



Bowie No. 1 Mine  
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Electronically Submitted

January 9, 2024

Mr. Rob Zuber  
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1313 Sherman St., Room 215  
Denver, CO. 80203

RE: Bowie No. 1 Mine  
Permit No. C-1981-038  
2023 Annual Reclamation Report

Dear Mr. Zuber:

As required, find enclosed Bowie No. 1 Mine, 2023 Annual Reclamation Report.

Sincerely

Basil R. Bear  
Mine Manager

# Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

## Annual Reclamation Report for Calendar Year – 2023

Bowie No. 1 Mine

C1981038

Bowie Resources, LLC

Mine Name

Permit Number

Permittee

P.O. Box 1488, Paonia, CO 81428

Address

This report, required by Rule 2.04.13, is due by February 15 of each year, or other date, as agreed upon by the Division. It should include text, discussion, and maps, at a minimum, in addition to any other reclamation monitoring data as required by the approved permit. The location of the acreage reported under each land status category and year of seeding (if applicable) should be clearly identified on a map included with the report.

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acreage in Active Mining Areas <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	=	0

Land Category	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Acres Disturbed <sup>2</sup>	156.10	0	0	=	156.1
Acres Backfilled and Graded	109.98	0	0	=	109.98
Acres Topsoiled	93.09	0	0	=	93.09

Acreage in Long-term Facilities <sup>3</sup>	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Non-Permanent Facilities	46.12	0	0	=	46.12
Permanent Facilities (permitted)	0	0	0	=	0
Totals	46.12			=	46.12

Acres Seeded (permanent)	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
9 Years and Less	3.28	0	0	=	3.28
10 Years and Greater	123.63	0	0	=	123.63
Totals	126.91			=	126.91

Bond Release	Last Year's Cumulative Total (from last year's ARR)	This Calendar Year			Cumulative Total
		Acres Added (+)	Acres Subtracted (-)		
Phase I Released	86.01	0	0	=	86.01
Phase II Released	82.65	0	0	=	82.65
Phase III Released	10.38	59.29	0	=	81.98

<sup>1</sup>Includes pits, topsoil stripped areas in advance of pits, and spoil not backfilled and graded

<sup>2</sup>Surface Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities + Active Mining Areas; Underground Mine Acres Disturbed = B&G + Long-Term Facilities; Separately-permitted Loadouts = B&G + Long-Term Facilities

<sup>3</sup>Includes haul, access and light-use roads, temporary dams and impoundments; permanent dams and impoundments; diversion and collector ditches, water and air monitoring sites; topsoil stockpiles; overburden stockpiles; repair, storage and construction areas; office area, repair shops, and parking; coal stockpiles, loading, and processing areas; railroads; coal conveyors; refuse piles and coal mine waste impoundments; head-of-hollow fills; valley fills; ventilation shafts and entryways; and non-coal waste disposal area (garbage dumps and coal combustion by-products disposal areas).

February 8, 2019

BOWIE RESOURCES LIMITED  
BOWIE NO. 1 MINE  
2023 ANNUAL RECLAMATION REPORT  
PERMIT NO. C-81-038

BOWIE RESOURCES LIMITED  
1720 4010 DRIVE  
PAONIA, COLORADO

## Introduction:

In compliance with Rule 2.04.13, Bowie Resources LLC (BRL), Permit No. C-81-038, submits the following Reclamation Report for the calendar year 2023.

- 2023: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation for the RY2023 consisted of normal site maintenance including noxious weed control and maintenance of silt fence/waddle repair at various locations. The noxious weed control that was performed included the Bowie 1 Loadout and West Mine sites. Thistle was treated with the herbicide Curtail and Jointed Goat Grass with Glystar following manufactures recommendations. Following a successful Phase III, second year vegetation study completed in May 2023, Bowie No.1, East Mine, completed a Phase III release consisting of 59.29 acres. The DRMS issued approval of SL-09 in December 2023.
- 2022: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation for the RY2022 consisted of normal site maintenance including noxious weed control and maintenance of silt fence/waddle repair at various locations. The noxious weed control that was performed included the Bowie 1 Loadout, East and West Mines sites. Thistle was treated with the herbicide Curtail and Jointed Goat Grass with Glystar following manufactures recommendations. A Phase III, first year vegetation study was completed at the East Mine in 2022. Results showed Bowie 1 East Mine met the necessary criteria for the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 studies. The second vegetation study is planned in 2023 with the intention of applying for Phase III release.
- 2021: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation for the RY2021 consisted of normal site maintenance including noxious weed control and maintenance of silt fence/waddle repair at various locations. The noxious weed control that was performed included the Bowie 1 Loadout, East and West Mines sites. Thistle was treated with the herbicide Curtail and Jointed Goat Grass with Glystar following manufactures recommendations. Phase III of the ROM area (excluding access road) was achieved in 2021.
- 2020: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation for the RY2020 consisted of normal site maintenance including noxious weed control and maintenance of silt fence/waddle repair at various locations. The noxious weed control that was performed included the Bowie 1 Loadout, East and West Mines sites. Thistle was treated with the herbicide Curtail and Jointed Goat Grass with Glystar following manufactures recommendations. The second Phase III vegetation study was completed in 2020 by Cedar Creek Associates covering the R.O.M. area. It is Bowie's intention to request Phase III release for this site in 2021 provided study results support the release.
- 2019: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation for the RY2019 consisted of normal site maintenance including noxious weed control. Site maintenance consisted of silt fence/waddle repair at various locations and site cleanup of the Bowie 1 Old Loadout Facility. This included removing scrap metal and trash and burning various brush piles. Noxious weed control was performed at various locations at the Bowie 1 Loadout, East and West Mines. Thistle was treated with the herbicide Curtail and Jointed Goat Grass with Glystar. A Phase III vegetation study was completed in July of 2019 by Cedar Creek Associates. This study included the R.O.M. area and portions of the West Mine. This was the first of two required studies for Phase III release. Bowie anticipates doing the second study this year (2020).
- 2018: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation activities for the RY2018 involved site maintenance and noxious weed control. Maintenance consisted of silt fence repair, signage replacement and removal of volunteer trees around the Bowie 1 Loadout area. Noxious weed control involved spraying of various thistles and Jointed Goat Grass. Controlling the various species of thistle was done by spot spraying using the herbicide Curtail. Jointed Goat Grass was treated with Glystar. Thistle locations consisted of loadout, East Mine, West Mine and ROM areas. Treating of the Jointed Goat Grass was limited to the loadout area, the southern out-slope of the rail bed east of the actual loadout, and areas at the East Mine access road.
- 2017: Reclamation Activities;** During RY2017, Bowie completed 3 projects, the first was the reclamation of 6 sedimentation control ponds located at the East Mine and ROM area (*shown on drawing "2017 Reclamation" as Zone 14*). Reclamation consisted of removing 4 bin-wall dams and 2 earth-fill ponds then re-contouring back to its Approximate Original Contour (AOC), Upon completing AOC, the disturbed areas were then reseeded with the approved seed mix (*shown below*) and covered with straw blankets. (*It should be noted that all available topsoil was used during the initial reclamation of the Bowie East Mine so no topsoil was available for RY2017 reclamation*). The second item was the removal of gravel from the access road to Pond 3 and 4. This area can be seen on the attached drawing "2017 Reclamation". The final item completed was the Phase I release on 25 drill pads. This phase release is described in SL-06 and the list of sites is found on page 4 of this report.

