

April 30, 2020

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Mr. Timothy Cazier, P.E.
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Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Office of Mined Land Reclamation
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

**Re: Permit No. M-1980-244; Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company; Cresson Project; –
TR 121 – WHEX Backfill Height Increase and ECOSA Lateral Expansion**

Dear Mr. Cazier:

Newmont Corporation's Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) hereby submits Technical Revision (TR) 121, proposing a seventy-five foot increase to the approved backfill elevation of the Wild Horse Extension (WHEX) pit, and a lateral, eighty million ton storage increase of the East Cresson Overburden Storage Area (ECOSA).

Background and Proposal:

The current mine plan does not include mining any pit areas beyond approved limitations, but they may be identified as a resource depending on economic circumstances at any given time. As DRMS understands, these facilities are dynamic in nature; as portrayed in the during-mining proposals approved in Amendments 9, 10, and 11.

During the business planning process, CC&V evaluates and updates its mine plan taking into consideration economic factors also taking into consideration changes that may require changes to the Reclamation Plan or Environmental Protection Plan (EPP). CC&V remains committed to implementation and completion of the approved Reclamation Plan and all of the details within it. If significant impacts to this plan are identified during the business planning process, CC&V will request approval from DRMS and reevaluate the Reclamation Plan and/or EPP prior to updating the Mine Plan.

The proposed seventy-five foot increase in elevation at the WHEX backfill will improve mine economics and provide the material needed to construct a new laydown area. On February 2, 2018, DRMS approved Technical Revision (TR) #96 WHEX Backfill, authorizing CC&V to backfill the WHEX Pit to 10,425 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The current approved topography of the area is detailed in Figure 1. Please note that figures included with this TR do not meet the scale requirement of Rule 6.2.1 (2) because the scale

at 1 inch = 660 feet did not capture the previously approved and proposed areas in one figure. In order to include all relevant approved and proposed topography, the scale was expanded to 1 inch = 750 feet. CC&V is proposing to increase the elevation of the backfill area by seventy-five feet in order to construct a new haul road route and laydown area; bringing the proposed elevation to 10,500 feet AMSL. Please note that the proposed change will more closely match approximate original contour (AOC), even more so than the TR-96 approved elevation.

The proposed eighty million ton storage increase to ECOSA provides operational flexibility; allowing CC&V continued access to the WHEX and Cresson pits during operation. Figure 2 details the proposed topography for both the WHEX backfill and the tonnage increase at the ECOSA. Figure 3 details the area of proposed changes. Figure 4 details the proposed post-reclamation topography. Please note that this proposal does not include an elevation or footprint increase to ECOSA, but rather a lateral extension of the maximum approved elevation of 10,960 ASM. Additionally, all drainage flow will be directed to the WHEX pit or existing management structures.

Reclamation of the ECOSA expansion area will follow currently approved methods described in previous amendments including final slopes no steeper than a 2.5H:1V overall all slope with a minimum of six-inch topsoil placement and use of the previously approved native seed mix.

Schedule:

Upon DRMS approval, CC&V will immediately incorporate these updates into the business plan. The ramp in the WHEX backfill area is planned to begin in the summer of 2020. Construction of the proposed areas will consist of truck placement of overburden material in “lifts” that will vary in height depending on the logistics of truck hauling, the geographic locations relative to the mine areas, and overburden removal scheduling. The amount of overburden placement and timing of such placement may vary based on project economics.

Financial Warranty:

This TR results in no net increase over the financial warranty amounts proposed in Amendment No. 13. The tasks associated with the ECOSA Expansion have been incorporated into the Standard Reclamation Cost Estimator file submitted with this amendment.

Check no. 2000044977 has been sent certified return receipt under Article Number 7017 2400 0000 4071 1651 for \$1,006.00 for the technical revision fee. Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Katie Blake at 719.689.4048 or myself at 719.689.4042 or Justin.Raglin@newmont.com.

