

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

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FIELD OFFICE: Stillwater NVC01000

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0034-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN-91748

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: **Desert Mountain Pit 2 Negotiated Sale**

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

**T16N, R28E,**

**Sec. 9 (S2SW, W2E2W2SWSE, W2W2SWSE)**

**Sec. 16 (W2E2W2NWNE, W2W2NWNE, N2NENW, N2S2NENW, N2S2S2NENW, S2SWSWNENW, NWNW, NWNENESWNW, W2NESWNW, N2NWSSESWNW, NWSWNW, N2N2SWSWNW)**

**Sec. 17 (SENEENENE, E2SWNEENE, SENEENE, E2SENEENE, E2NWSENEENE, E2NESEENE, E2W2NESEENE, N2NESESEENE, NENWSESEENE)**

**Approximately 200 Total Acres**

APPLICANT (if any): **A & K Earthmovers**

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

The applicant proposes to excavate approximately 100,000 cubic yards of mineral materials from the Desert Mountain Pit 2 over a 5 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 55.3 acres. The proposed sale, NVN-091748, will increase the surface disturbance but still be within the 200 acre project area. EA-NV-030-81-200216 and EA-NV-030-82-200202 previously analyzed the original 179 acre area for prior negotiated mineral material sale contracts. The attached map indicates the direction of the proposed excavation in the existing pit. This negotiated sale would be the fifth one issued to A & K Earthmovers Desert Mountain Pit area since 2001.

In 2003 A&K expanded the project area to the east to provide the needed room for temporary storage of aggregate needed for hot plant operation (asphalt production). The project acreage was increased to approximately 200 acres. They have disturbed some of this area in prior contracts. The area is mentioned in this DNA to account for the existing disturbance and the eastern expansion. The attached map indicates the project area and the expansion to the east in 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, Russell Pass Materials Pit Expansion, Churchill County, Nevada  
Document No. EA-NV-030--200202  
Decision & Rational: January 8, 2002

Environmental Assessment, Russell Pass Materials Pit Asphalt Plant, Churchill County, Nevada  
Document No. EA-NV-030-200216  
Decision & Rational: May 8, 2002

*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 EA-NV-030-200202 and EA-NV-030-200216 have evaluated for a previous gravel sale. The Environmental Assessments (EAs) encompassed a 179 acre-area and the proposed sale will be kept within this area. However, in 2003 the project area was expanded to the East for a total of 200 acres. The proponent has previously removed a total of 683,000 cubic yards of material from the current surface disturbance of 55.3 acre-area under previous Negotiated Sale contracts NVN 082012, NVN 081780, NVN 076916, and NVN 073925.

**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-030-200202 and EA-NV-030-200216 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 two existing EAs. Cumulative impacts of the new proposed action would be the same as those described in the EAs 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. None has occurred with the previous EAs and none is anticipated for this new proposed action as the project and project area have not been considered have unknown environmental impacts and is not expected to be controversial.

**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Jason Wright	Archaeologist	BLM <i>JKW</i> 1/31/13
Matt Simons	Realty	BLM <i>MS</i>
Kenneth Depaoli	Geologist	BLM <i>KD</i> 1/31/13

*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.

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Signature of Project Lead

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Signature of NEPA Coordinator