Zone	Description	Acreage	Top Soiled	Revegetated
Zone 14	Ponds 1-4	2.31	0.00	2.31
	West Ridge Pond	0.13	0.00	0.13
	R.O.M. Pond	0.84	0.00	0.84
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>3.28</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.28</b>

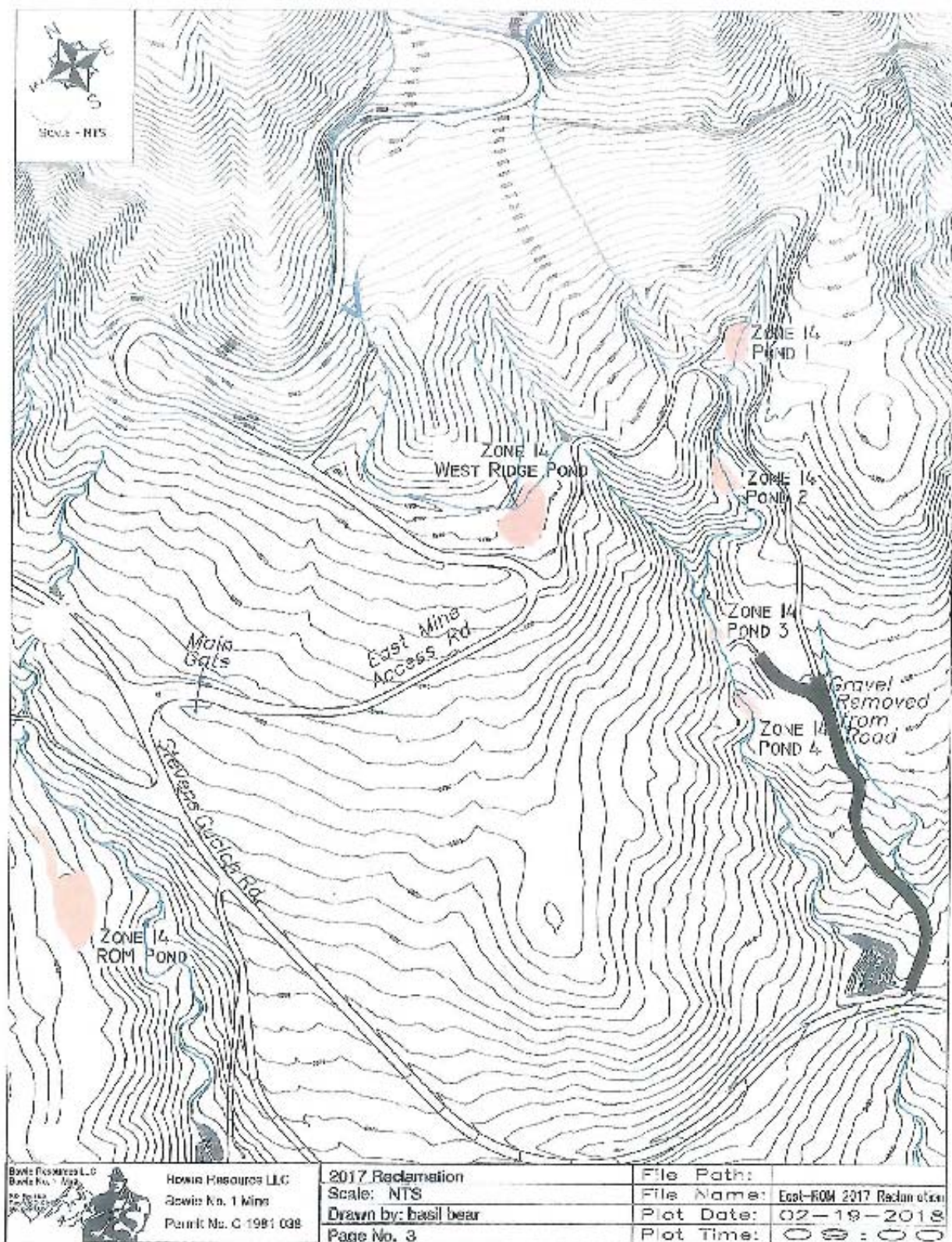
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Kind & Variety:	Pure%	Germ	Origin
Antelope Bitterbrush	22.02	91	CO
Woods Rose	12.12	62	UT
Small Burnett	11.65	86	WA
Winter Fat	10.44	72	UT
Cicer Milkvelch	6.34	79	WY
Skunkbrush	5.57	90	UT
Indian Ricegrass	5.27	95	CO
Western Wheatgrass	5.17	97	WY
Slender Wheatgrass	3.13	96	WA
Streambank Wheatgrass	3.10	97	WA
Thickspike Wheatgrass	3.04	99	WA
Rubber Rabbitbrush	2.82	71	UT
Lewis Flax	2.72	92	WA
Rocky Mountain Penstemon	1.24	81	CO
Arizona Fescue	1.08	93	WY
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Bowrie No. 1 Mine Drill Hole List and Status							
Map Code	Hole Number	Section	Township	Range	Date Drilled	Depth	Comments
1	OVWW	23	13S	92W	12/12/1986	76	Destroyed
2	B-1	24	13S	92W	10/22/1981	40.8	Destroyed 6/2002
3	B-2	24	13S	92W	10/22/1981	36.5	Destroyed 2008
4	B-3	24	13S	92W	10/19/1981	89	Blocked
5	B-4	24	13S	92W	10/23/1981	54.9	Destroyed 2012
6	DH-35	24	13S	92W			Reclaimed
7	DH-38	24	13S	92W			Reclaimed
8	DH-40	24	13S	92W			Reclaimed
9	DH-41	13	3S	92W	10/12/1977	740	Reclaimed
10	DH-42	13	3S	92W	8/17/1977	1440	Reclaimed
11	DH-43	12	3S	92W	11/28/1978	1200	Reclaimed
12	DH-44	13	3S	92W	11/28/1978	1930	Reclaimed
13	DH-54	11	3S	92W	10/27/1981	2073.5	Sealed 1982
14	DH-55	10	3S	92W	11/16/1981	2035	Sealed 1982
15	DH-56	13	3S	92W	11/17/1981	1165.5	Sealed 1982
16	DH-59	14	3S	92W	1981	1401.5	Sealed 1982
17	DH-63	11	3S	92W	1982	1580	Sealed 1982
18	DH-64	11	3S	92W	1982	1765	Sealed 1982
19	DH-66	13	3S	92W	1982	1578	Sealed 1982
20	DH-67	15	3S	92W	1982	925	Sealed 1982
21	DH-87	23	13S	92W	1986	360	Reclaimed
22	DH-90	23	13S	92W	1986	523	Reclaimed
23	DH-91	23	13S	92W	1986	360	Reclaimed
24	BV-1	14	3S	92W	2008		Reclaimed
25	BV-2	24	13S	92W	2006		Reclaimed

- 2016: Reclamation Activities:** Except for ongoing maintenance, there was no reportable reclamation activities during this reporting period.
- 2015: Reclamation Activities:** Except for ongoing maintenance, there was no reportable reclamation activities during this reporting period.
- 2014: Reclamation Activities:** Except for ongoing maintenance, there was no reportable reclamation activities during this reporting period.
- 2013: Reclamation Activities:** Except for minor repair to ditch, #7 there was no reclamation activities during this reporting period.
- 2012: Reclamation Activities:** Except for minor repair to ditch, #7 there was no reclamation activities during this reporting period.
- 2011: Reclamation Activities:** Reclamation activities for the reporting year 2011 consisted of additional hydro seeding of the Bowie No. 1 East Mine. Hydro seeding consisted of an approved permanent seed mix @ 32.2 PLS lbs. /acre, mulched with wood fiber mulch at a rate of 1,500 lbs. /acre and a tackifier (Star-tac 100) @ 90 lbs. /acre. The following areas were reseeded. (See 2011 Reclamation Map)

Zones	Description	Acreage	Top Soiled	Revegetated
Zone 1 (1-C, D)	Above Portal Bench	0.00	0.00	3.37
Zone 2 (4-C, 2-D, 2-E)	Portal/Office Bench	0.00	0.00	5.17
Zone 3 (2-D)	Substation	0.00	0.00	1.40
Zone 4 (1-E)	Belt Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.48
Zone 5 (2-A)	Rock Cut	0.00	0.00	0.47
Zone 6 (2-A)	Warehouse/Shop	0.00	0.00	1.93
Zone 7 (1-B)	Tire Shop Area	0.00	0.00	0.47
Zone 8	Access Road	0.00	0.00	0.92
Zone 9	Access Road	0.00	0.00	1.06
Zone 10 (5)	West Ridge Pile	0.00	0.00	0.45
Zone 11 (5)	Top Soil Pile	0.00	0.00	0.28
Zone 12 (5)	Access Road	0.00	0.00	0.33
Zone 13	Access Road	0.00	0.00	0.78
Totals			17.11	

From: Granite Seed  
1697 W 2100 N  
Lehi, UT 84043

11/24

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1697 W 2100 N  
Lehi, UT 84043

