV-030-03-032.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. EA-NV-030-03-032 analyzed the proposed action as well as a no action alternative which is considered reasonable for these types of actions. There are no new environmental concerns, interests or resource values in the area that would necessitate analyzing any additional alternatives.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. There is no significant change in circumstances or information regarding the proposed action that would substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. There has been no change in conditions that would trigger a change in the direct or indirect impacts associated with the proposed action as analyzed in Chapters 3 and 4 of the existing EA as the new proposal is the same as that which was previously analyzed. Cumulative impacts of the new proposed action would be the same as those described in the EA and would be expected to be negligible.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?
Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The BLM conducted internal scoping, in addition to consultation with the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the Fallon Shoshone Paiute Tribe, the Nevada Natural Heritage Program and the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service. The only concerns brought forward were that the adjacent hills to the proposed site contain shallow caves and slopes that may be culturally significant. No cultural resources were found within the 60 acre project area. This level of scoping is considered to be appropriate in the context of the proposed action. The significant distance of the proposed action from residential development, the lack of identified resource concerns, and the limited extent of associated impacts preclude the need for additional scoping with this new proposed action.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Jason Wright	Archaeologist	BLM JW 2/24/14
Matt Simons	Realty	BLM MS 2/11/14
Kenneth Depaoli	Geologist	BLM KD 2/11/14

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

Signature of Project Lead

Feb 26, 2014

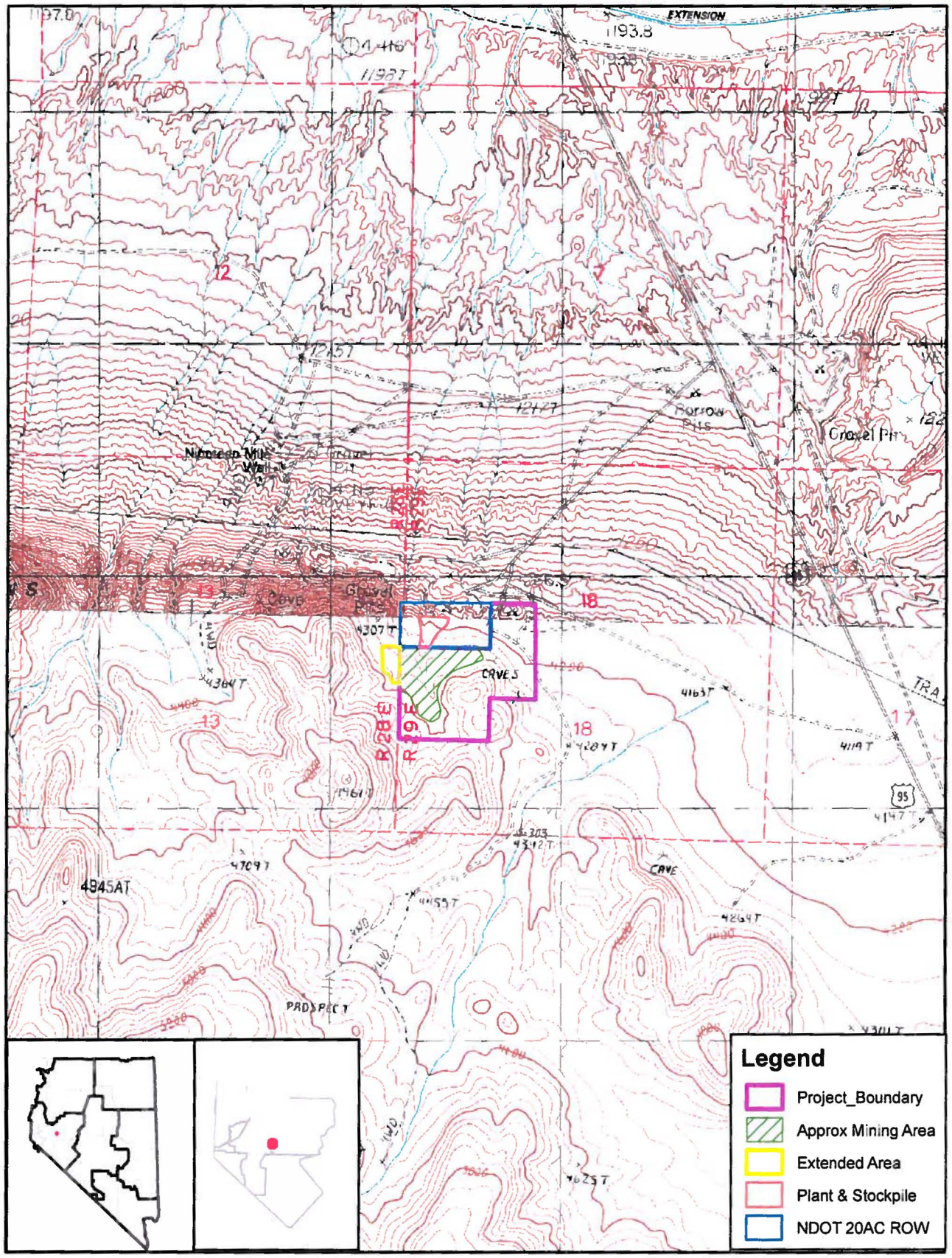
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