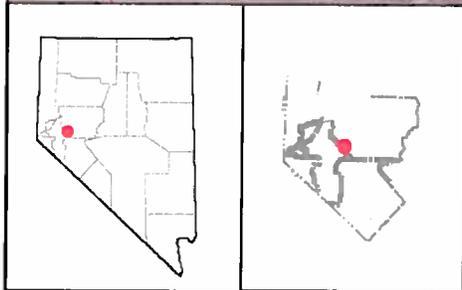
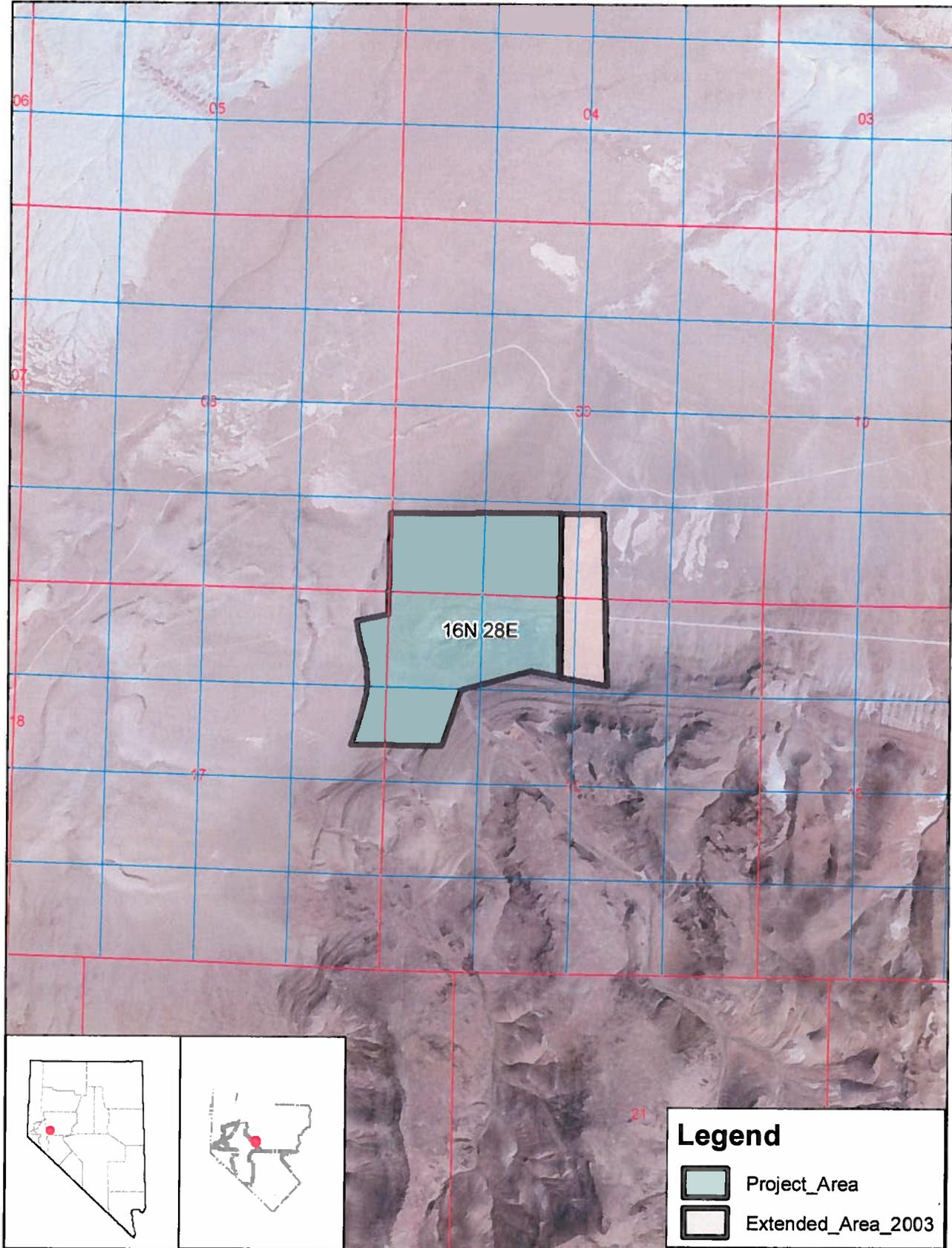
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Signature of Responsible Official

Date 2/1/2013

*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.*



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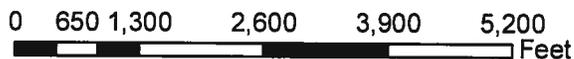