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Mix Name: Old Bowie Mine #1

206817

Mix Name: Copy of Old Bowie Mine #1

207139

Mix # 88803

Old Bowie Mine #1

Mix # 88962

Old Bowie Mine #1

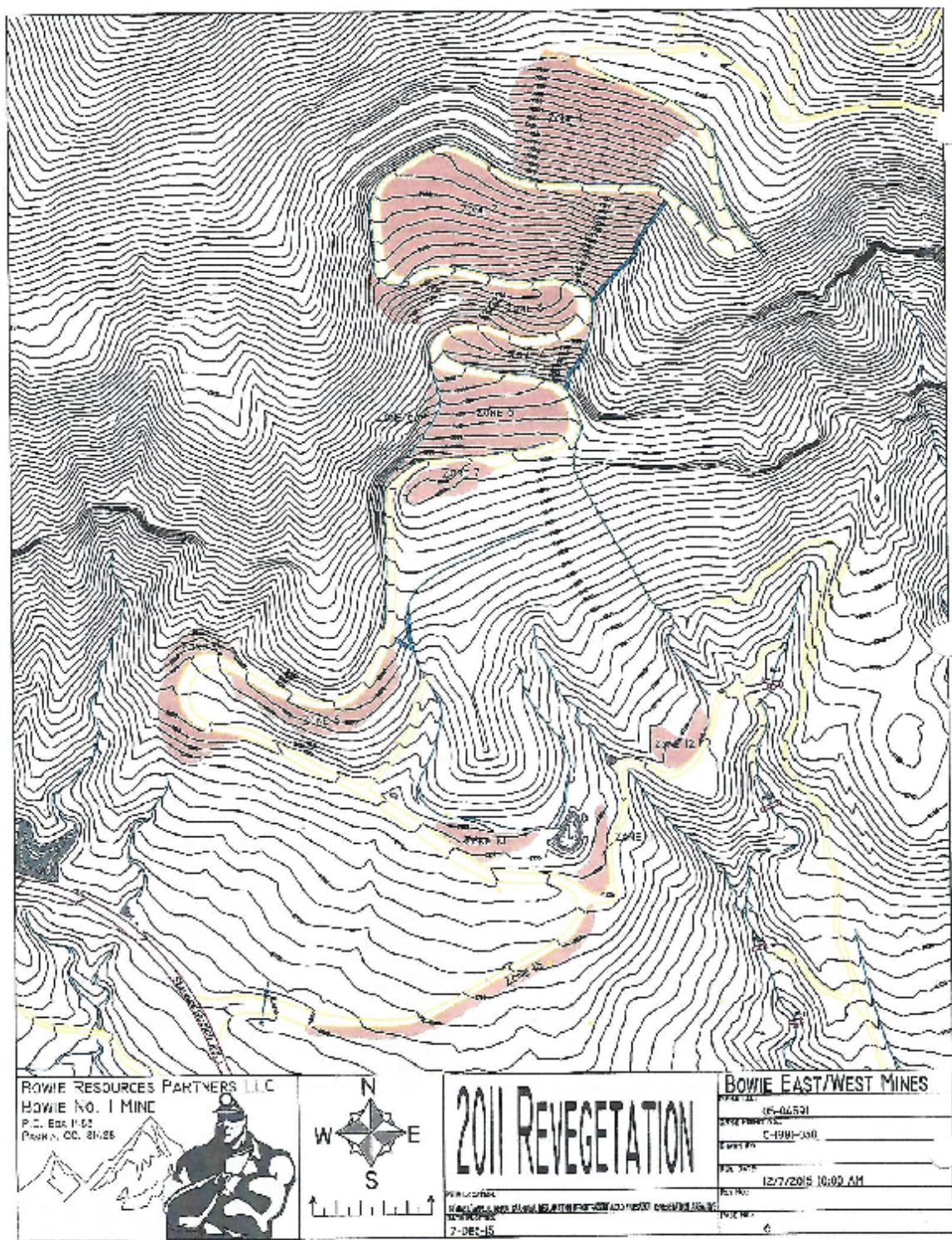
% Pure	Common Name	Variety	G + D or H	Origin
20.30	ANTELOPE BITTERBRUSH	VNS	91-TZ	CA
14.74	WINTERFAT	VNS	47-TZ	NM
9.43	SMALL BURNET	Delar	98-TZ	OR
9.43	FOURWING SALTBRUSH	VNS	49 + 0-TZ	UT
9.12	SKUNKBUSH SUMAC	VNS	76-TZ	UT
4.91	WIDE LEAFED GRASS	Utah	90-TZ	MT
4.91	WESTERN WHEATGRASS	Armo	94-TZ	WA
4.86	INDIAN RICEGRASS	Paloma	65 + 0-TZ	CO
2.98	STREAMBANK WHEATGRASS	Soder	93-TZ	WA
2.86	THICKSPIKE WHEATGRASS	Critana	97-TZ	WA
2.86	SLENDER WHEATGRASS	San Luis	97 + 0-TZ	WA
2.38	LEWIS BLUE FLAX	Apper	98-TZ	WA
1.90	RUBBER RABBITBRUSH	VNS	97 + 0-TZ	UT
1.04	ROCKY MOUNTAIN PENSTEMON	VNS	89-TZ	OR
0.96	ARIZONA FESCUE	Redondo	98-TZ	WY

0.03 Other Crop Date Tested: 11-OCT-10  
7.29 Inert Matter % Hard Seed: 0.00  
0.02 Weed Seed Restricted Weed: salsola kali

% Pure	Common Name	Variety	G + D or H	Origin
19.10	ANTELOPE BITTERBRUSH	VNS	91-TZ	CA
14.48	WINTERFAT	VNS	46-TZ	UT
8.87	SMALL BURNET	Delar	98-TZ	MT
8.15	SLENDER WHEATGRASS	San Luis	32-TZ	
8.05	FOURWING SALTBRUSH	VNS	64-TZ	AZ
8.86	SKUNKBUSH SUMAC	VNS	95-TZ	UT
4.82	CICER MILKVETCH	Lutana	94-TZ	MT
4.57	INDIAN RICEGRASS	Paloma	95 + 0-TZ	CO
4.48	WESTERN WHEATGRASS	Armo	97-TZ	WA
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2.83	STREAMBANK WHEATGRASS	Soder	98-TZ	WA
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0.03 Other Crop Date Tested: 28-SEP-10  
8.79 Inert Matter % Hard Seed: 0.00  
0.02 Weed Seed Restricted Weed: trisetia, russina, bromo, downy







## 2010 Reclamation Activities:

There were no reclamation activities during this reporting period.


