

**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-C010-2015-0001-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN-093487

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Eetza Mountain Pit Free Use Permit (FUP)

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T18N, R30E, sec. 27, NWSW, W2NWSWSW, E2SWSW, SESW; SEC. 28, E2NESE, NESESE; SEC. 34, N2NW, N2N2S2NW  
235 Total Acres

APPLICANT (if any): Churchill County Road Department

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

The applicant proposes to mine approximately 200,000 cubic yards of mineral materials from the existing Eetza Mountain Pit over a 5 to 10 year period under a Free Use Permit (FUP) with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The proposed FUP, NVN-093487, would encompass a total of 235 acres. However, mining would only be allowed to continue in the existing active 22.5 acre portion. Additional reclamation may be required in the older pit areas. EA-NV-030-81-095 and EA-NV-030-82-045 previously analyzed the entire 235 acres area for prior FUP's and negotiated mineral material sale contracts. Free use permit, NVN-093487, would be within the boundaries of the 300 acre Eetza Mountain Community Pit (N-62243). This FUP would be the seventh issued to the Churchill County Road Department for the Eetza Mountain Pit area since 1981. Five negotiated mineral material sales were also issued beginning in 1982 in the current active mining area. Currently, the proponent is over their existing FUP time limit. The FUP NVN-089128 expired in April 2014. The new FUP would be issued for 10 years

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

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

*Date Approved:* May 9, 2001

Other Document \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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*\*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, Exploration for and Sale of Mineral Materials Southeast Eetza Mountain Vicinity, Churchill County, Nevada  
Document No. EA-NV-030-82-045  
Decision & Rational: May 13, 1982

Environmental Assessment, Expansion of Former Material Site R/W CC-020604, Salt Wells Area, Churchill County, Nevada  
Document No. EA-NV-030-81-095  
Decision & Rational: September 25, 1981

*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 Free Use Permit (FUP) for sand and gravel which lies within the same analysis area EA-NV-030-82-045 had evaluated for a previous gravel sale. The EA encompassed a 52.5 acre-area and the proposed FUP will be kept within an active 22.5 acre portion. The proponent has removed a total of 98,929 cubic yards of material from that 22.5 acre-area under the incipient free use permit issued in April 2011 (NVN-89128), and is requesting an additional 200,000 cubic yards from that same 22.5 acre-area.

**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-030-82-045 analyzed the proposed action as well as a no action alternative which is considered reasonable for these types of actions.

**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.

**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. Cumulative impacts with the proposed action would remain 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 Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe was notified on March 17<sup>th</sup> 2011 for the previous Free Use Permit for Churchill County within the same pit location. No issues or concerns were

identified. There is not a need for additional public involvement due to lack of identified concerns.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Chris Kula	Wildlife Biologist	BLM <i>JK 10/14/14</i>
Jason Wright	Archaeologist	BLM <i>JW 11/17/14</i>
Dan Westermeyer	Rec/Wilderness	BLM <i>DW 10/14/14</i>
Kenneth Depaoli	Geologist	BLM <i>KD 10/14/14</i>

