### SHEEP MOUNTAIN URANIUM PROJECT CROOKS GAP, WYOMING



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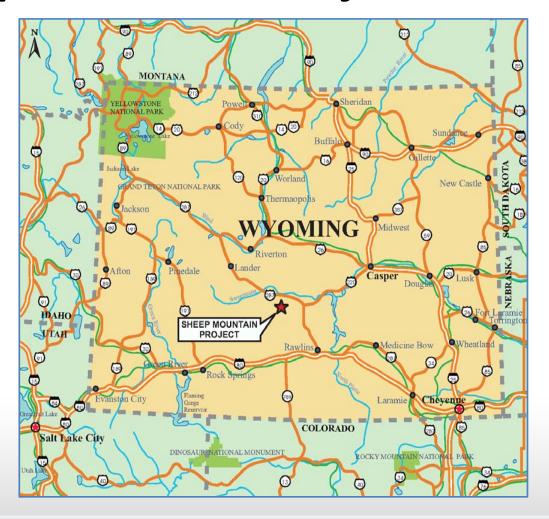


#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

- Site Location
  - Fremont County, Wyoming
  - •8-10 Miles South of Jeffrey City
  - Approximately 3,600 Acres Federal, State and Fee Lands
- Existing Uranium Mine Permit WDEQ/LQD 381C
  - •Mined 1956 1988
  - Milling at Split Rock Mill
- Planned Operation
  - Open Pit and Underground Mining
  - Heap Leach Processing

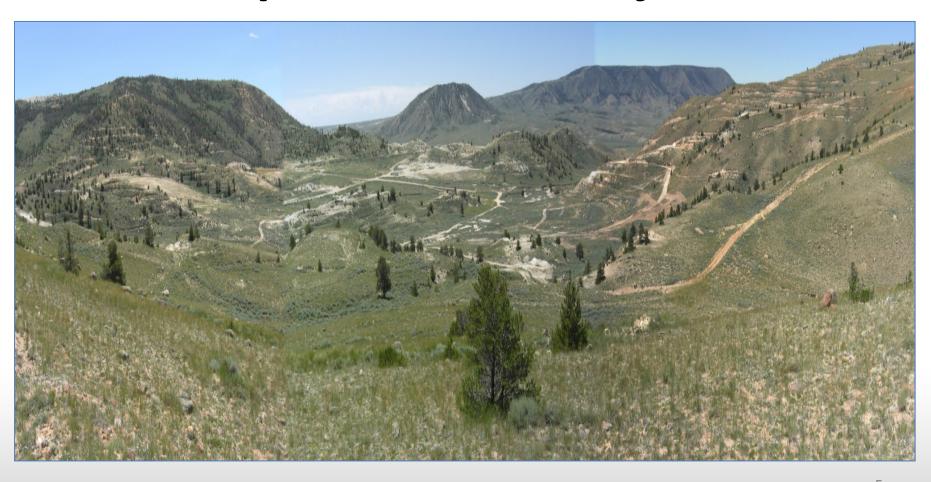


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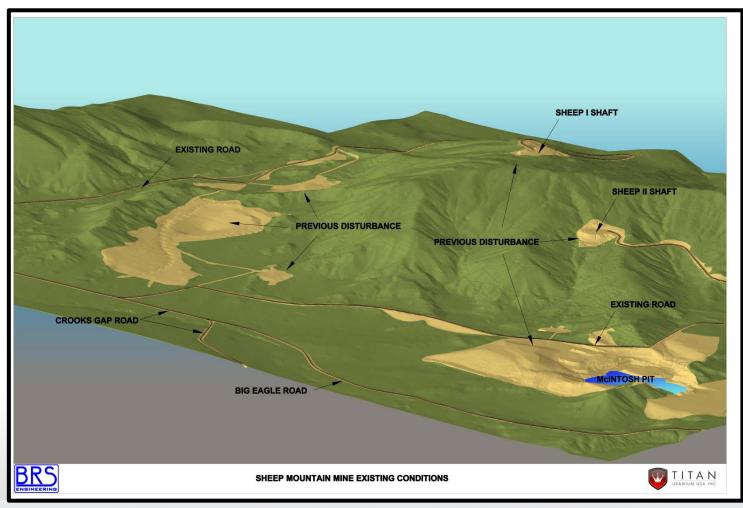