## 2009 Reclamation Activities:

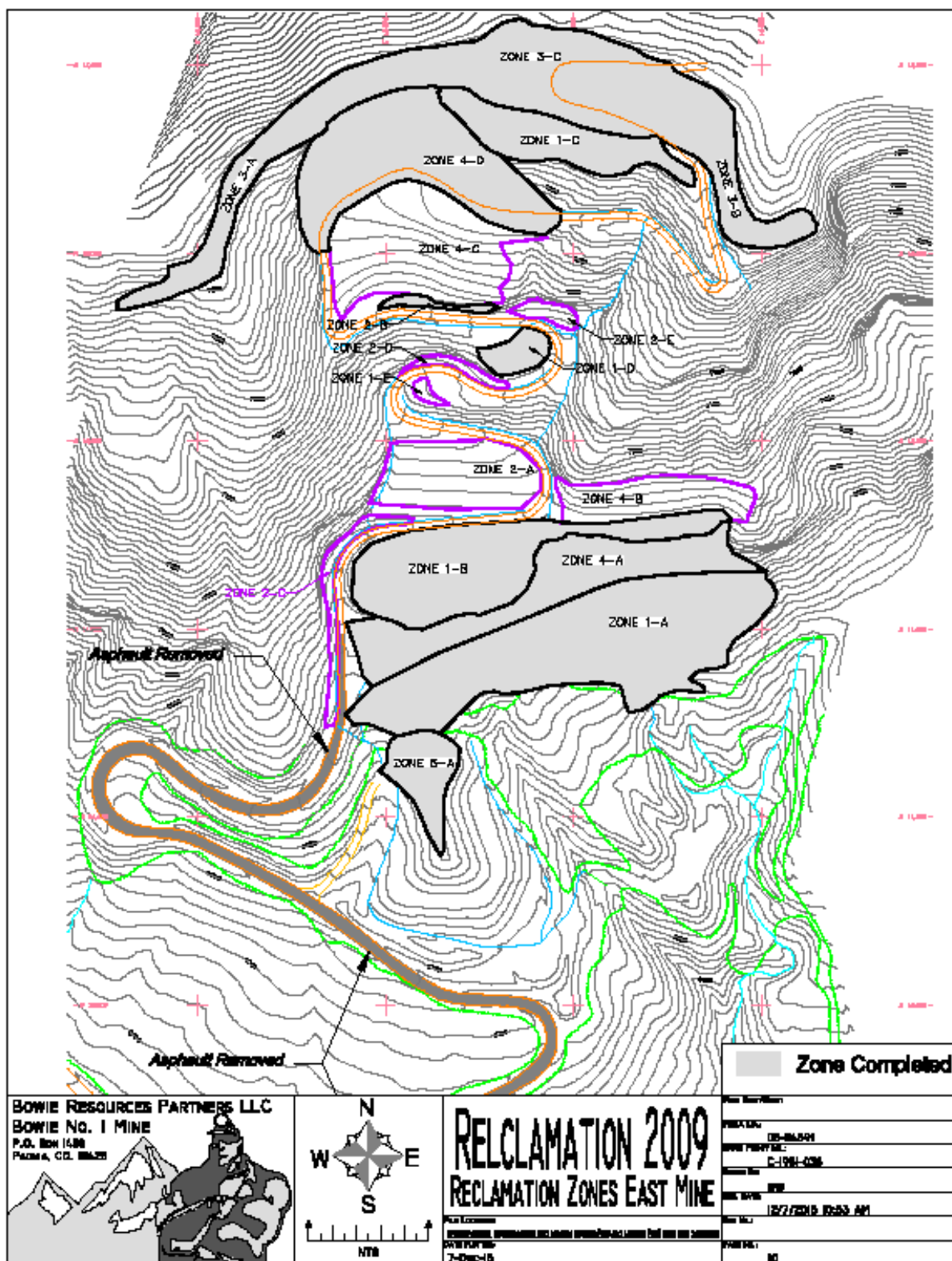
During the reporting year 2009, Bowie completed final grading of the Bowie #1 East Mine (*excluding required sediment control structures*). The 2009 reclamation activities, which was a continuation of the 2008 activities, included the final grading and hydro seeding with an approved permanent seed mix and mulched with wood fiber mulch at a rate of 2,000 lbs/acre of the following areas. (See "2009 Reclamation Map")

<b>Zones</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Top soiled</b>	<b>Revegetated</b>
Zone 4-C	Portal Bench	4.54	2.89	No
Zone 2-E	Substation/Access Road	0.18	0.18	No
Zone 2-D	Access Road	0.61	0.00	No
Zone 1-E	Belt Transfer	0.35	0.07	No
Zone 2-A	Shop/Warehouse	2.15	1.63	No
Zone 4-B	Storage Bench	1.27	1.17	1.27
Zone 2-C	Access Road	0.93	0.00	No
Total		10.03	5.94	1.27





 Bowling Green, LLC Bowling Green No. 1 Mine Permit No. C-81-038	<b>Reclamation 2009</b> ROM Coal Stockpile Area	Page No.	File Path:
		Scale Not to Scale	File Name:
		Drawn by:	Plot Date:
		Annual Reclamation Report 2009	Plot Time:





### 2008 Reclamation Activities:

During the reporting year 2008, Bowie Resources LLC continued with the partial reclamation of the Bowie No. 1 East Mine. *(The 2008 reclamation is a continuation of the 2001 activities in which surface structures were removed.)* The 2008 reclamation consisted of returning portions of the disturbed area back to approximate original contours and hydro seeding with a permanent seed mix and wood fiber mulch. The following zones were completed during the 2008 reporting period. (Reference attached Drawings “Reclamation Zones East Mines and “ROM Coal Stockpile Area”)

<b>Zones</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Top soiled</b>	<b>Revegetated</b>
Zone 1-A	Crushing & Screening Level Fill	Yes	Yes	5.93
Zone 1-B	Shop & Warehouse Level Fill	Yes	Yes	3.11
Zone 1-D	Substation Level Fill	Yes	Yes	0.34
Zone 2-B	Portal Level Fill	No	No	
Zone 3-A	Diversion Channel Cut	Yes	Yes	
Zone 3-B	Diversion Channel Cut	Yes	Yes	
Zone 3-C	Diversion Channel Cut	Yes	Yes	6.98 (Total)
Zone 4-A	Rock Cut above Crushing & Screening	Yes	Yes	1.42
Zone 4-D	Rock Cut below Fan Level	No	Yes	3.65
Zone 5-A	Waste Rock Disposal Site	Yes	No	7.04
Zone 6-A	R.O.M. Coal Stockpile & Access Road	Yes	Yes	11.16
Totals				39.63



### **2007 Reclamation Activities:**

There were no reclamation activities during this reporting period.

### **2006 Reclamation Activities:**

Bowie Resources LLC began partial reclamation of the Bowie No. 1 Mine Loadout facilities. The partial reclamation project consisted of demolition of the following structures:

Three (3) Concrete Silo's

Truck Loadout

Truck Dump MCC Building

Dust Collection System

Truck Dump to Silo Belt Structure

Silo to Loadout Belt Structure

Silo MCC Building

Train Loadout Facilities

Train Loadout MCC Building

Approximately 1,200 feet of railroad track



### 2005 Reclamation Activities:

During the reporting year of 2005, Bowie Resources continued with the reclamation of the Bowie #1 West Mine Ventilation shaft site. Reclamation consisted of distributing and grading of topsoil back to its approximate original contour over shaft site. Upon completion of the grading, the entire area was re-seeded with the approved permanent seed mix and covered with straw mats.

There were also drill hole sites on the Bowie #1 permit area that were reclaimed in 2005.

<b>Zones</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Top soiled</b>	<b>Revegetated</b>
	West Mine Fan Shaft/Drill Hole Sites	0.45	Yes	Yes



2004

### Reclamation Activities:

There were no reclamation activities during this reporting period.

### 2003 Reclamation Activities:

During the reporting period of 2003, Bowie Resources completed sealing the Bowie 1 West Mine ventilation shaft. A 12-inch concrete cap with steel reinforcement, extending 2 feet beyond the shaft liner was completed in September of this year. This included one 4-inch vent pipe as required and backfilling. The following photographs are of the shaft-sealing project.





## 2002 Reclamation Activities:

For the reporting year 2002, Bowie Resources, Ltd., continued with the reclamation of the Bowie No. 1 West Mine Site. Reclamation consisted of distributing and grading of nearly 49,000 yrd<sup>3</sup> of subsoil and topsoil back to its approximate original contour. Two new sedimentation control ponds have been established near the bottom of the reclaimed area. Upon completion of the grading, the entire area was hydro-seeded with the approved permanent seed mix and using cellulose mulch at a rate of 1,500 pounds per acre and a tackifier at 100 pounds per acre. In conjunction with the hydro seeding, a fertilizer was applied at a rate that applied at least 30 pounds per acre of nitrogen and 60 pounds of phosphorus.



During this

reporting period the ventilation shaft located at the Bowie No. 1 West Mine was re-filled due to settling. Approximately 2,500 yrd<sup>3</sup> was placed into the shaft. As required by the Mine Safety and Health Administration, CFR 30 Part 75.1711-1 beginning from the bottom of the coal seam and extending upward for a distance of 150 feet, the shaft was filled with non-combustible material. The remaining portion of the shaft was filled with other available material.

Reclamation of the East Mine consisted of completing the demolition of permanent structures located on the Old Fan Level, Office/Bathhouse Level, and crushing and screening level.

<b>Zones</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Acreage</b>	<b>Top soiled</b>	<b>Revegetated</b>
	West Mine	13.10	Yes	Yes



### 2001 Reclamation Activities:

During the year 2001, the Bowie No. 1 West Mine continued to be reclaimed. At the end of the 2001 reporting year, Bowie Resources Ltd. had completed approximately 80 percent of the backfilling. Topsoil located on the fill outslopes was moved to a temporary storage location during the backfilling process. The West Mine Ventilation Shaft was filled during this same period.



The Bowie East Mine reclamation during 2001 consisted of demolition and removal of permanent structures. The following structures were removed; bathhouse/office, storage tanks, MCC buildings, fire house, belt structures, transfer towers, shop/warehouse, tire shop, loading bin, fire house, belt structure, the majority of the 2,000-ton bin, guard shack, sewage treatment plant, crushing and screening plant, truck loadout, and stacking tube.