*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



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



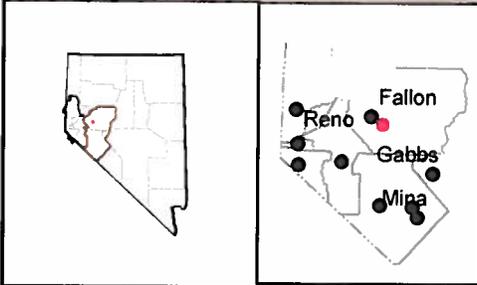
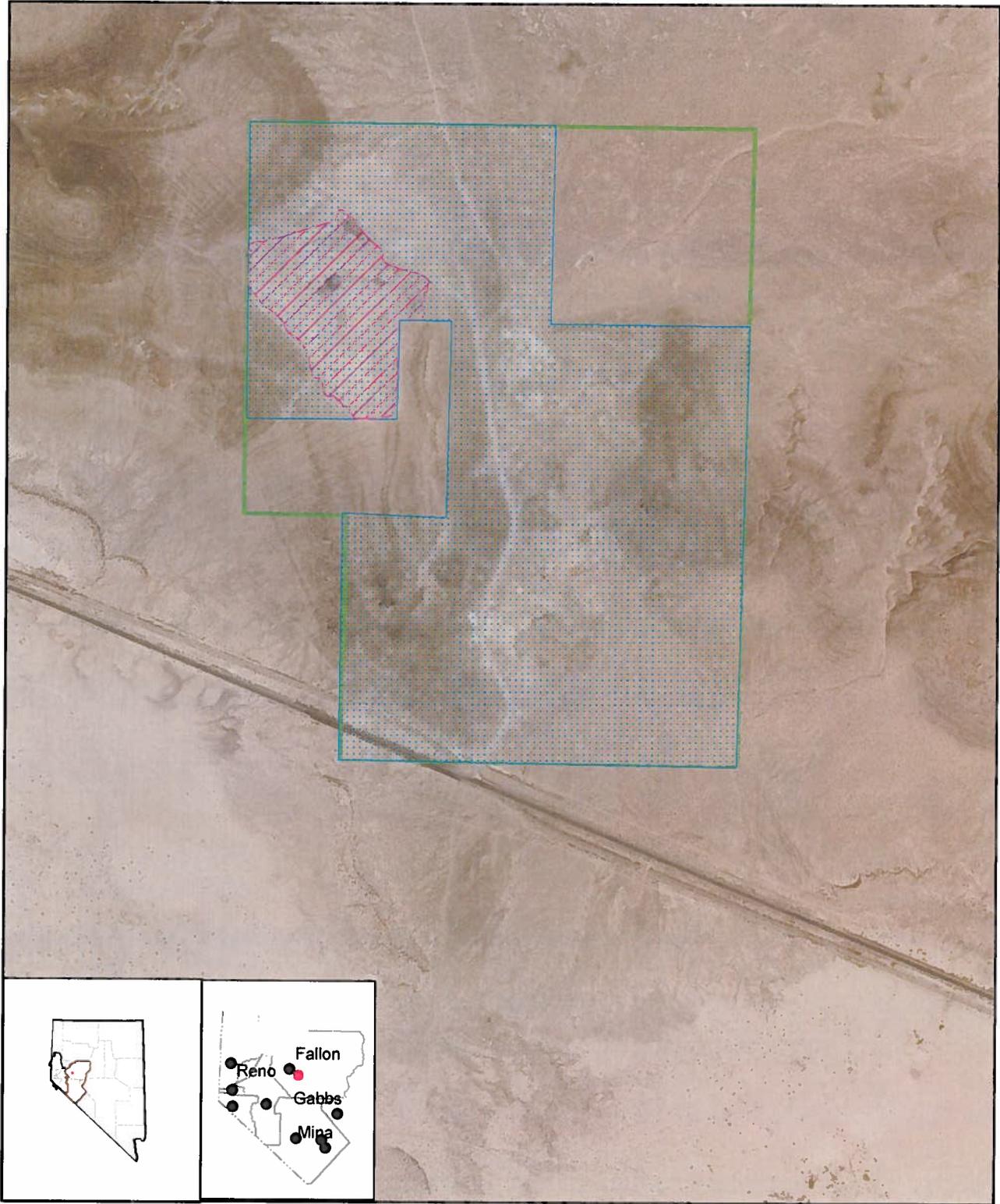
Signature of Responsible Official