### **Sheep Mountain Project**



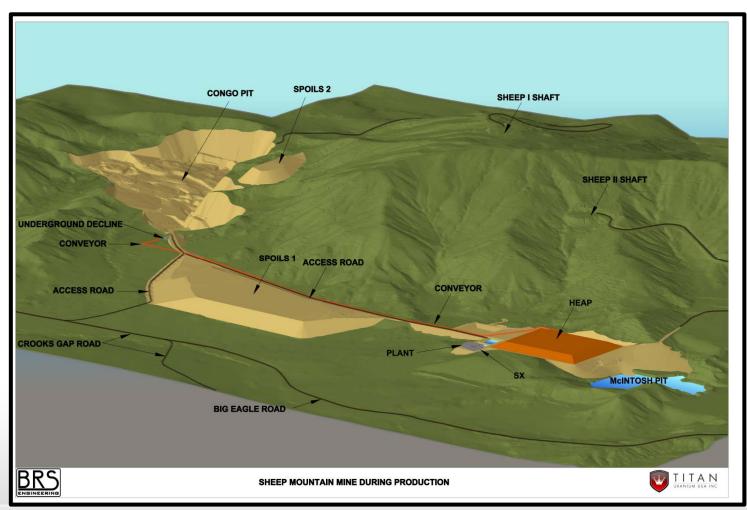


### **Existing Conditions**



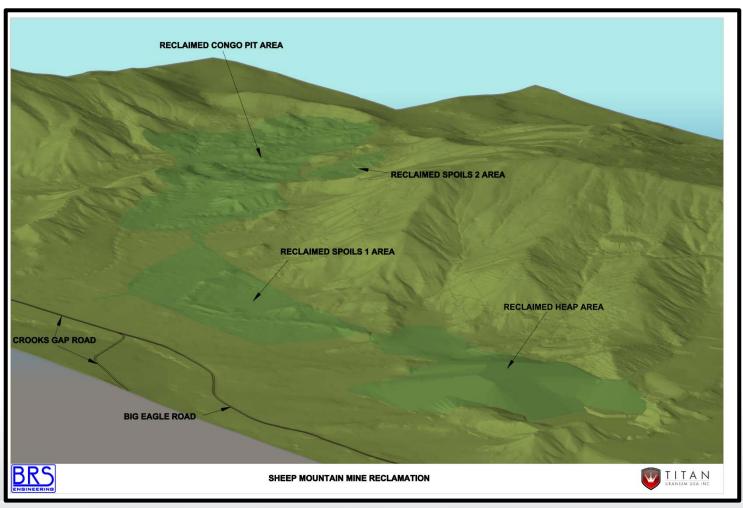


### **During Production**





#### **Final Reclamation**





### **History**

- Uranium Discovery Early 1950's
- Development Western Nuclear, Phelps Dodge, and Continental Uranium
- Jeffrey City Mill Commissioned 1957
- Now Decommissioned & Transferred to DOE
- Historic Production (Mill) 27.5 Million Pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- Transfer of Title
  - 1988; to US Energy from WNC
  - 2004; 50% to UPC from US Energy
  - 2007; 50% to Uranium One from US Energy
  - 2009; UPC Merges with Titan and Acquires 100% Interest



#### **Sheep Mountain: Current Status**

- 43-101 Indicated Mineral Resource Estimate
  - January 2011
  - 30.4M lbs (13.8M tons @ 0.110)
- Preliminary Feasibility Study
  - April 2010
  - OPEX \$28.67/lb
  - CAPEX \$118M