**2000 Reclamation Activities:**

In November 2000, Bowie Resources began partial reclamation of the Bowie No. 1 East and West Mines. A description of what was completed during this reporting period is as follows:

West Mine- Reclamation of the West Mine consisted of sealing three portals and backfilling with 25 feet of non-combustible material. Sealing ventilation shaft with 50 feet of non-combustible material and removing all structures from the portal area. Partially removing some structures from the fan site and begin restoring portal area back to approximate original contours.

East Mine - Reclamation of the East Mine consisted of removing some steel structures. During this reporting period, only the steel shelter for the fuel station located on the office bench and the lump bin located on crushing and screening level were completely demolished. Demolition of transfer station #2, and crushing and screening facility was started but not completed during this reporting period.

**1999 Reclamation Activities:**

No reclamation activities were undertaken at the Bowie No. 1 Mine during the 1999 calendar year. The mine is currently idle due to economic reasons. Reclamation options are under consideration.

**1998 Reclamation Activities:**

No reclamation activities were undertaken at the Bowie No. 1 Mine during the 1998 calendar year. The mine is currently idle due to economic reasons. Reclamation options are under consideration.

**1997 Reclamation Activities:**

No reclamation activities were undertaken at the Bowie No. 1 Mine during the 1997 calendar year. The mine is currently idle due to economic reasons. Reclamation options are under consideration.

**1996 Reclamation Activities:**

Reclamation in 1996 consisted of seeding and mulching a small area on the West Ridge Refuse Pile. Area seeded was 0.1 acres. The mine is currently idle due to economic reasons. Reclamation options are under consideration.

**1995 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activity during the 1995 calendar year. Reclamation activities conducted included seeding and mulching operations on the outcrops of the west ridge waste pile. (See locatoin37, exhibit 8). This area was seeded during the month of December using permanent seed mix (mix no. 5 less shrub species). Also reseeded during this period was a small area around the fan area using a temporary seed mix, (see table 6 for seed mix). This area was also seeded during the month of December.

**1994 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activity during the 1994 calendar year. Reclamation activities conducted included seeding and mulching operations on the outcrops of the West Ridge waste pile. (See location 32 on exhibit 7). This area was reseeded on November 17, 1994 with a permanent grass mix (mix no. 5 less shrub species). In addition, the Gross-Rhode stock trail at the Orchard Valley West mine was seeded with the temporary seed mix (see table #6 for seed mix) immediately following construction on May 4 and 5, 1994.

**1993 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activity during the 1993 calendar year. Reclamation activities conducted included seeding and mulching operations on the outcrops of the west ridge waste pile. (See location 32 on exhibit 7). Topsoil and subsoil piles in the vicinity of the West Ridge waste pile which were disturbed because of pile reconstruction activities were seeded with the temporary seed mix (seed mixture #6 (during the fall of 1993).

At the close of 1993 reclamation activities on the West Ridge waste pile, the total reclaimed acreage on this site was approximately 2.85 acres. Of this total acreage, 0.83 acres was newly revegetated in 1993.

Approximately 0.12 acres of additional disturbance occurred in association with a landslide at the west mine portal cut during 1993. Topsoil was salvaged from an area surrounding the slide crest and stockpiled near this location (refer to Exhibit 8 in this report and Map No. 8-6, Permit No. C-81-038). Disturbed areas associated with this slide and the subsequent stabilization work were seeded with the temporary seed mix (seed mixture #6) mulched. Table 7 of this report depicts reclaimed acreages throughout the mine site has been revised to reflect 1993 activities.

**1992 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activity during the 1992 calendar year. Reclamation activities conducted included seeding and mulching operations on the outcrops of the west ridge waste pile. (See location 32 on exhibit 7). Topsoil and subsoil piles in the vicinity of the West Ridge waste pile which were disturbed because of pile reconstruction activities were seeded with the temporary seed mix (seed mixture #6 (during the fall of 1992).

At the close of 1992 reclamation activities on the West Ridge pile, the total reclaimed acreage on this site was approximately 2.02 acres. A total of 0.63 acres was newly revegetated in 1992 with the remainder having been seeded in 1983. At the close of 1983 reclamation activities on the West Ridge waste pile, the total reclaimed acreage on this site was approximately 2.20 acres. During gob salvage and sale operations, occurring in the first and second quarters of 1992, approximately 0.81 acres of seeded topsoil and subsoil was stripped from the pile to allow access to the gob. Table 7 of this report depicting reclaimed acreages throughout the mine site has been revised to reflect this sequence of events.

### **1991 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activity during the 1991 calendar year. Reclamation activities conducted were primarily confined to interim stabilization seeding and mulching operations on topsoil piles and subsoil piles in the vicinity of the West Ridge waste pile (See exhibit 7). Soil storage piles in this area saw additions of materials due to the topsoil and subsoil stripping operations required to access gob for sale and shipment. Topsoil piles were seeded with temporary seed mix (see mixture #6) and mulched. Subsoil piles were only seeded and were left in a roughened condition to prevent erosion.

One additional pile located at the parking lot area (See Exhibit 6) and consisting of windrowed subsoil material isolated for future reclamation purposes was seeded with temporary seed mix in response to NOV 91-004.

### **1990 Reclamation Activities:**

No additional acreage was newly disturbed by mining or construction activities during the 1990 calendar year. Small acreages on both the east and west ridge waste disposal areas were re-disturbed to accommodate repairs to the West Ridge waste pile.

This report will serve as the baseline reference document for all future reclamation reports. The report summarizes available information concerning the current reclamation status and reclamation history of both the Orchard Valley and Orchard Valley West mine sites.

### **Reclamation History**

An extensive reclamation project was initiated in the fall of 1977 to address the Orchard Valley upper mine area, middle mine area, mine roads, and the new country road alignment near the existing coal stockpile. The reader is referred to the following document for a complete discussion of the details of this program: “Final Report, Reclamation, Colorado Westmoreland, Inc., Orchard Valley Mine, Paonia, Colorado, January 1978, by Thorne Ecological Institute”, and “History of Revegetation, Orchard Valley Mine, 1977-1982, April, 1983, Prepared for CWI, Orchard Valley Mine, Paonia, Colorado, by Harner and Associates.”

Revegetation of cut and fill slopes was accomplished in 1978 on previously seeded but sparsely vegetated and eroded slopes stemming from excessive water runoff caused by the lack of an effective water diversion system.

In 1979, a diversion channel and four sedimentation ponds were constructed to divert water away from the main mine facilities. Access roads to the sedimentation ponds and parking lot were also constructed. The Revegetation program of 1979 addressed disturbed areas associated with these facilities and encompassed approximately 12 acres of reclamation.

Reclamation activities in 1980 focused on revegetating lands disturbed through minor construction activities conducted in 1979. The areas addressed in 1980 included the Orchard Valley Mine water pipeline, exploration drill pads, and miscellaneous roadways. The majority of the acreage reclaimed in 1980, approximately 3.5 acres, was associated with reclamation of the water line.

The 1981 revegetation program encompassed minor disturbances consisting of miscellaneous roadways, Steven’s Gulch well field structures, and the scale house and truck scales near the truck dump station.