Signature of Responsible Official

Date 2/26/2014

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

NVN-92541



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

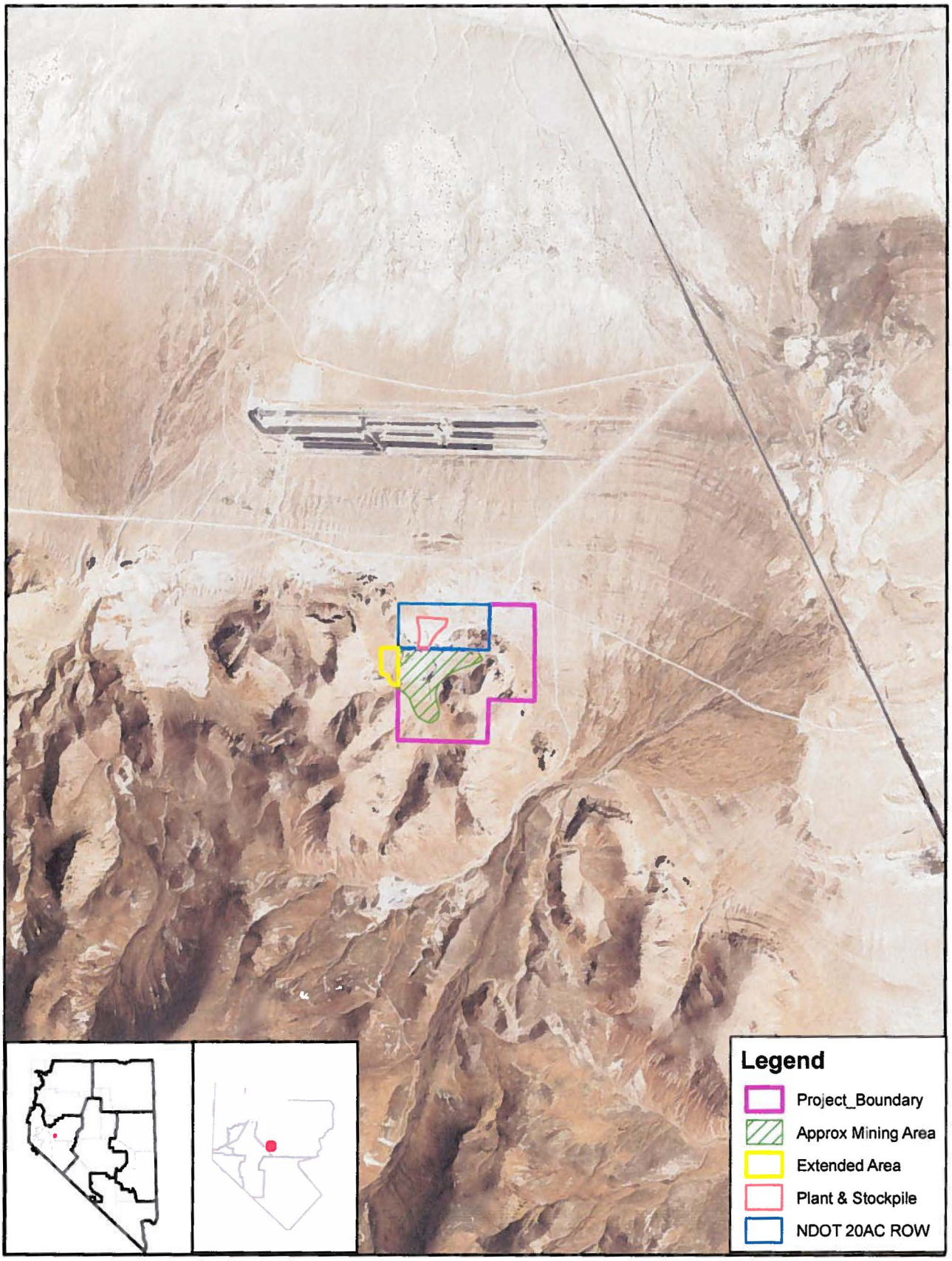
Map Drawn: 01-08-14
By: Ken Depaoli

1:24,000

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

NVN-92541



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