Sincerely,

PP *Kathryn Blake*

Justin Raglin
Sustainability and External Relations Manager
Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co

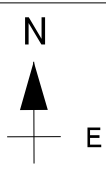
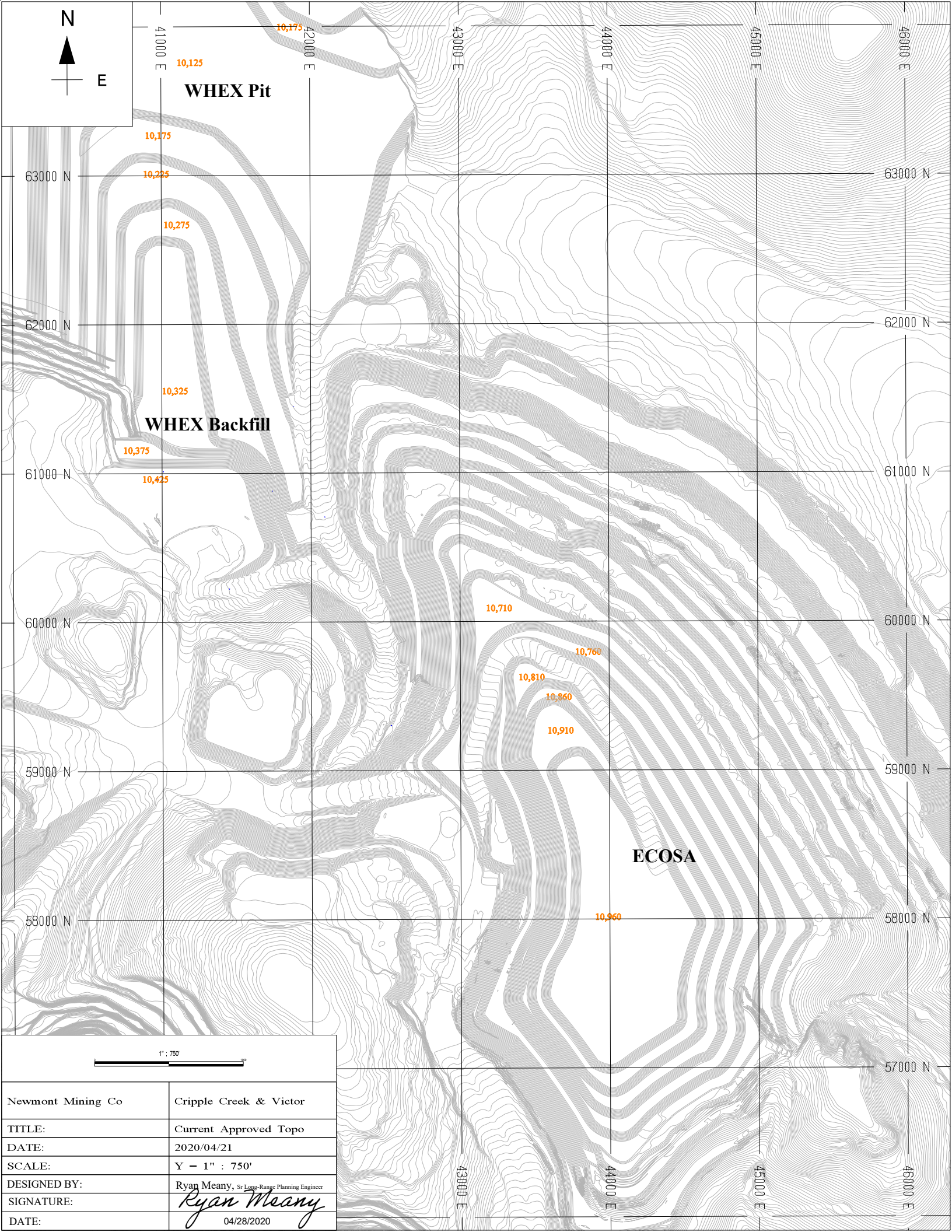
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**FIGURE 1:
CURRENT APPROVED TOPOGRAPHY**