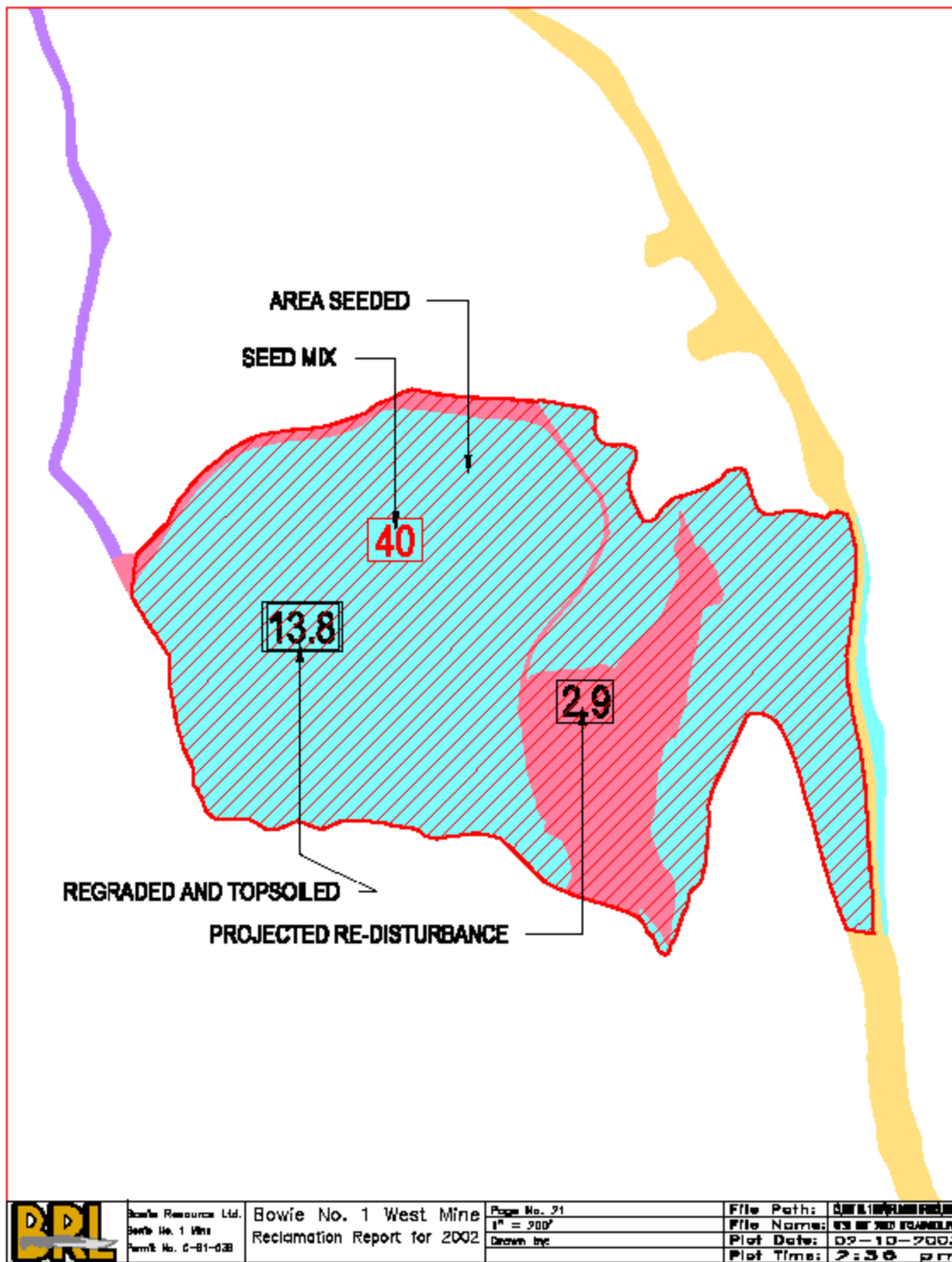


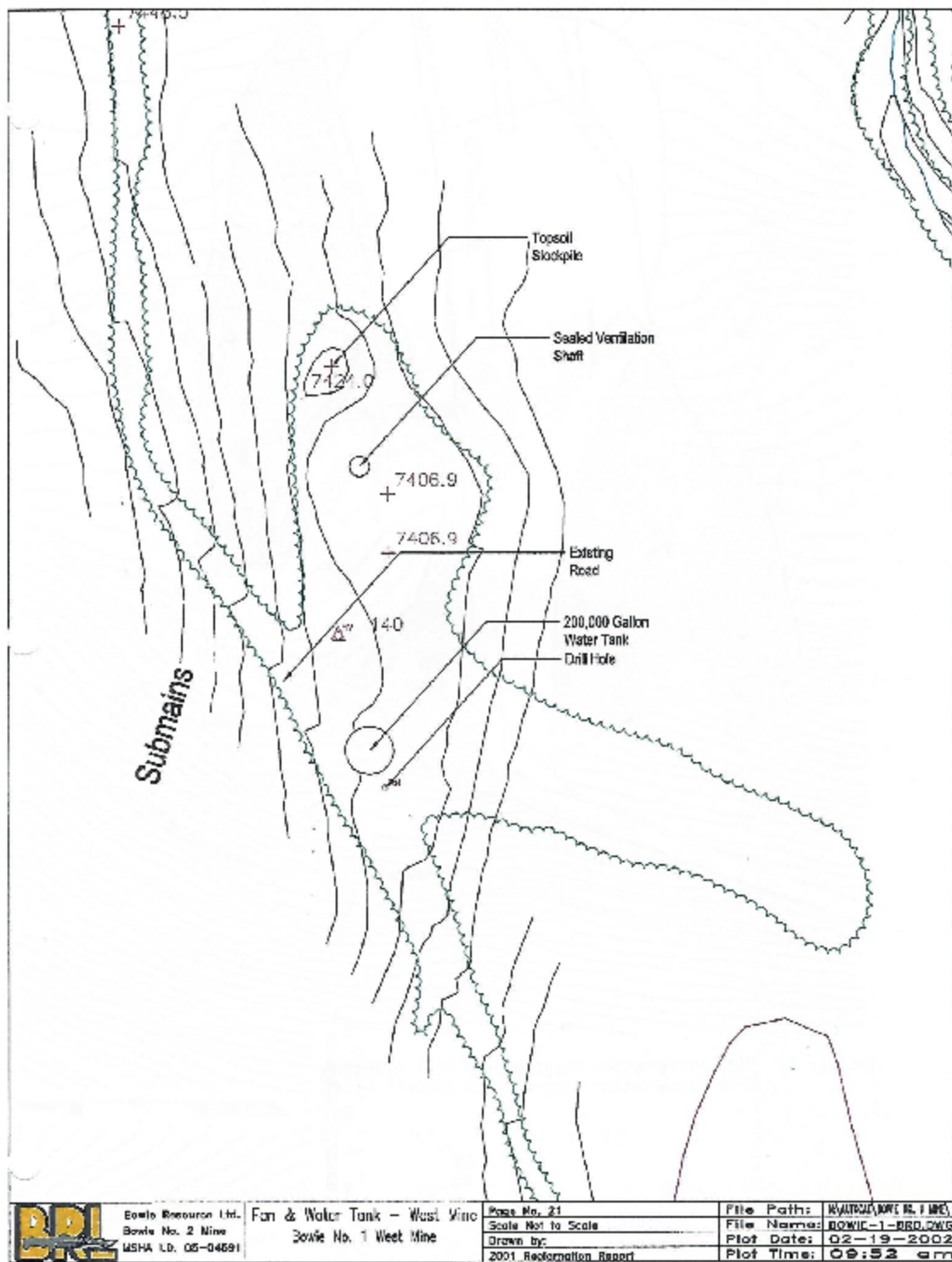
Construction of the West Ridge waste disposal area was initiated in July 1983. Lands available for reclamation at this site have been seeded and mulched on an approximately annual base since development began. The West Ridge waste disposal site encompasses approximately 3.37 acres. Approximately 2.20 acres of this site are currently reclaimed. Reclamation of the old waste disposal site near ponds 1 and 2 was completed in November of 1983. Vegetation was established on this 0.86-acre site the following spring. Development of the East Ridge waste disposal site was initiated in 1983 in conjunction with development of the West Ridge site. The East Ridge saw topsoil salvaged and an intermediate material stockpile established to accommodate material being generated from the West Ridge development.

Reclamation of the Orchard Valley West Mine fill slopes and associated disturbance was completed by the fall of 1987. Slope instability necessitated the relocation of topsoil at the mine site and subsequent reseeding and mulching of both the new pile and the old pile footprint was completed in the fall of 1990.

Several small topsoil piles exist throughout the various disturbance areas on the mine. Those piles project to remain undisturbed for longer than five years are seeded with the permanent seed mixture. Those piles projected to be redistributed within five years were seeded with the temporary seed mixture.











