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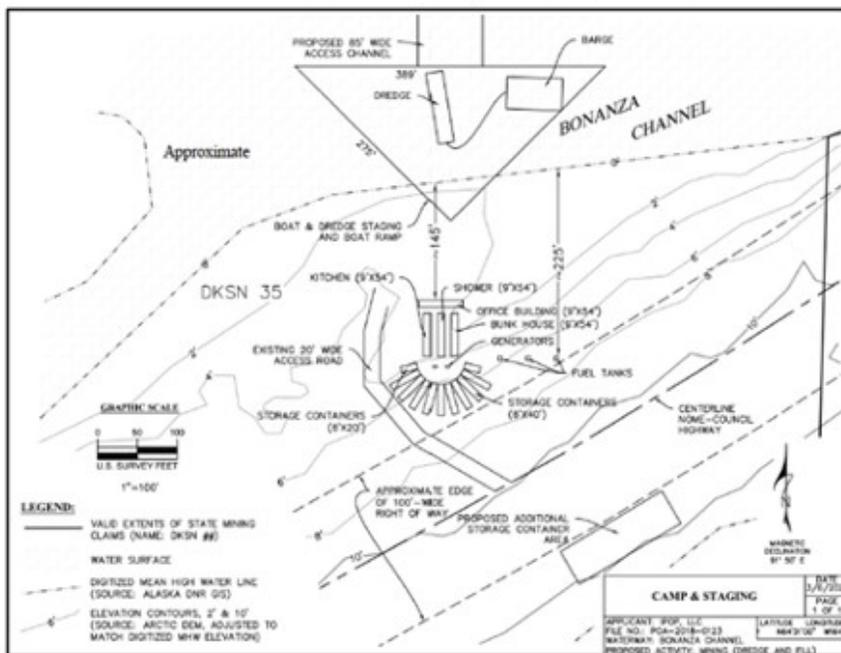
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Mr. Charron,

One minor item we did not address in the APMA application filed November 19, 2023 relates to the access road we proposed to use. The pre-Merbok access trail, dredge staging area, and camp location are described in the 2020 Narrative and Plan of Operations, Section 5.2 and shown on figures 5-1, 5-2 and 5-3. Figure 5.2 of the 2020 Narrative shows our use of this “existing 20’ wide access road”:

Figure 5-2. Camp Location (graphic scale is accurate, verbal scale refers to full size printed map)



As you're aware, in September of 2022, Typhoon Merbok caused significant damage to the Nome Council Highway from Point Nome to the Solomon River, and it has caused some damage to the access road, including deposition of beach sands, erosion along a grade break approximately 150 feet from the Highway, and erosional damage on the access road to the proposed dredge staging area. Figure 1 shows an aerial view of the storm damage.

Due to the storm damage, IPOP wishes to make clear that it is seeking DNR authorization to repair the road damage. The repairs will be field-derived depending on conditions but retain the 20 foot wide footprint. IPAP may be required to cut and fill with the storm derived sands to re-establish grades and repair erosion, and wishes to reserve the right to utilize subgrade installation of geofabrics and geocell

and installation timber and marine plywood working/driving surfaces. Equipment that may be used include, D6 or D7 bulldozer, 966 loader, 330 Cat excavator, dump trucks and compaction roller.

Inasmuch as the APMA application is intended to use a single application to cover all mining uses beyond GAU, we assume no separate application for a Temporary Land Use Permit is required. We wanted to be sure to provide you this information in case you deemed it appropriate to mention road repairs in the hopefully soon forthcoming public notice.



Figure 1