WHEX Pit

10,175

10,125

10,275

10,325

10,375

10,425

WHEX Backfill

10,710

10,760

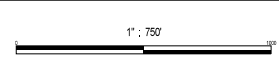
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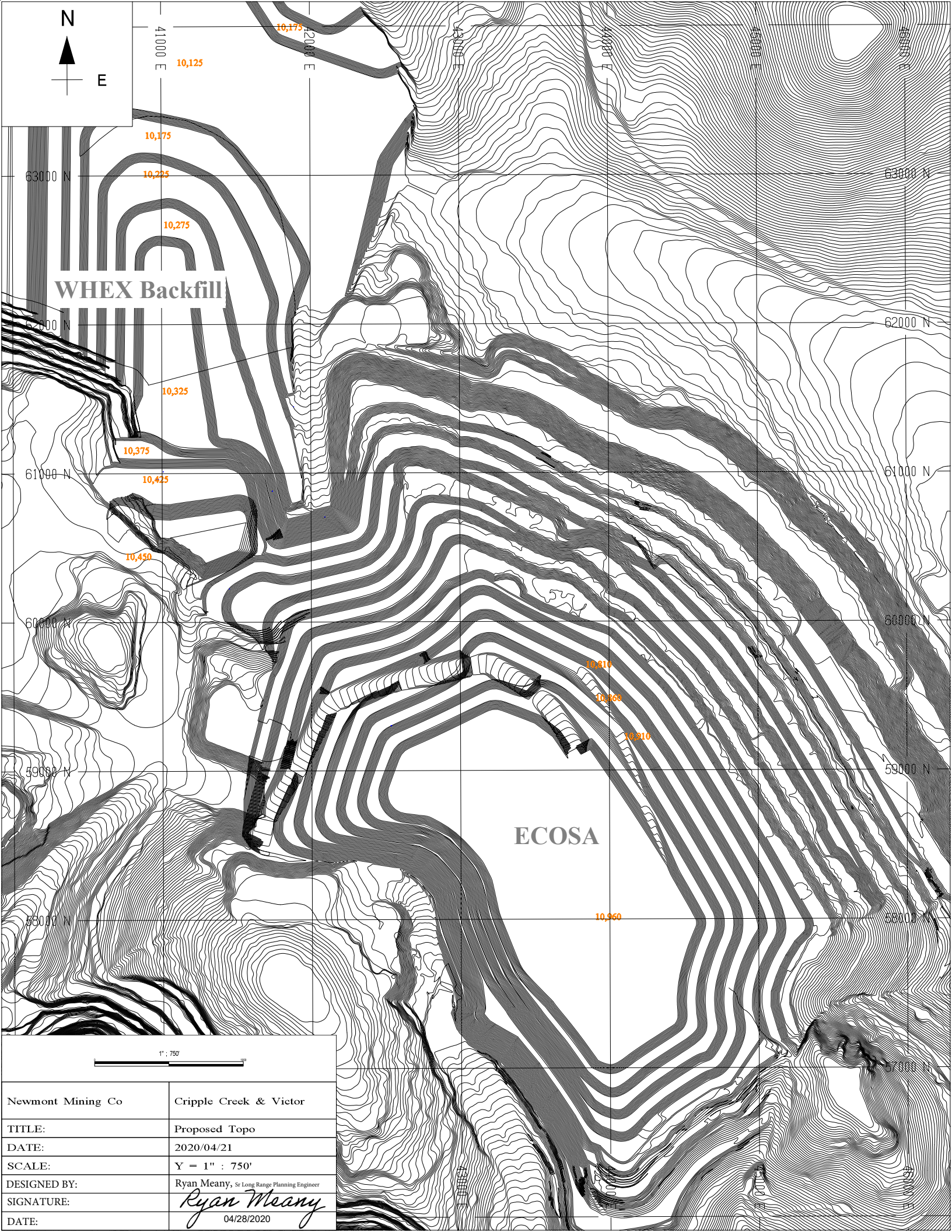
ECOSA