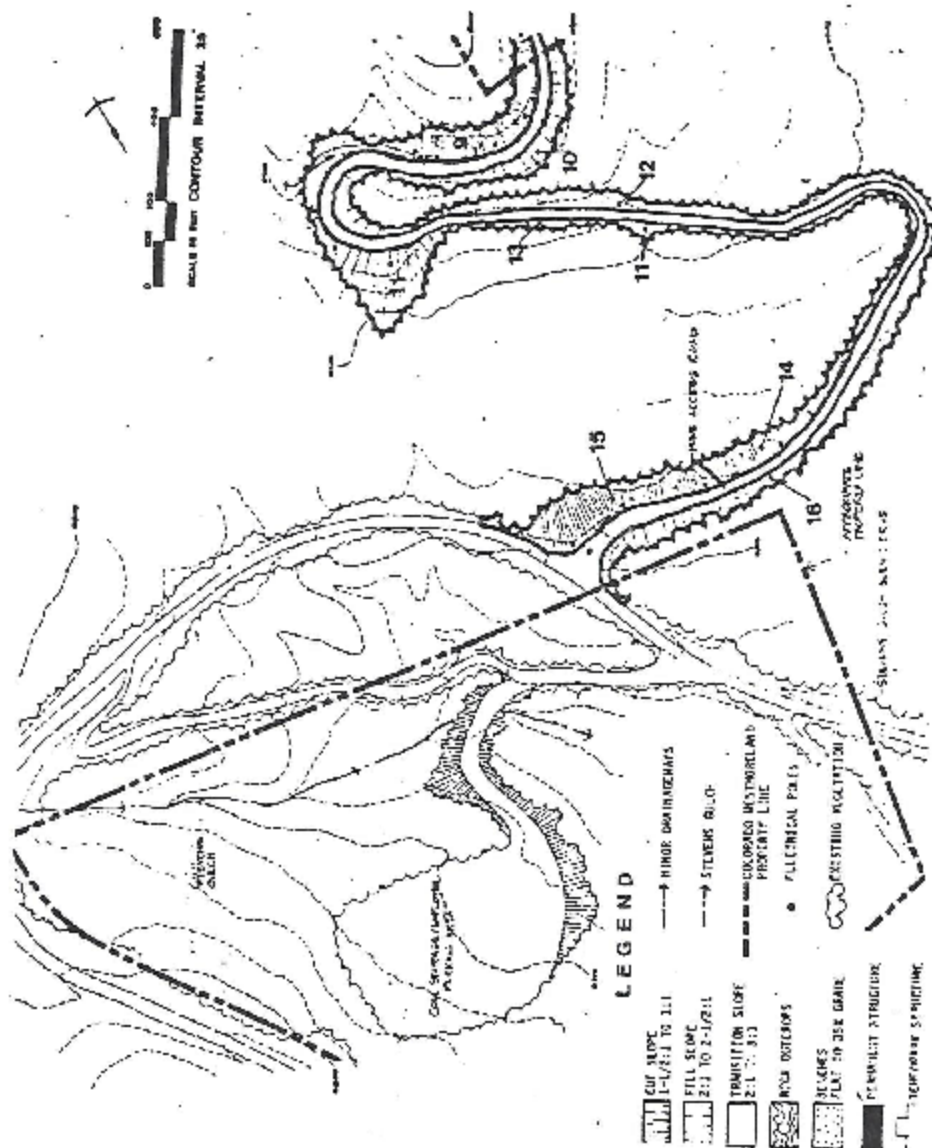


Exhibit 2 1977 Revegetation Program Test Plot Locations 9 through 16 along Access Road to Main Mine Facilities.

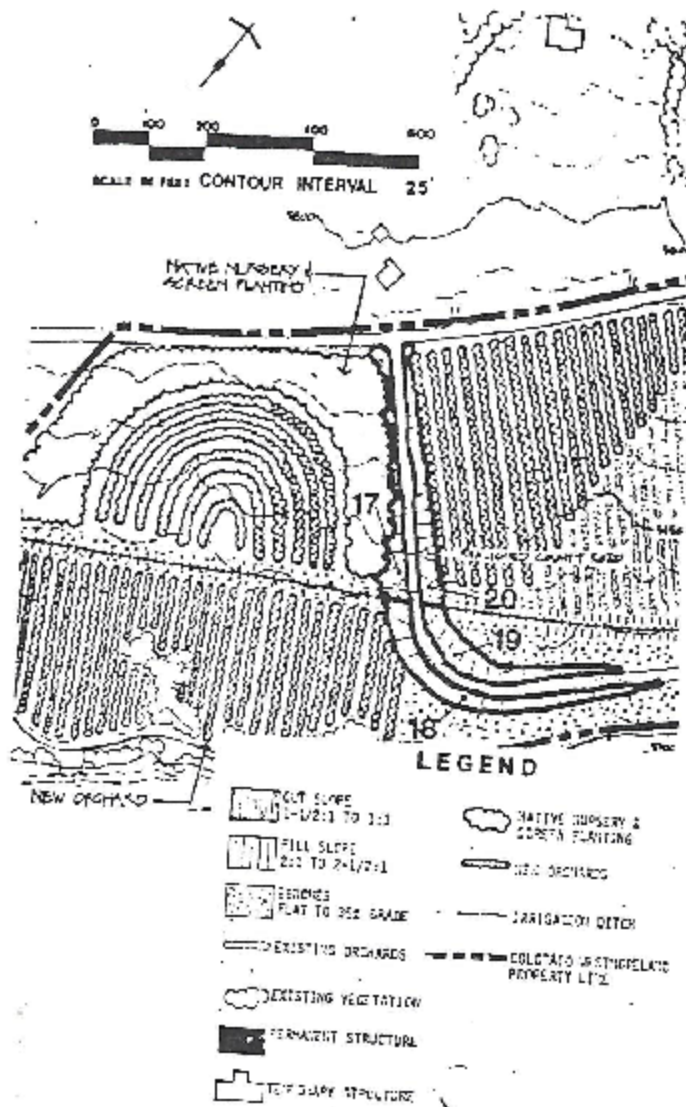


Exhibit 3 1977 Revegetation Program Test Plot Locations  
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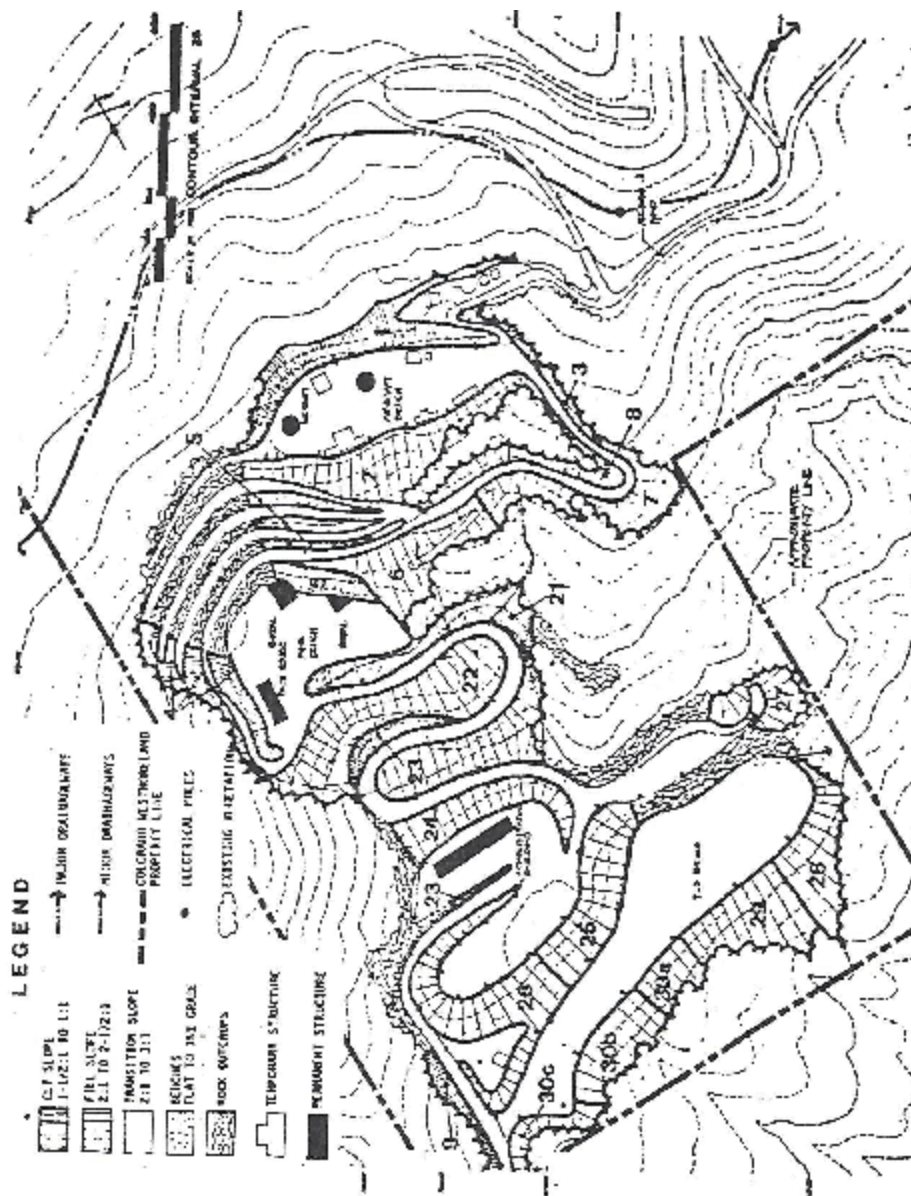


Exhibit 4 1978 Revegetation Program Sparsely Vegetated and Washout Areas Within the Test Plots Access Road to Main Mine Facilities (Part 1).