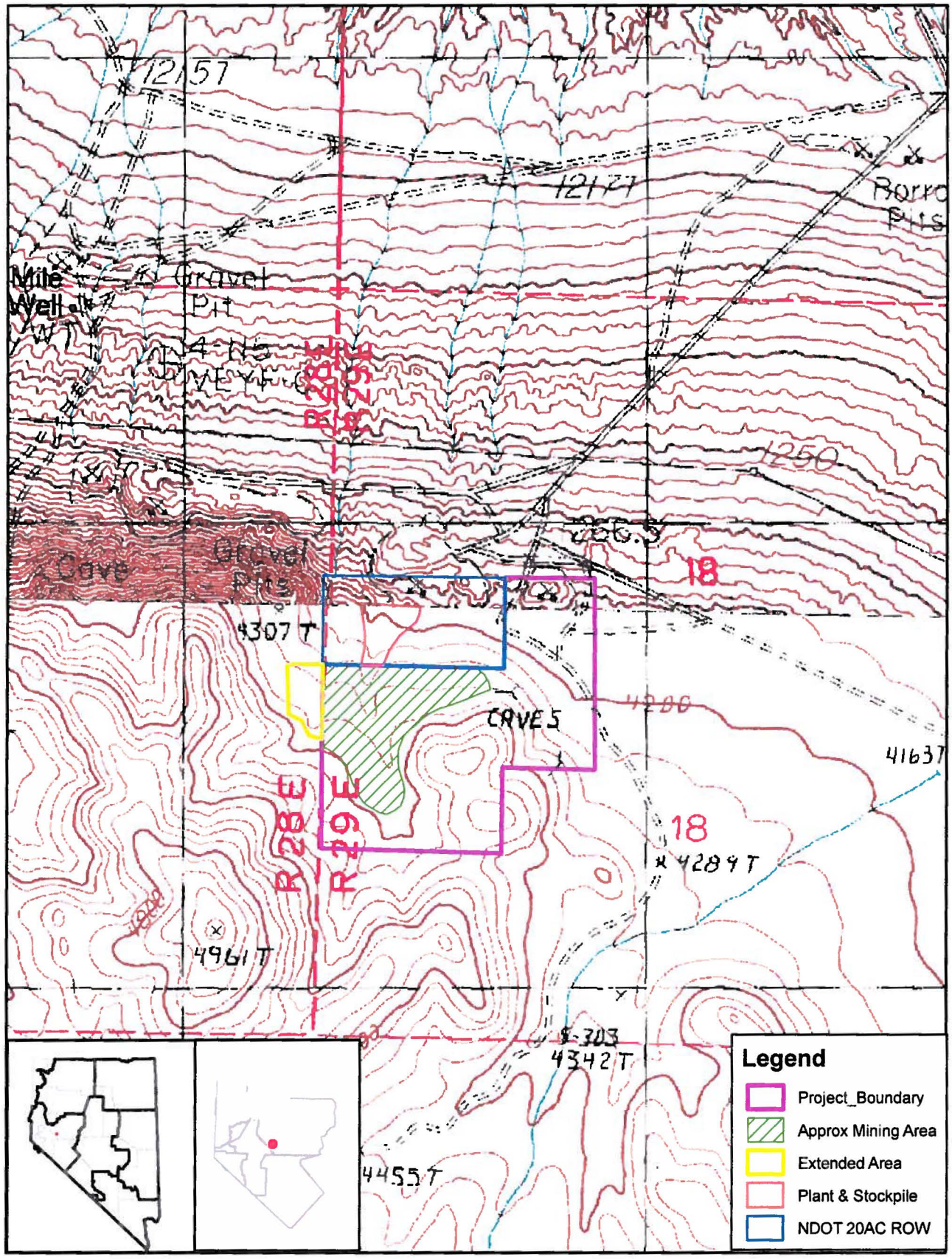
Map Drawn: 01-08-14
By: Ken Depaoli

1:24,000

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

NVN-92541



1:12,000

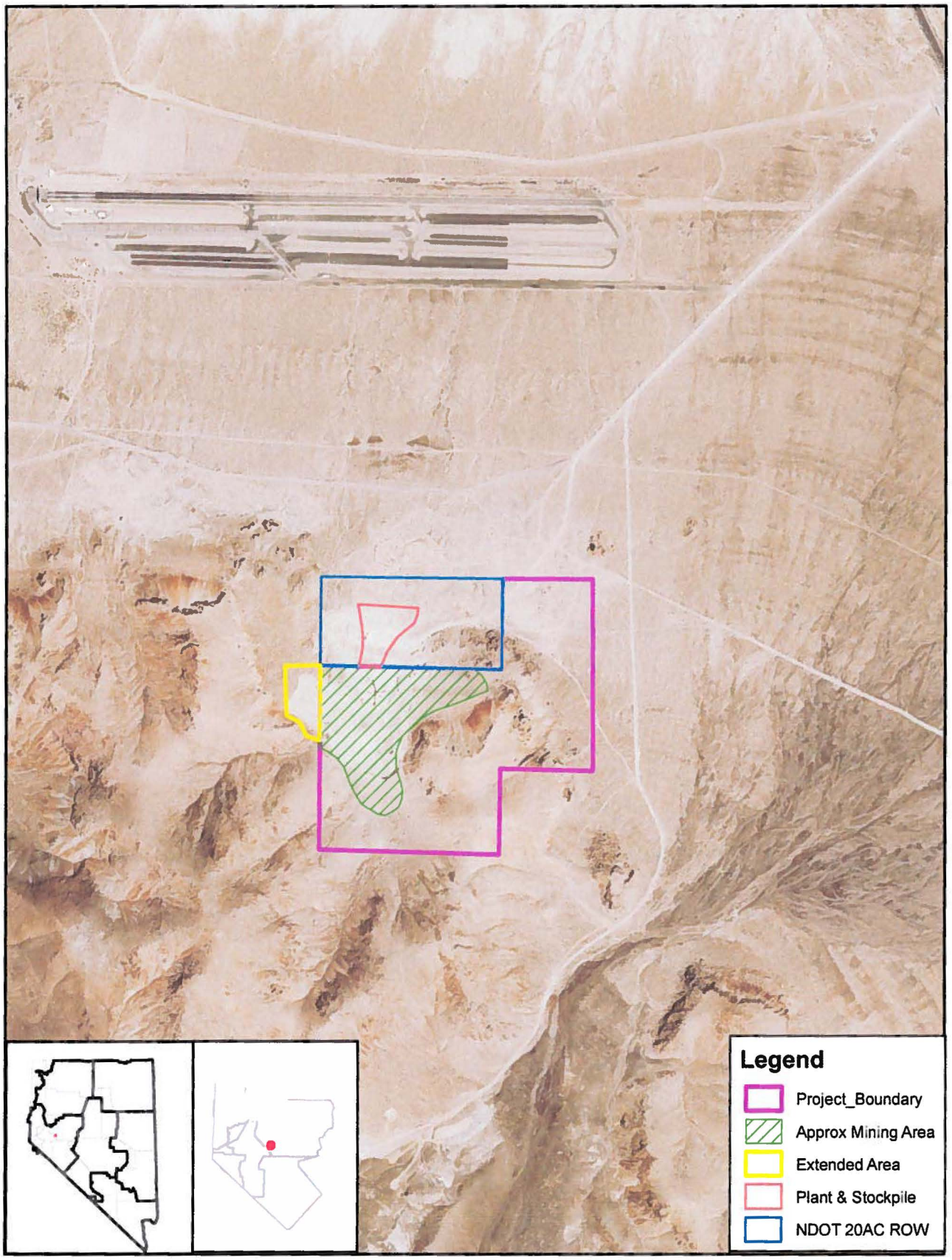
0 300 600 1,200 1,800 2,400 Feet

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

Map Drawn: 01-08-14
By: Ken Depaoli