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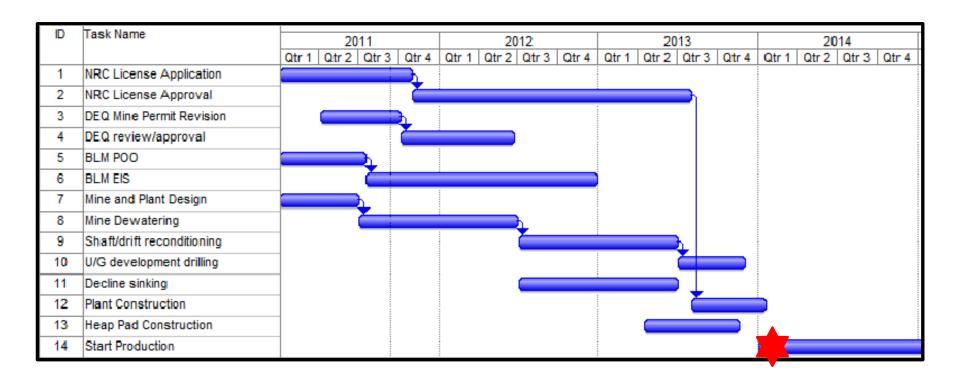


### Why Heap Leach

- High Percentage Resource Recovery
- Low Operating Costs
- Environmental considerations
  - >Low water demand
  - ➤ Closed Hydraulic System
  - ➤ Built on a liner with a positive drain
  - ➤ No Concentration of Slimes
  - > Reclamation can proceed efficiently



#### **Sheep Mountain Schedule**



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#### **Permitting Activities**

- Mine WDEQ/LQD and BLM
  - Underground and Open Pit Mining
  - Current Mine Permit (381C)
    - •WDEQ Permit Revision Reclamation Plan Under Review
  - •BLM Plan of Operations Submitted and Accepted as Complete
    - •EIS Process Underway
- Uranium Recovery USNRC
  - Heap Leach with Central Processing Plant
  - •Site visit this week
  - Application submittal November 2011
- Regulators, State and Federal, have been Responsive and Cooperative



#### Project Timeline – Construction Long Lead Time Items

- Dewatering Sheep Underground to start in October 2011 ± 12 months to complete;
  - Water will be treated with BaCl and temporarily stored in the existing McIntosh Pit then used for processing;
- Decline to start as early as 2012;
- Then install temporary hoist and commence reconditioning shafts and underground workings;
- When reconditioning complete, commence underground drilling for detailed mine design;
- Open pit activities initiated 6 months prior to production

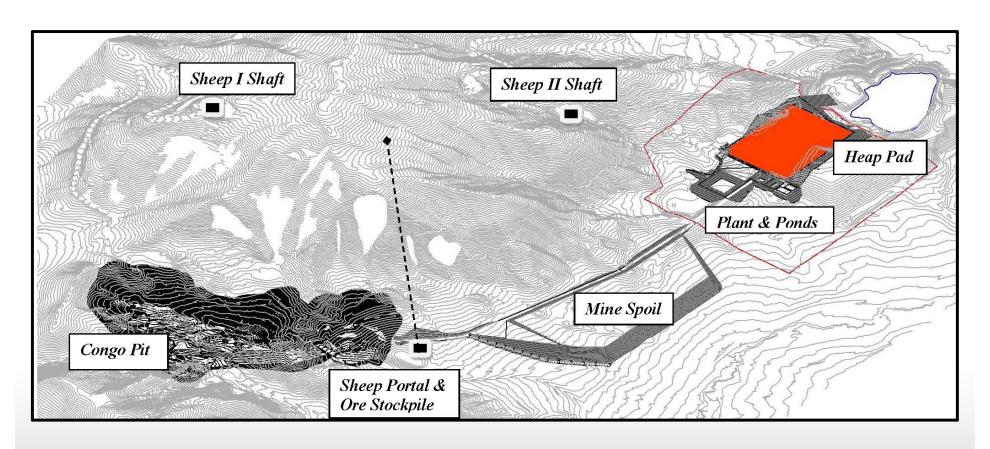
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# Mine and Reclamation Planning



