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Public Notice of Application for Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	July 10, 2026
EXPIRATION DATE:	August 10, 2026
REFERENCE NUMBER:	POA-2026-00030, APMA 2920
WATERWAY:	Glenn Gulch, Flint Creek, Gold Run Creek

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

All comments regarding this public notice should be sent to the address noted above. If you desire to submit your comments by email, you should send it to the project manager's email as listed below or to regpagemaster@usace.army.mil. All comments should include the public notice reference number listed above.

All comments should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this public notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Andrew Kastning at (907) 753-2554, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at Andrew.C.Kastning@usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this public notice.

APPLICANT: Tintina Gold Company LLC, Shane Holmberg

LOCATION: The project site is located within Sections 25 & 26 of T 12 S, R 17 E, and Sections 30 & 31 of T 12 S, R 18 E, Kateel River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Ruby B-2 & Ruby B-5. The approximate center of the project is located at Latitude 64.416° N., Longitude 155.360° W.; near Ruby, Alaska.

PURPOSE: The applicant's stated purpose is to operate a mechanical placer mine within aquatic resources of Glenn Gulch and Flint Creek to extract gold.

PROPOSED WORK: The applicant proposes a 10-year phased placer mining operation impacting approximately 35 acres. The work would involve mechanized clearing, stripping of overburden, excavation of pay gravels, and the progressive reclamation of mined areas.

Key activities include:

Stream Diversion: A 4,000 linear feet diversion is in place for the next two years to facilitate mining completion in Glenn Gulch. The applicant is currently processing older spoils piles where previous miners had stockpiled material. The stream would be returned to its original path as part of the Glenn Gulch reclamation process. After mining and reclamation have been completed in Glenn Gulch, an approximately 1,500feet diversion of Flint Creek around each subsequent season's mine cut would be constructed and reclaimed in stages. A similar practice would occur in Gold Run until mining is complete.

Mining Method: Utilize dozers (D8, D9), excavators (ZX400, ZX600), loaders (966), and rock trucks (A35, A40) for open-cut mining. Pay gravel would be processed at an estimated rate of 650 cubic yards per day, for a total of 60,000 cubic yards annually. When mining and reclamation is complete in Glenn Gulch, the operation would move into Flint Creek and work upstream (south) toward Gold Run. Flint Creek would be diverted to the west side of the drainage, and mining and reclamation would then cycle seasonally, reclaiming the active cut before shutting down for winter. When mining in Flint Creek is complete, a road would be left through the claim block to access Gold Run, where mining and reclamation would also occur annually.

Water for camp use and dust control is hauled from Glenn Creek.

Infrastructure: Maintain a 400'x400' camp area including a main building, six cabins, and shipping containers for storage.

Reclamation: For Glenn Gulch reclamation would include moving previous spoils back into mined areas and returning the diverted stream to its natural path. Once mining has moved into Flint Creek and works toward Gold Run, the applicant would implement a progressive mine and reclamation plan where spoils from the new mining cut would be used to backfill and re-contour the previous year's cut. The plan includes re-spreading topsoil and restoring the stream channel and floodplain. All work would be performed in accordance with the enclosed plan (sheets 1-17), dated April 2026. Note: the yearly timing of each mining phase is subject to change.

APPLICANT PROPOSED MITIGATION: The applicant proposes the following mitigation measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for impacts to waters of the United States from activities involving discharges of dredged or fill material.

a. Avoidance: Current operations are located on ground previously disturbed by mining in the 1930s. No water from the diverted Glenn Creek would be used for mining operations; make-up water will be sourced from intermittent, southside run-off streams. Fuel and

petroleum products will be stored in a designated containment area near the camp, at least 300 feet from flowing waters.

b. Minimization: Reclamation of the Glenn Gulch mining area including returning the stream to its natural course would occur before moving the operation into Flint Creek. From there, a progressive mining and reclamation plan would be implemented, where each year's reclamation follows the previous year's disturbance, minimizing the disturbed area at any given time. The project would use existing roads for access to the claim block. Equipment would be checked daily for leaks to prevent drips or spills of petroleum products. The valley and streams will be restored to approximate pre-mining topography and details.

c. Compensatory Mitigation: The applicant has stated that because the operation is located on historically disturbed ground and because the project includes a detailed plan to restore the valley and re-establish the stream to its original path, they believe compensatory mitigation is not necessary.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A permit for the described work will not be issued until a certification or waiver of certification, as required under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217), has been received from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Additional resources investigated include the Iditarod National Historic Trail Maps and LiDAR. There are no known cultural resources in the permit area or within the vicinity of the permit area. The permit area has been determined to be the actively mined area in Glenn Gulch and the remaining areas of the claim block that would be mined during the life of the operation. Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) at this time, and we are otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources. USACE has made a No Historic Properties Affected (No Effect) determination for the proposed project. This application is being coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties. Any comments SHPO, Federally recognized Tribes, and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work. USACE is requesting the SHPO's concurrence with this determination.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to occur in the project area. Although, the project occurs within the range of the nonessential experimental population of wood bison (*Bison bison athabasca*).