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

NVN-92541



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

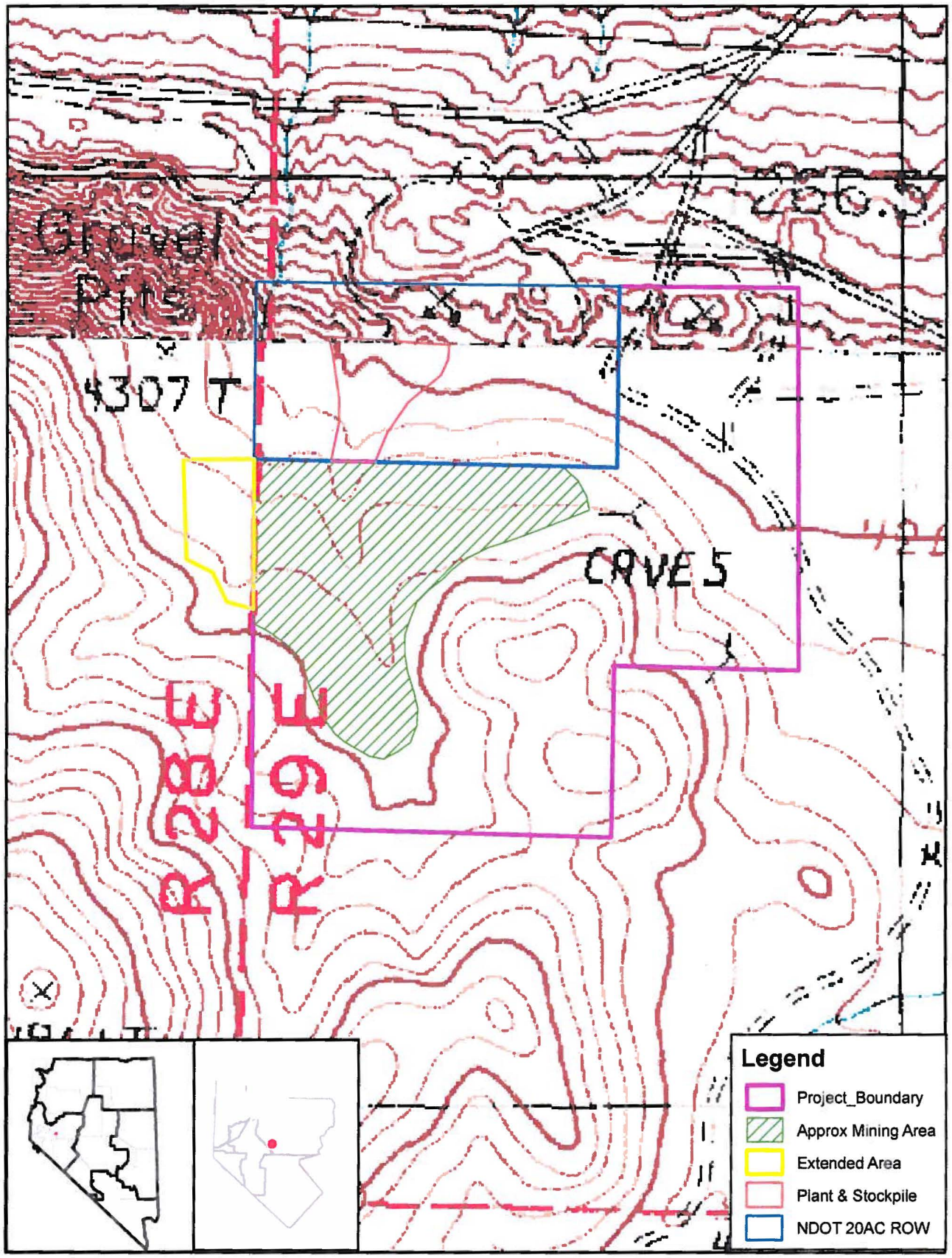
Map Drawn: 01-08-14
By: Ken Depaoli

1:12,000

0 300 600 1,200 1,800 2,400 Feet

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

NVN-92541



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