### **Sheep Mountain Facilities**





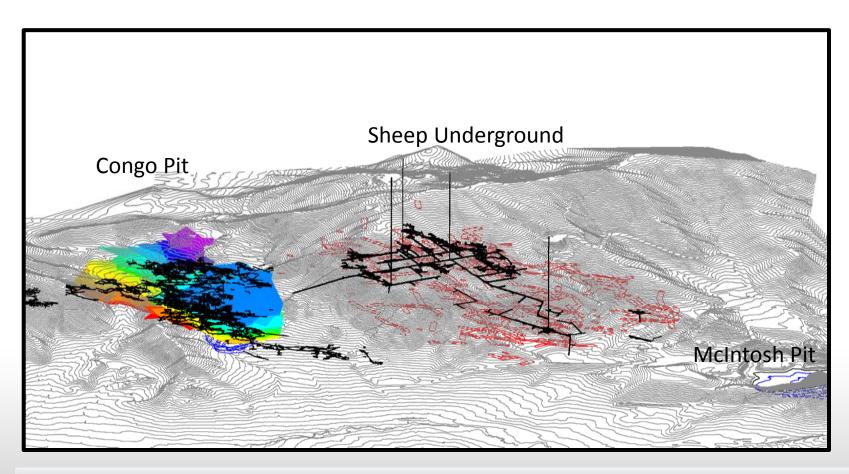
#### **Sheep Underground**

- Sheep Underground
  - Re-opening of previously operated conventional mine
  - Allowed under Permit to Mine No. 381C.
- Mining method is a conventional method using a modified room and pillar.
  - A new double entry haulage decline
  - Conveyor haulage
  - The existing shafts will be used for ventilation and emergency access

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### **Existing Mine Workings**



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### **COLUMN LEACH TESTING**





#### **Loaded Columns**

- •15 ft Columns
- •12 ft Ore
- Six Inch Diameter





# **Leach Solution From Column**



### Summary of Results

Column #	1	2	3
Specific Gravity (tested)	1.50 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.36 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.46 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Ore % Moisture	8.5 %	8.5 %	4.3 %
Sulfuric Acid Required from Column Tests	1.68 lb/ <u>st</u>	1.62 lb/st	3.90 lb/st
Lixiviate [H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> ]	10 g/L	10 g/L	10 g/L
Sodium Chlorate Addition Rate	3 lb/st	3 lb/ <u>st</u>	3 lb/st
Ore Grade Assayed % U₃O <sub>8</sub>	0.077%	0.077%	0.1039%
Tails Grade Assayed mg/kg U₃O <sub>8</sub>	0.0001%	0.0001%	0.0029%
Tails % Moisture	13.7 %	14.7 %	17.0 %
Ore Grade % U₃O₅	0.0763%	0.0729%	0.1128%
% Uranium Recovery	99.87%	99.86%	97.47%

•Recover 98% U

Mobilize Only 2% Ra226



### **HEAP LEACH SUMMARY**



#### Early Heap Leach Operations for Uranium (US)

- Common beginning in 1950's
- Small operations
- Low grade ( $<0.05 \%U_3O_8$ )

#### Larger Commercial Heap Leach Operations (US)

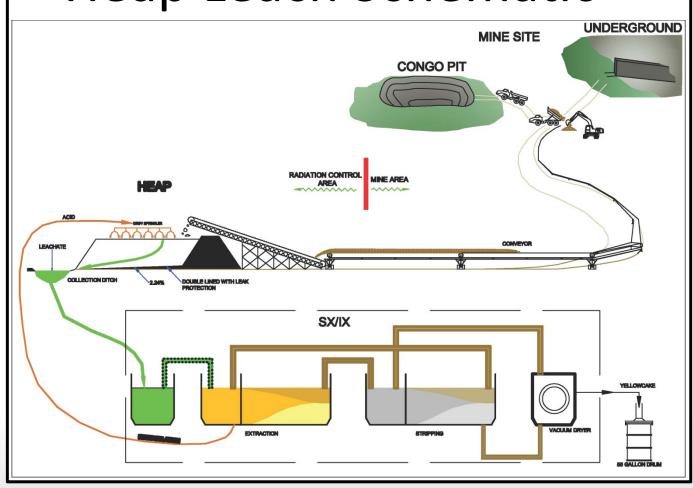
- Western Nuclear Corporation
  - Day Loma Heap Leach, Gas Hills, WY
  - Spook Vat Leach, Powder River Basin, WY
- Ranchers Uranium
  - Naturita Tailings Uranium and Vanadium Heap Leach (500,000 tons)
- Union Carbide Mining and Metals
  - East Gas Hills Heap, WY (650,000 tons initial)
  - Maybell Heap, CO (Tributary to Gas Hills Mill)
  - Planned: Black Hills, SD; Great Divide Basin, WY; and Others