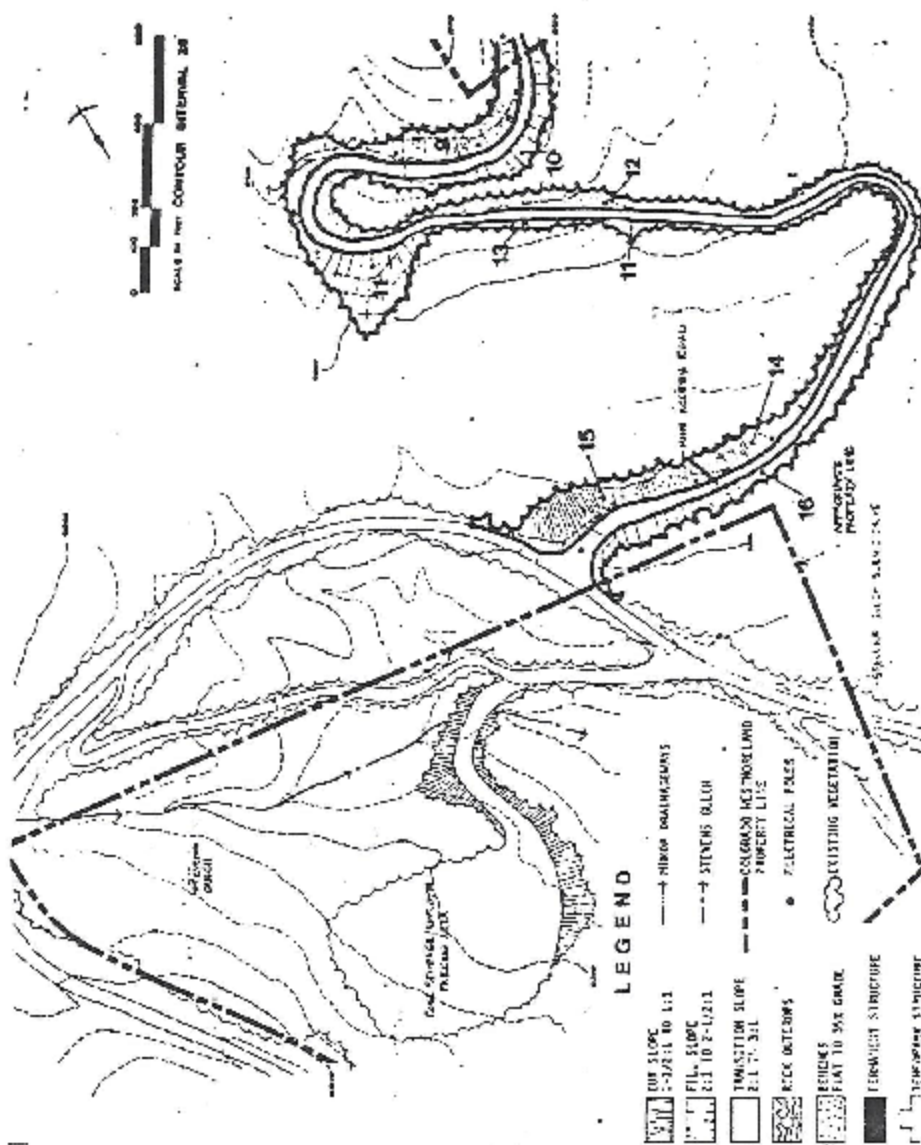


Exhibit 5 1978 Revegetation Program Sparsely Vegetated and Washout Areas  
Within the Test Plots - Access Road to Main Mine Facilities (Part 2).





Exhibit / 1979 Revegetation Program Sedimentation Ponds 1,2,3, and 4  
1983 Revegetation Program Old Waste Disposal Area, West Ridge Waste File



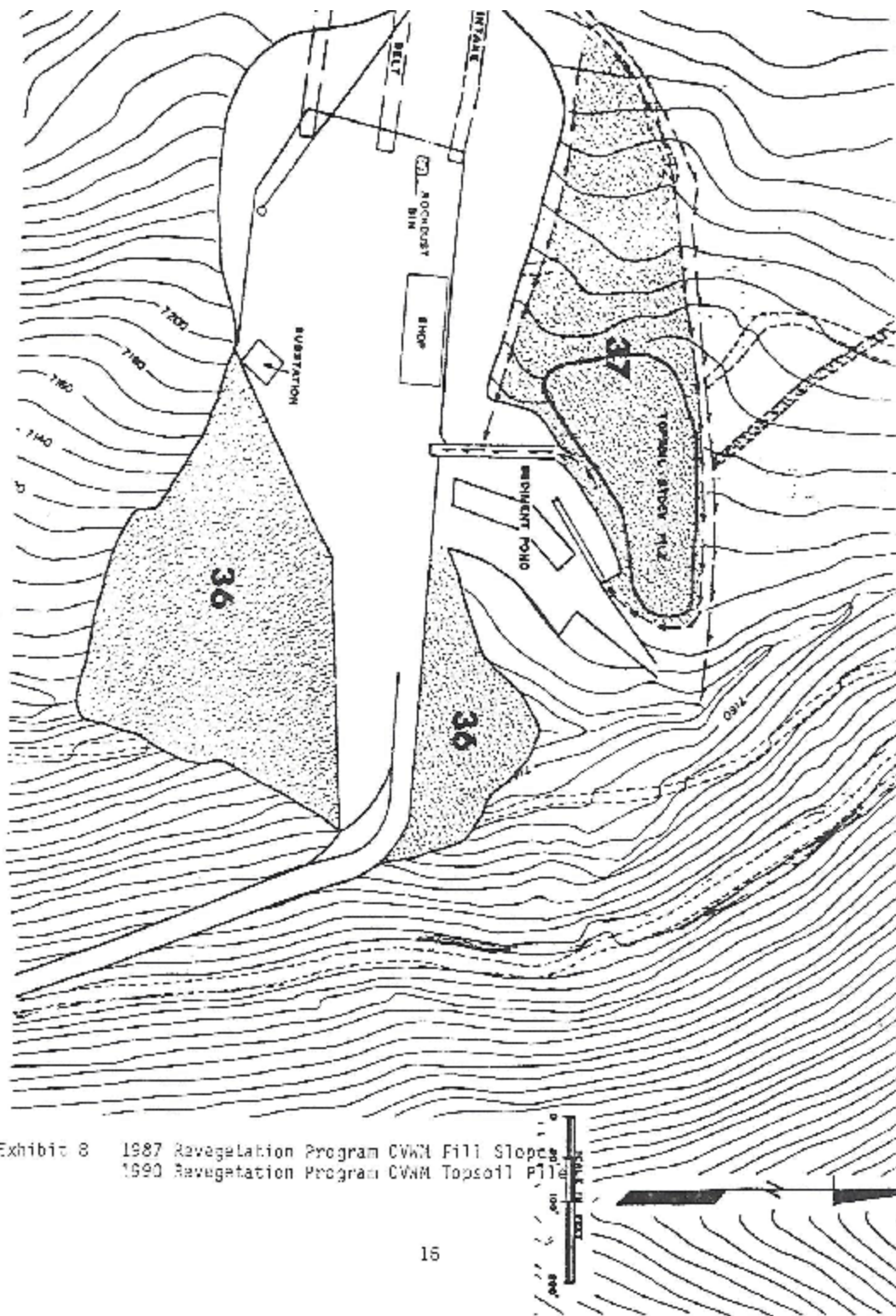


Exhibit 8 1987 Revegetation Program CWM Fill Slope  
1990 Revegetation Program CWM Topsoil Pile