10,960



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FIGURE 2
PROPOSED TOPOGRAPHY



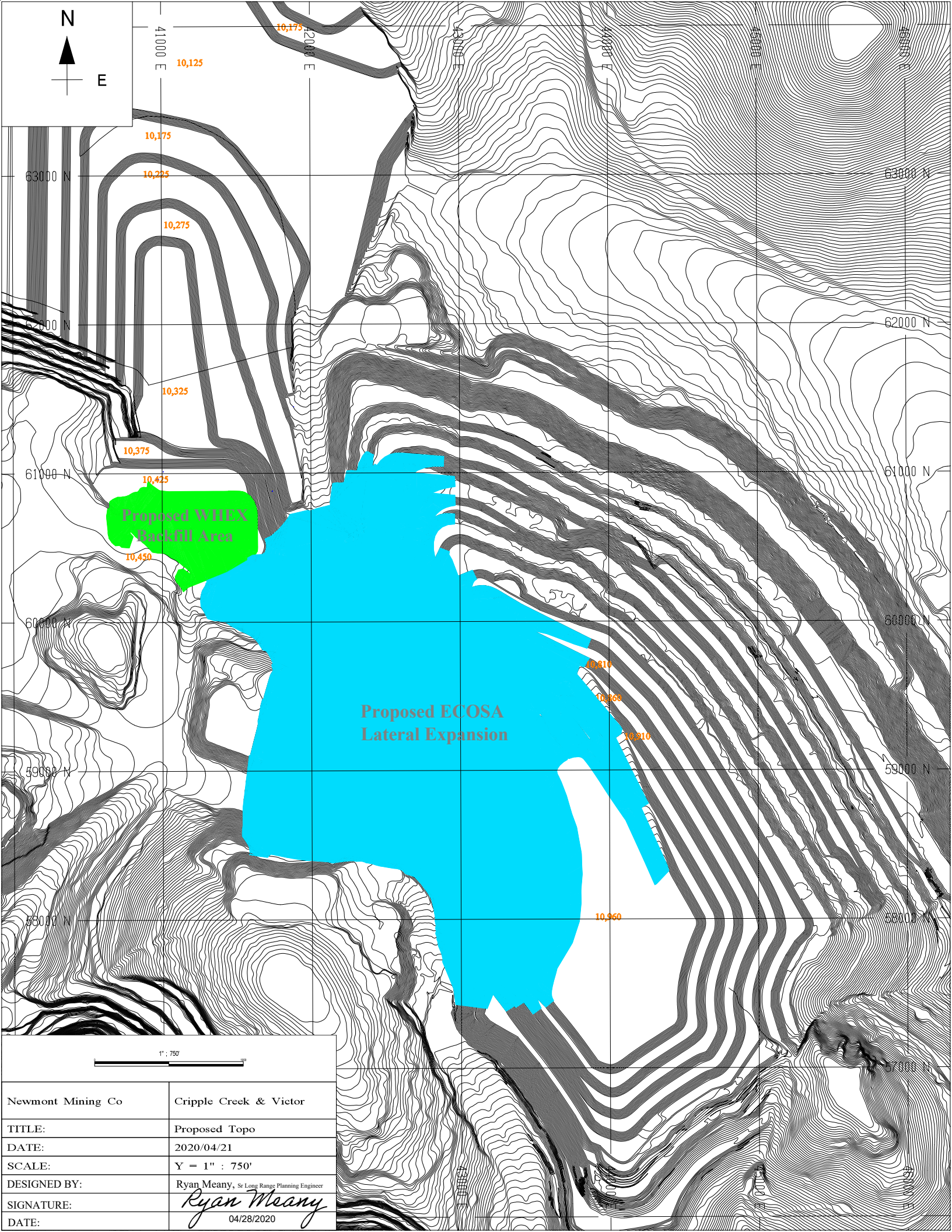
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ECOSA