#### • Current and Planned Commercial Operations

- Operating: Brazil, China, Niger, and Spain
- Planned: US, Australia, Botswana, and Namibia

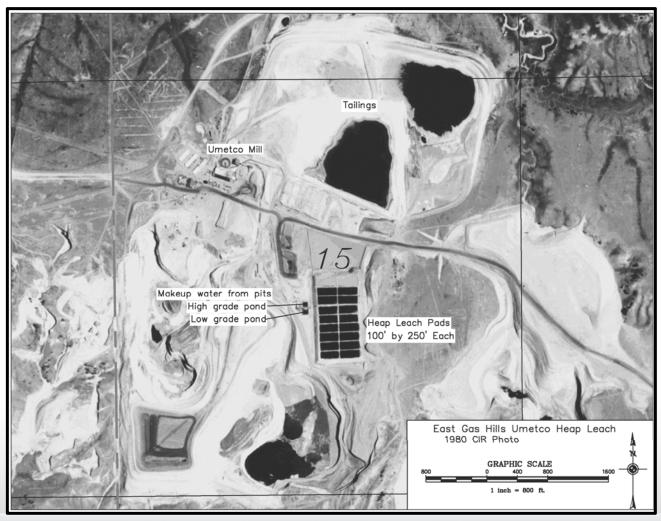


### Heap Leach Schematic





### **Heap Leaching 1978**





### Sheep Mountain Heap Design Pre-Feasibility Parameters

- Average Grade 0.111 %U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>
- Final Tails  $< 0.01 \%U_3O_8$  (includes soluble loss)
  - After column tests 0.004 %U3O8
- Overall Recovery 91%
  - -96% +
- Average liquor grade > 500 ppm column testing
  - 1,000 ppm
- Acid consumption 50 lbs/ton
  - 15 lbs/ton or less
- Conveyor loading
- Drip application

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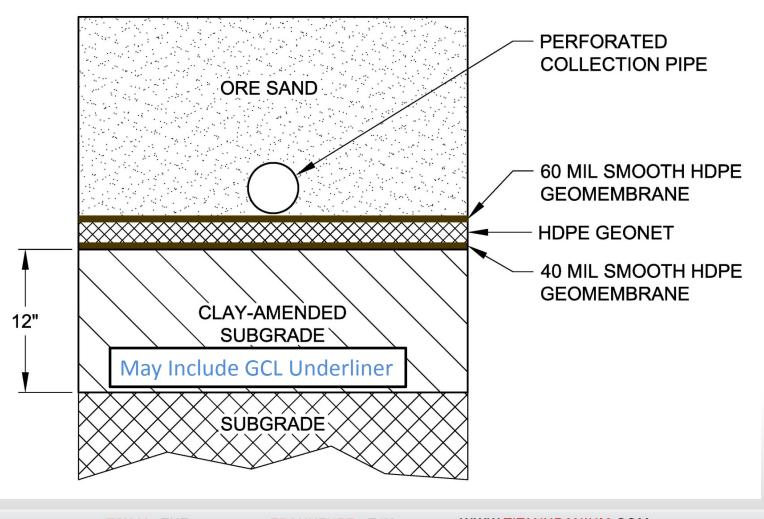


#### **CONSTRUCTION DETAILS**

Double Lined Leak Detection
Subgrade Preparation/Underliner
Operational Cover (Dust Control)
Cap and Cover (Reclamation)