We have determined the activity described would have no effect on any listed or proposed threatened or endangered species and would not jeopardize the continued existence of the wood bison.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

The project area is not within mapped EFH; therefore, we have determined that the described activity would not adversely affect EFH in the project area.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: USACE fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with USACE, Alaska District, on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This public notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal rights or resources. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander. If applicable this application will be coordinated with federally recognized tribes and other consulting parties. Any comments federal recognized tribes and other consulting parties may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by the work under the requested permit will be considered in USACE's final assessment of the described work.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(1) guidelines. Subject to the

preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

USACE is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by USACE to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

AUTHORITY: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authority:

(X) Discharge dredged or fill material into waters of the United States – Section 404 Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344). Therefore, our public interest review will consider the guidelines set forth under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 230).

Project drawings are enclosed with this public notice.

District Commander
U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures

APMA 2920 Active Area



This map was created on 4/14/2026 by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources as a courtesy to supplement the application received. This map displays a graphical illustration only. Source documents remain the official record.

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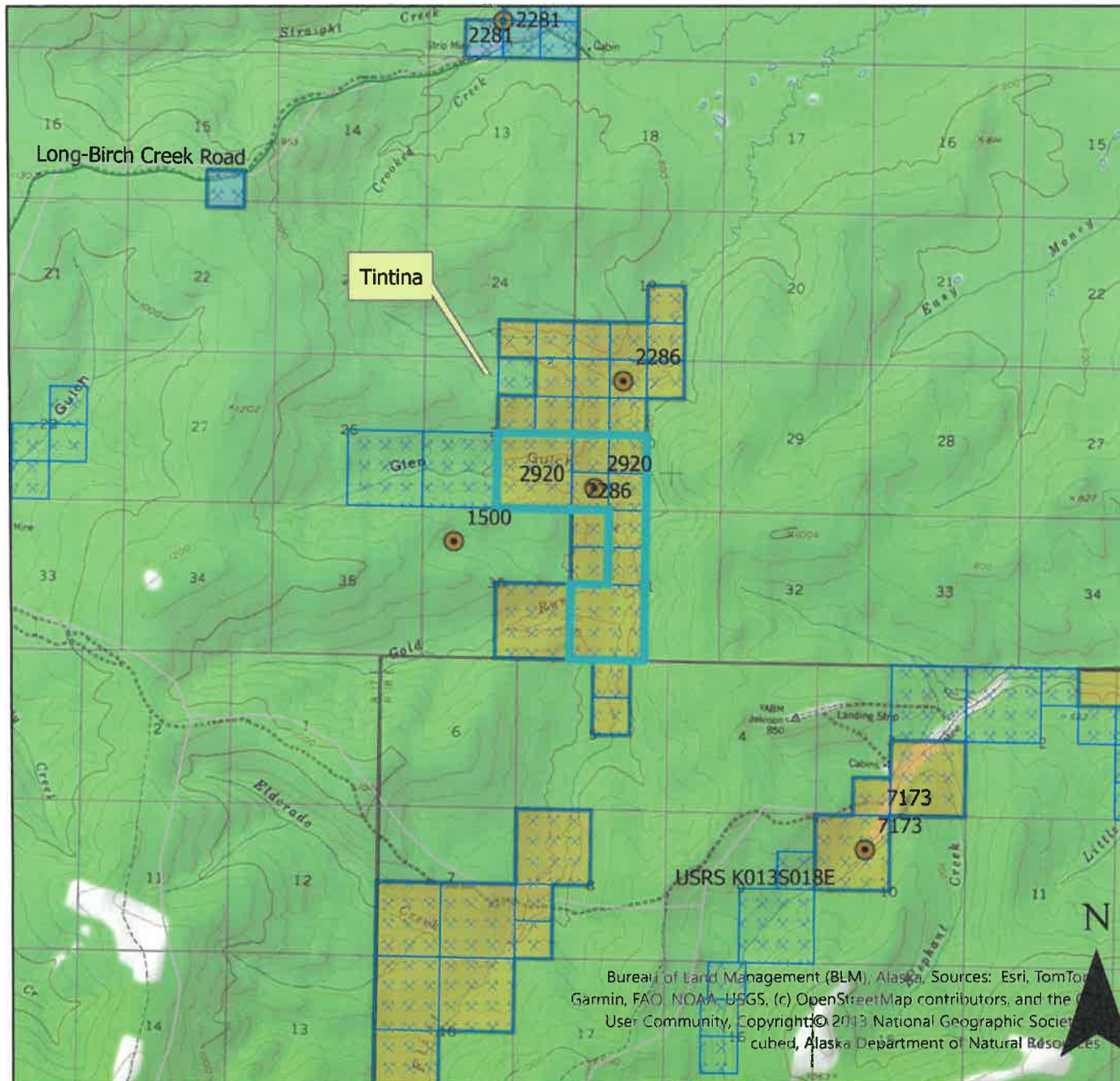
Legend