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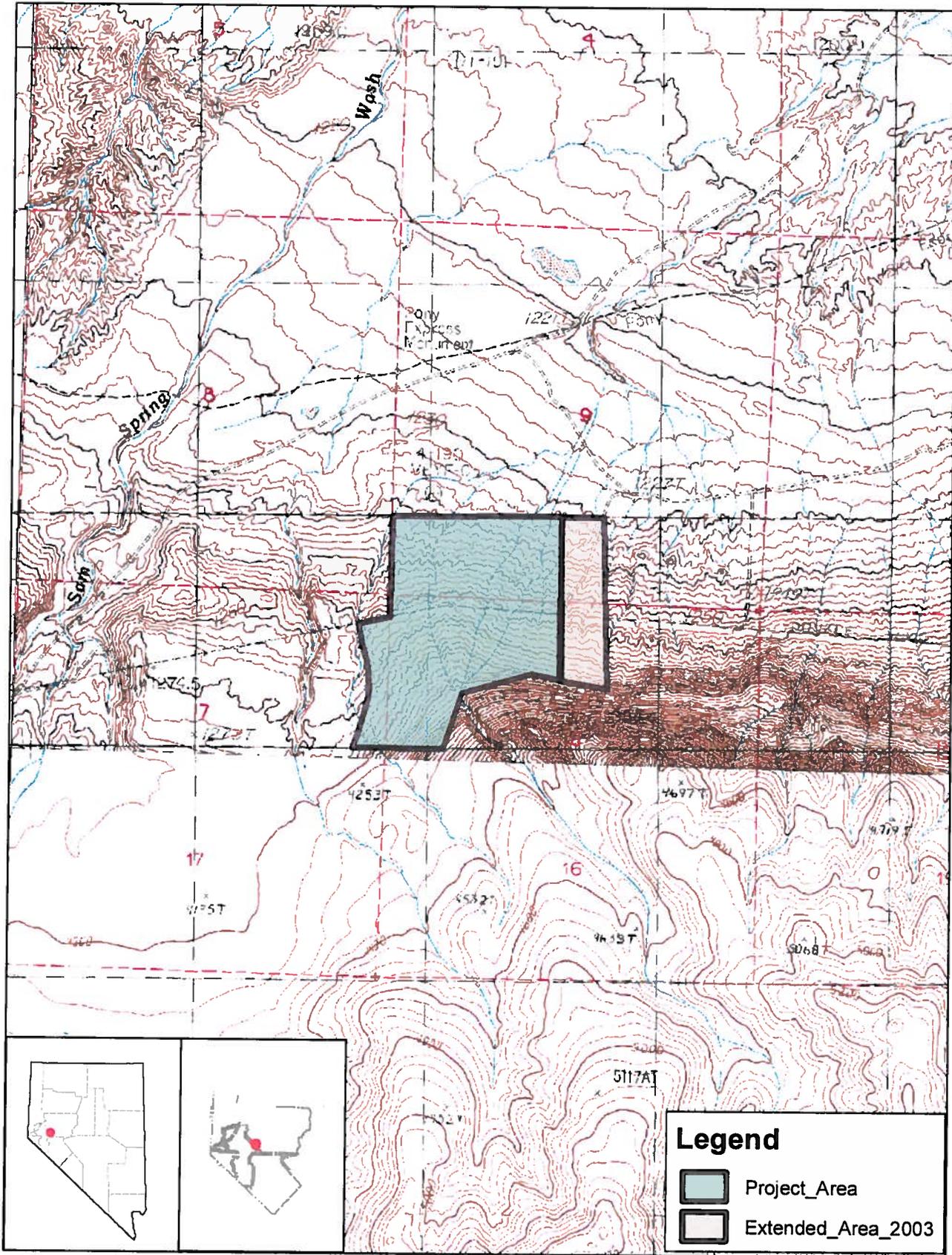
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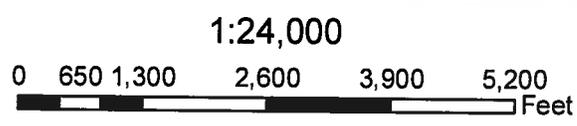