#### Heap Liner Detail



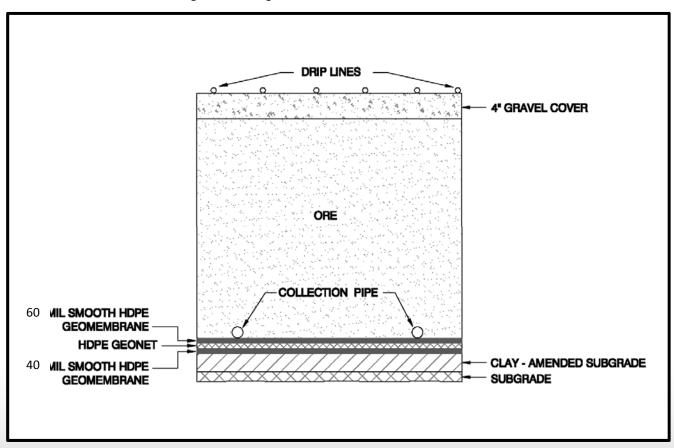
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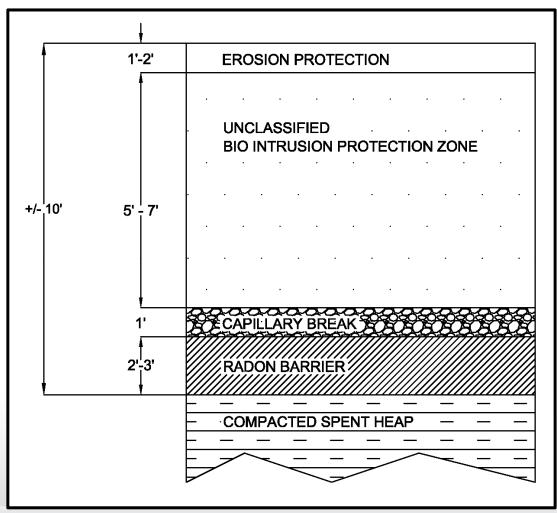
### **Heap Operational Cover**



Here we show the liner 15 feet of ore, 4 inch gravel cove with drip lines Doug, 9/12/2011