Date 10/28/2014

*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.*



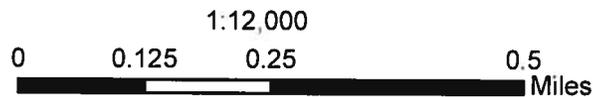
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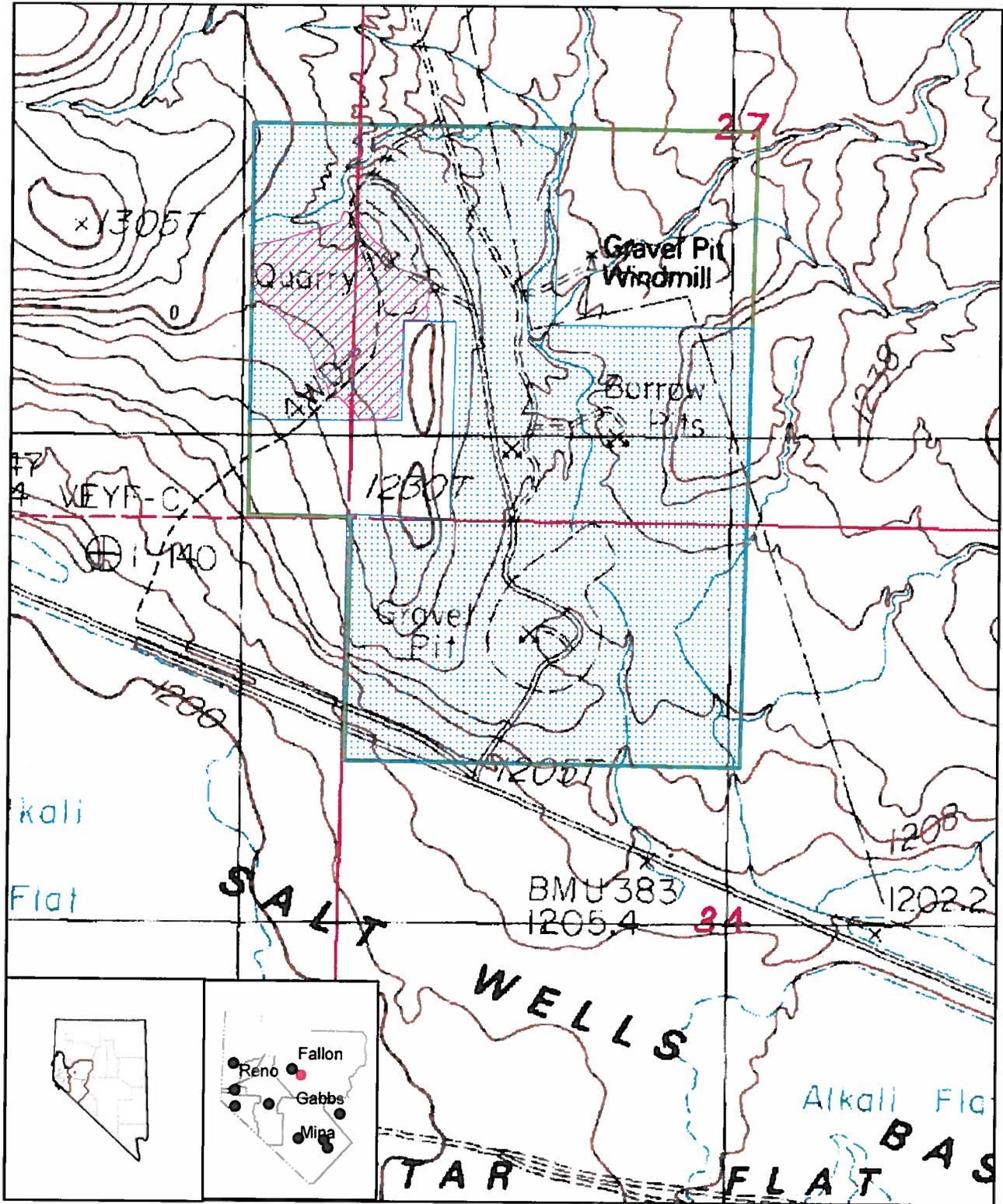