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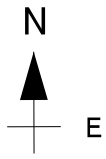
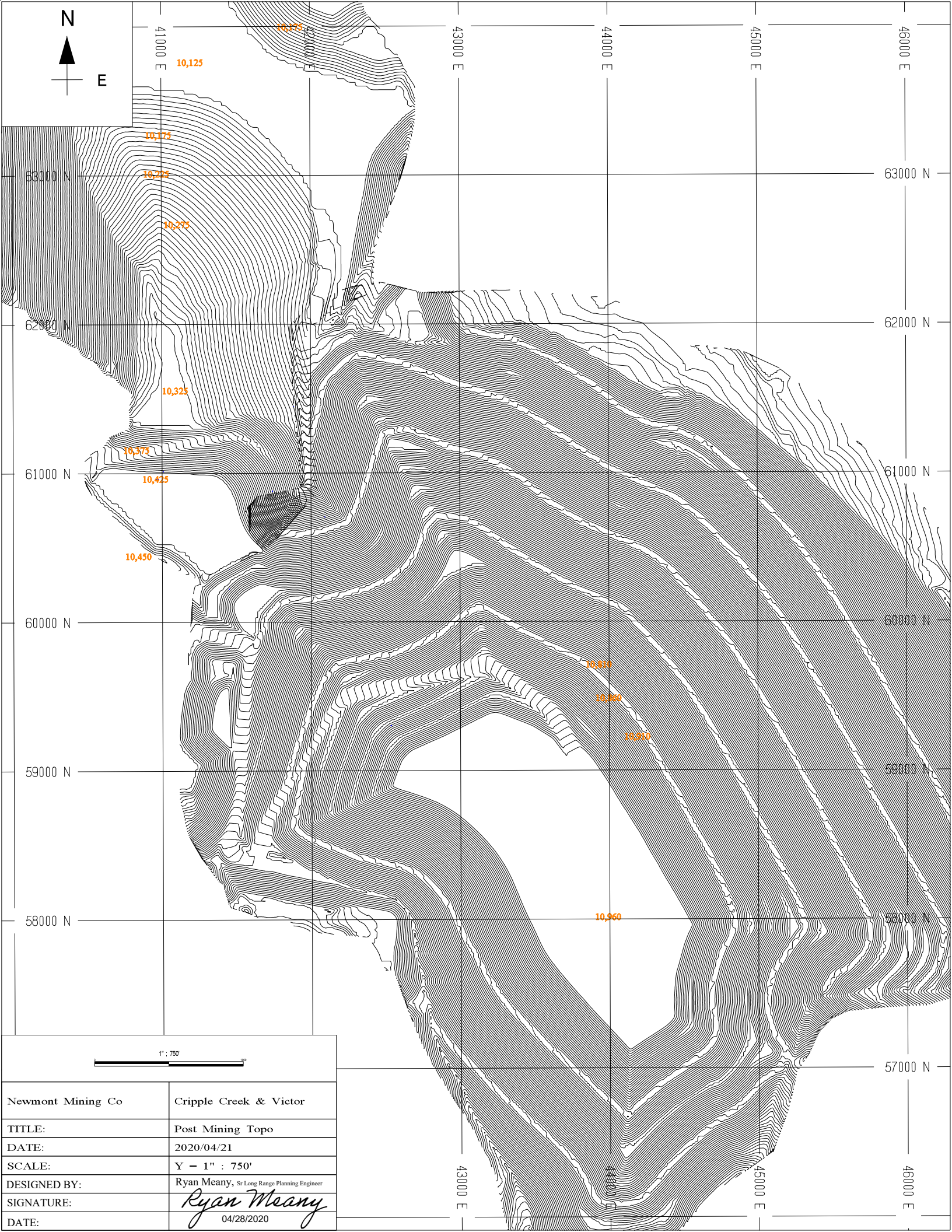
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**FIGURE 3:
PROPOSED AREA**



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FIGURE 4:
POST-RECLAMATION TOPOGRAPHY



1" = 750'

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