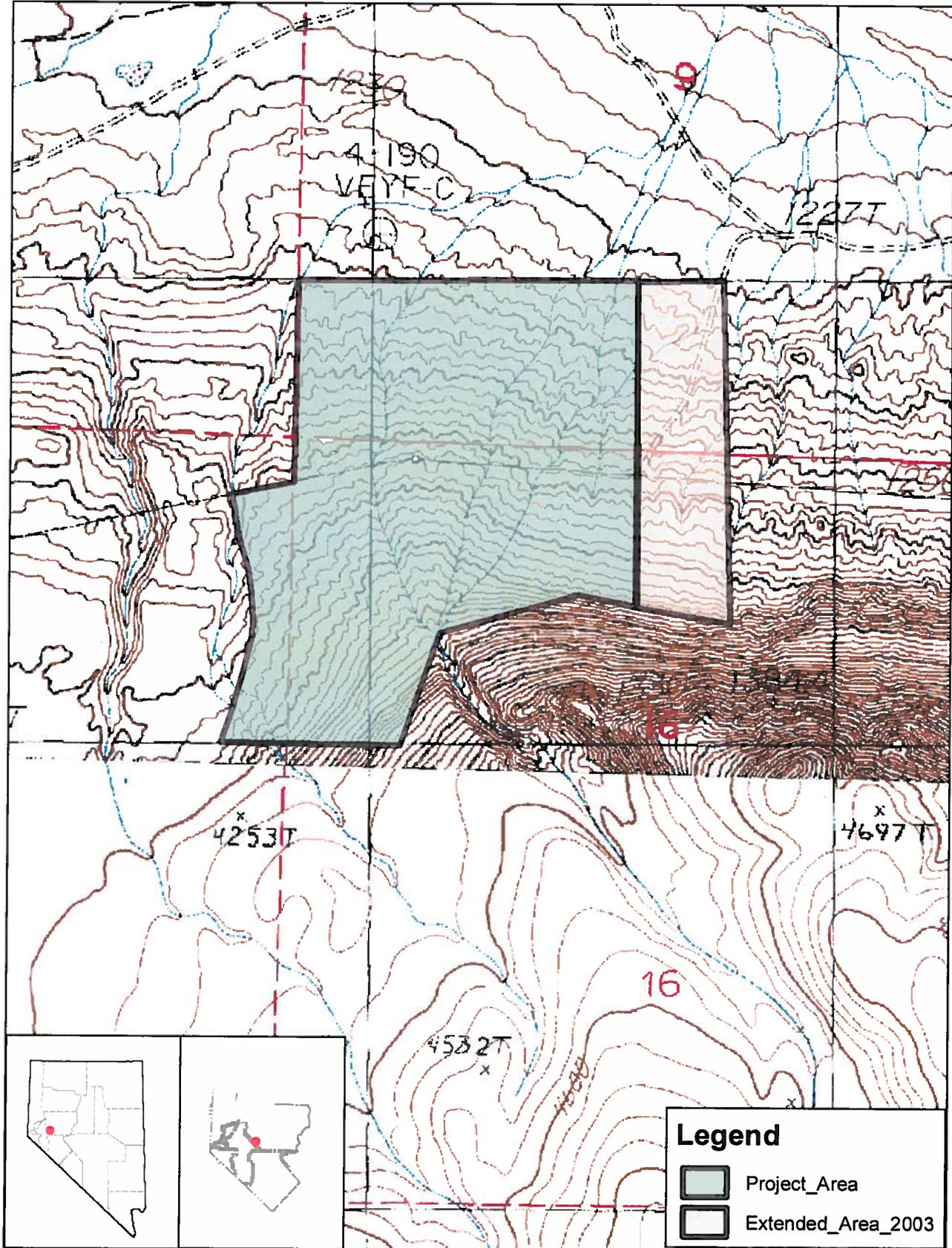
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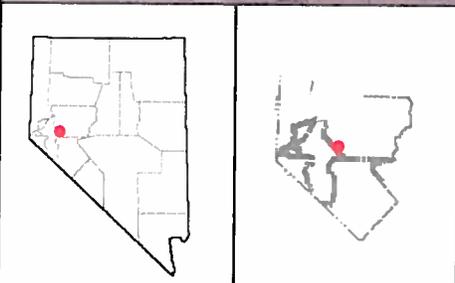