### Heap Cap and Cover Detail





# TYPICAL CONSTRUCTION METHODS



### Installing Heap Liner System



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### Radial Stacker





### Solution Drip Lines





### Drip System – Winter Operations

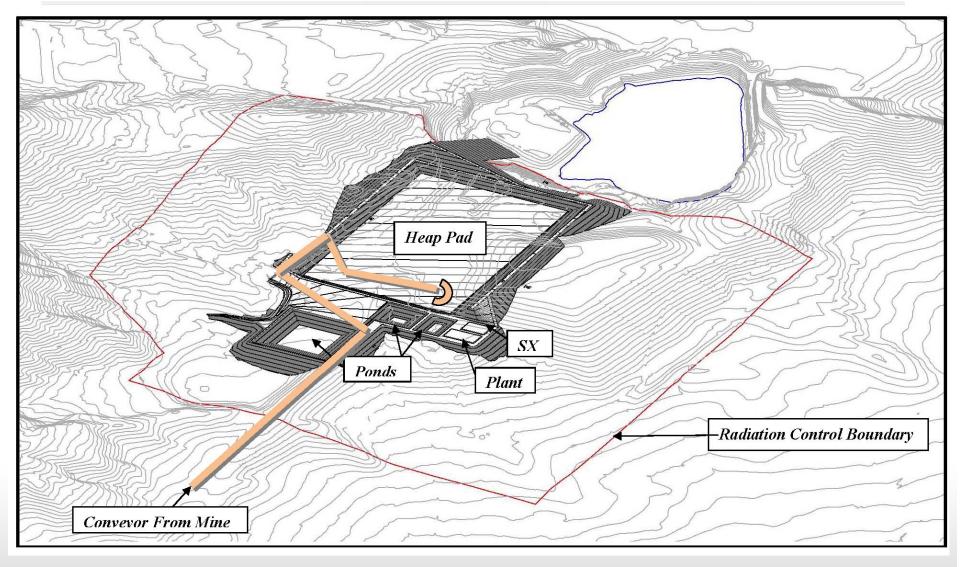




### Lined Solution Conveyance

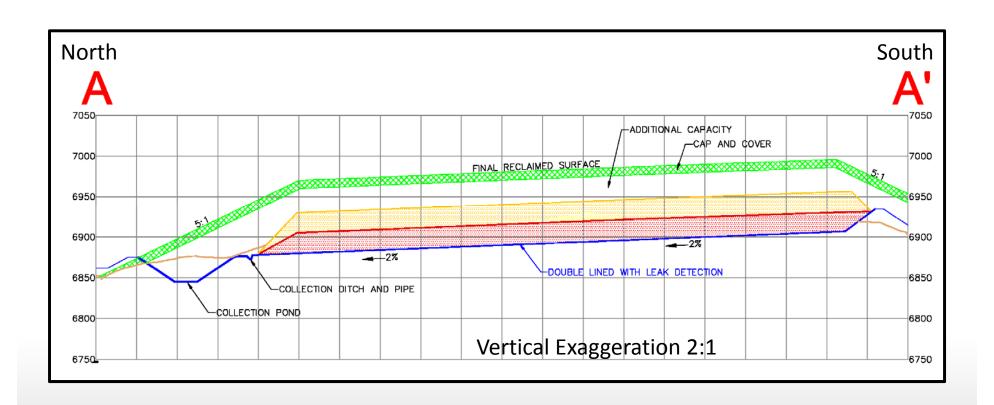








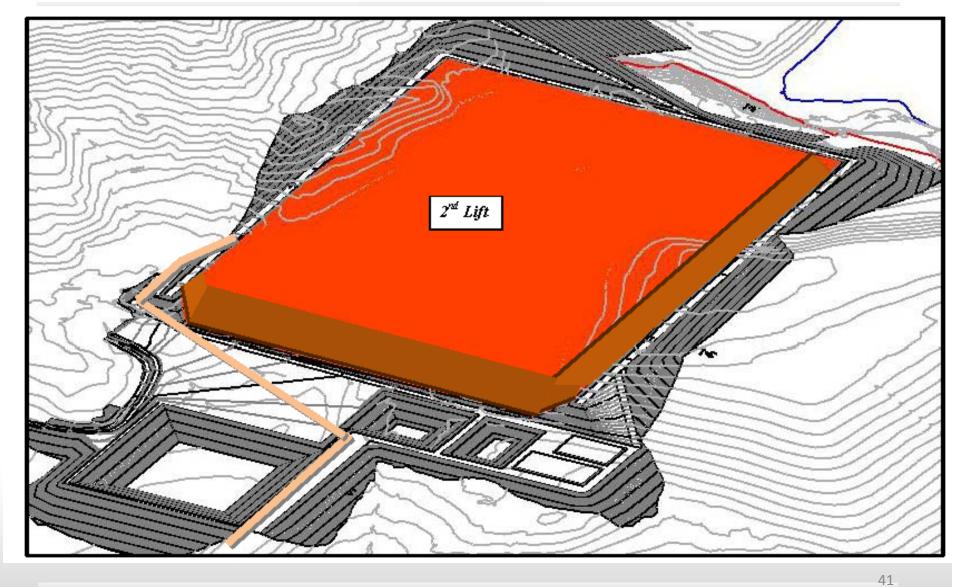
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#### **Heap Pad Loading**

- up to 2,600 tons/day,
- •~1,800 cy/day
- •25 ft per lift
- •Cells 400 ft wide by 1,150 ft
- •Rows 200 ft wide
- Loaded with continuous conveyor/stacker
- •Stacking, leaching is phased to minimize
  - Exposed ore and spent material
- •Continual wetting during leaching and rinsing **Lixiviant** is 1 normal H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>
  - •applied at 0.005 gpm/sq ft
- Approx. 1.6 acres primary leach at any one time
- Average 360 gpm of solution to plant



## **Economic Impact of Sheep Mountain Mine**



#### **Direct benefits**

Permanent jobs: 200+ (mainly at project location)

Gross Products Tax (county): Average \$2.0 million per year

Severance Tax (State): Average \$1.0 million per year

Royalties (State): Average \$1.5 million per year



#### **Add-on benefits**

- 200 new well-paid, full time jobs creates substantial add-on effects;
- Although most workers will likely live in Fremont County, the spin-offs will extend around the State, especially to Casper;
- New application of old technology (updated) gives opportunities for other projects within Wyoming, that may not otherwise be developed = increased benefits to the State.



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