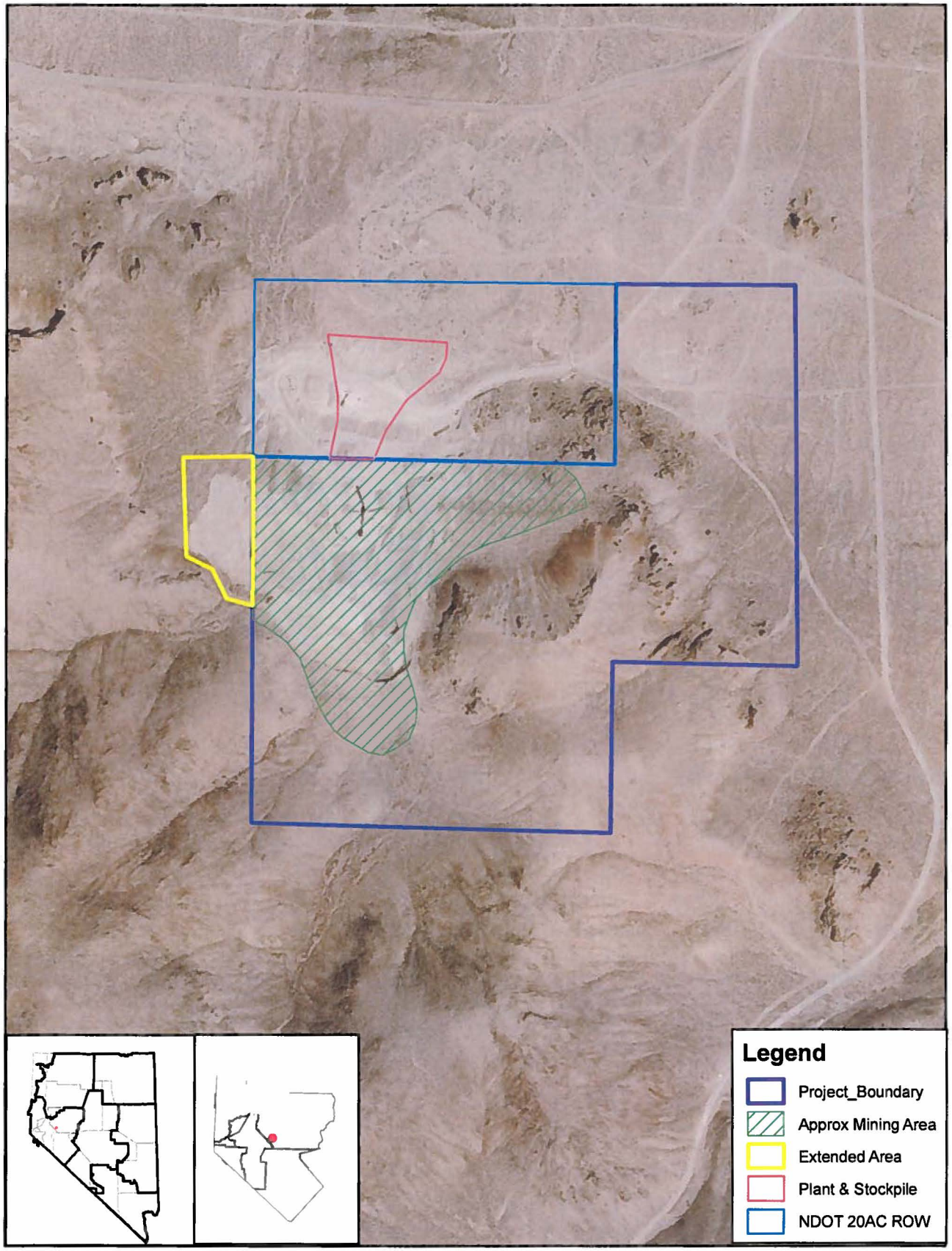
Map Drawn: 01-08-14
By: Ken Depaoli

1:6,000

0 150 300 600 900 1,200 Feet

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.

NVN-92541



United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office
5665 Morgan Mill Rd.
Carson City, NV. 89701
(775) 885-6000

Map Drawn 01-08-14
By Ken Depaoli

1:6,000

0 150 300 600 900 1,200 Feet

No warranty is made by the Bureau of Land Management as to the accuracy, reliability, or completeness of these data for individual use or aggregate use with other data. Original data were compiled from various sources. This information may not meet National Map Accuracy Standards. This product was developed through digital means and may be updated without notification.