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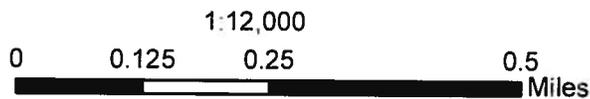
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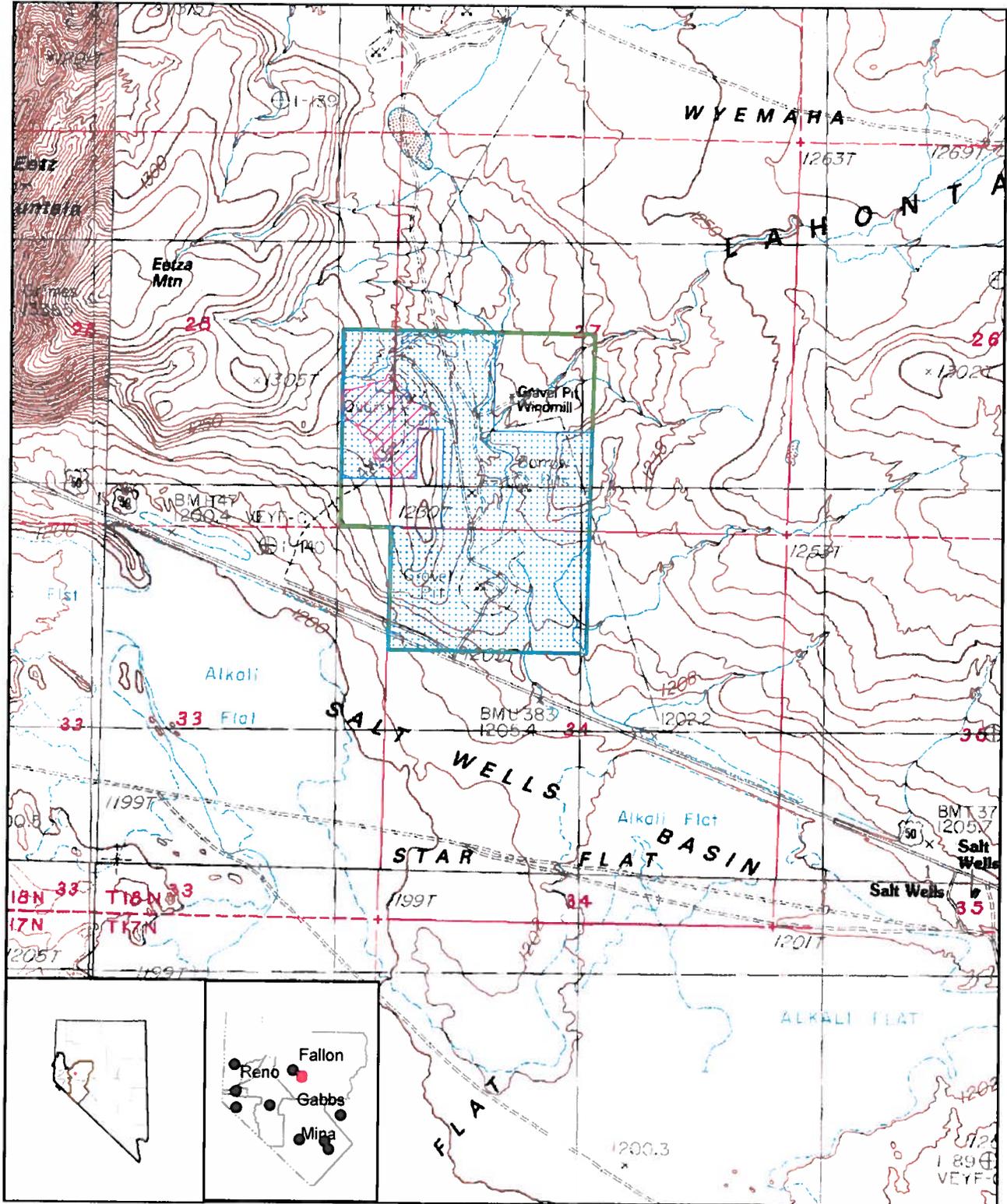


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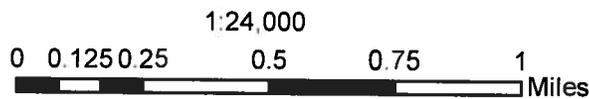
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