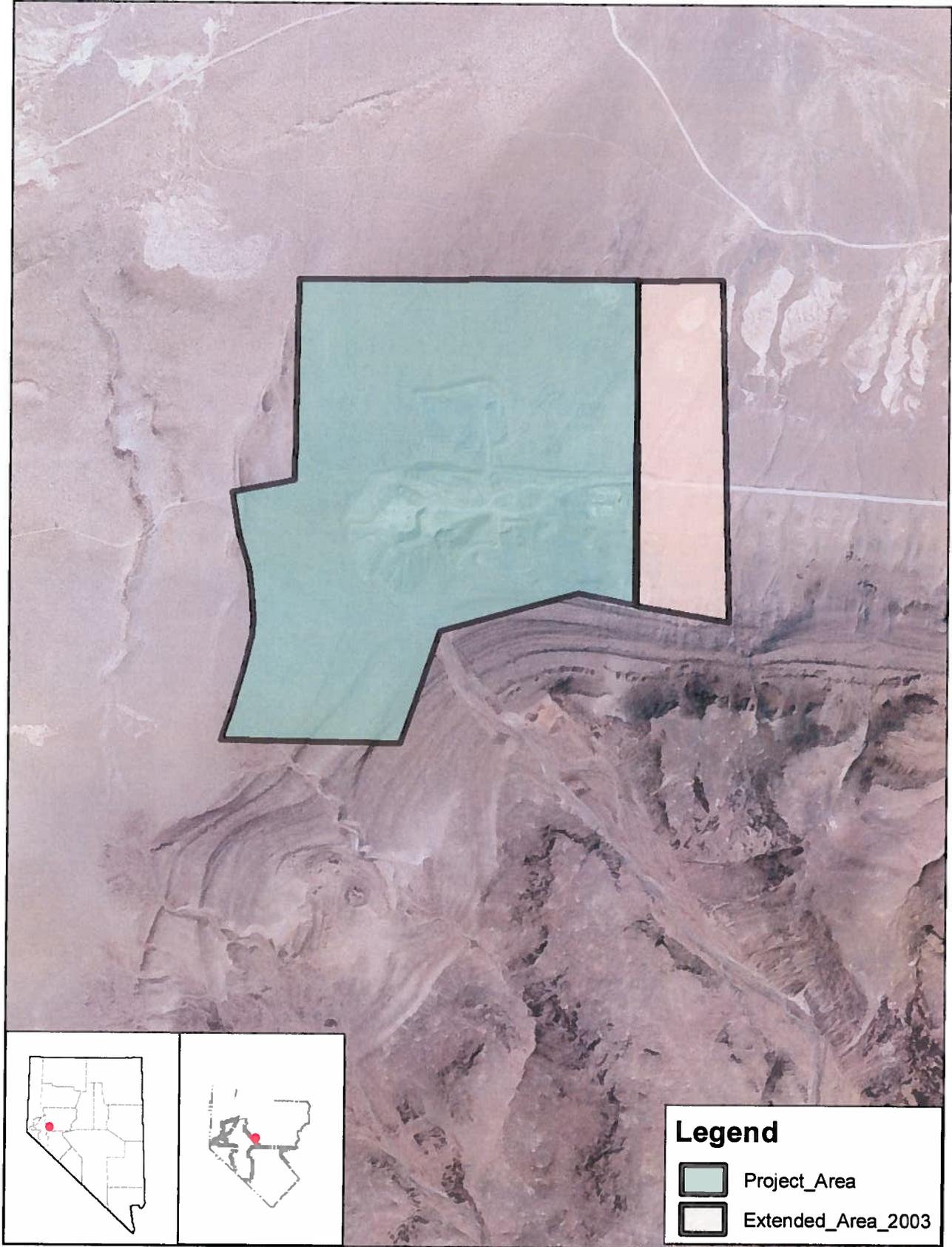


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