APMA_Type	BLM AK Federal Mining Claims (Active)	Survey Boundary Poly
APMA_Project	Section	Section
Mechanical Placer Mining	Survey Boundary Poly	Survey Boundary Poly
Suction Dredge / Dredging	RS2477 - Line	Section
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Access Route

0 0.75 1.5 Miles

Center: 155°21'28"W 64°24'32"N

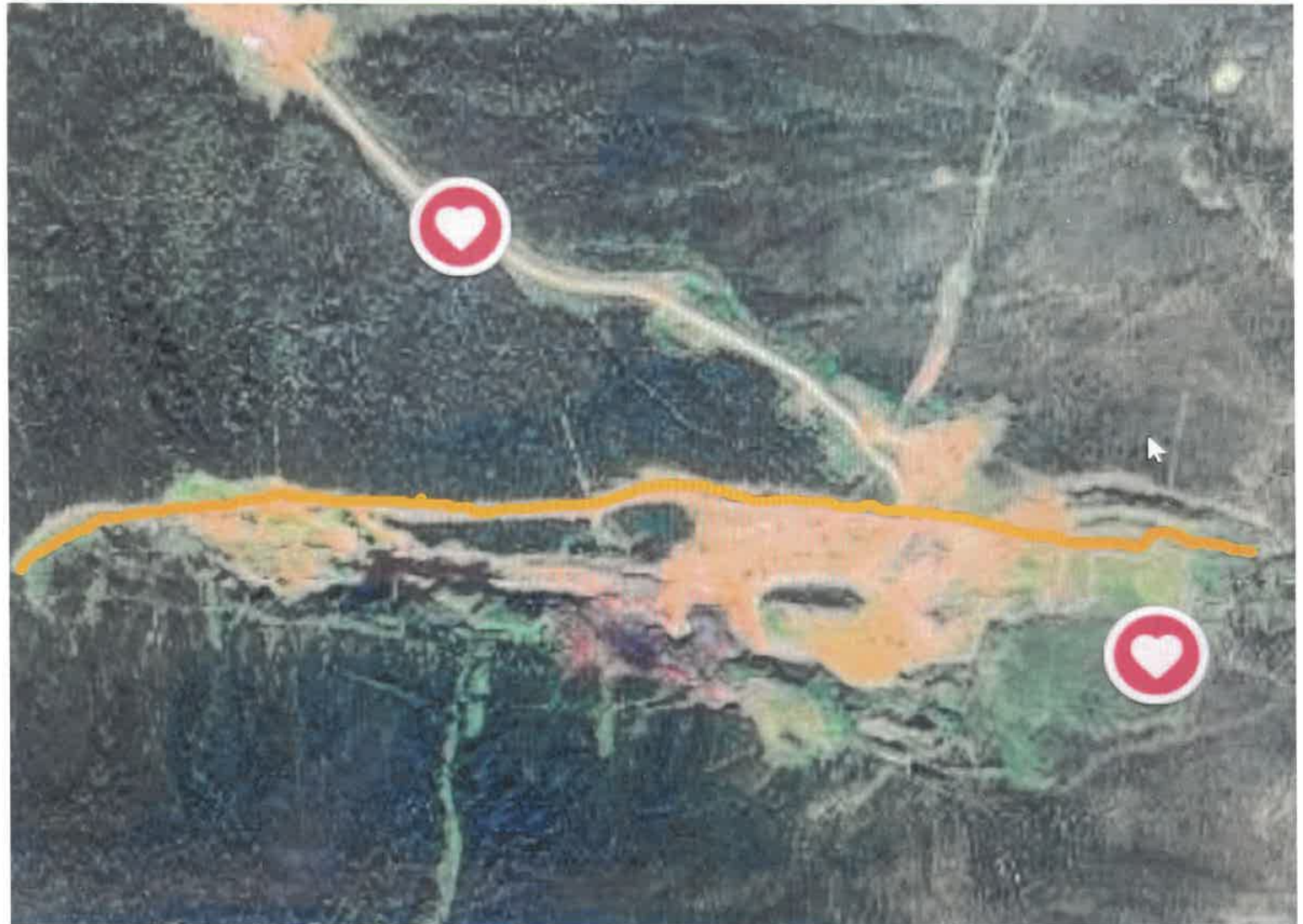


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Creek Diversion

Creek was diverted in the Mid 2010's, by the prior mine owner.

We have continued to use throughout the 5 years we've been mining.



Year 1 Mining Operations

We will be moving spoils from 2017-18 operation back into area they were removed from.

We will mine the area we exposed.

This is all area which is listed as current area of disturbance.

Once mined the following years spoils will be deposited in area and reclaimed.



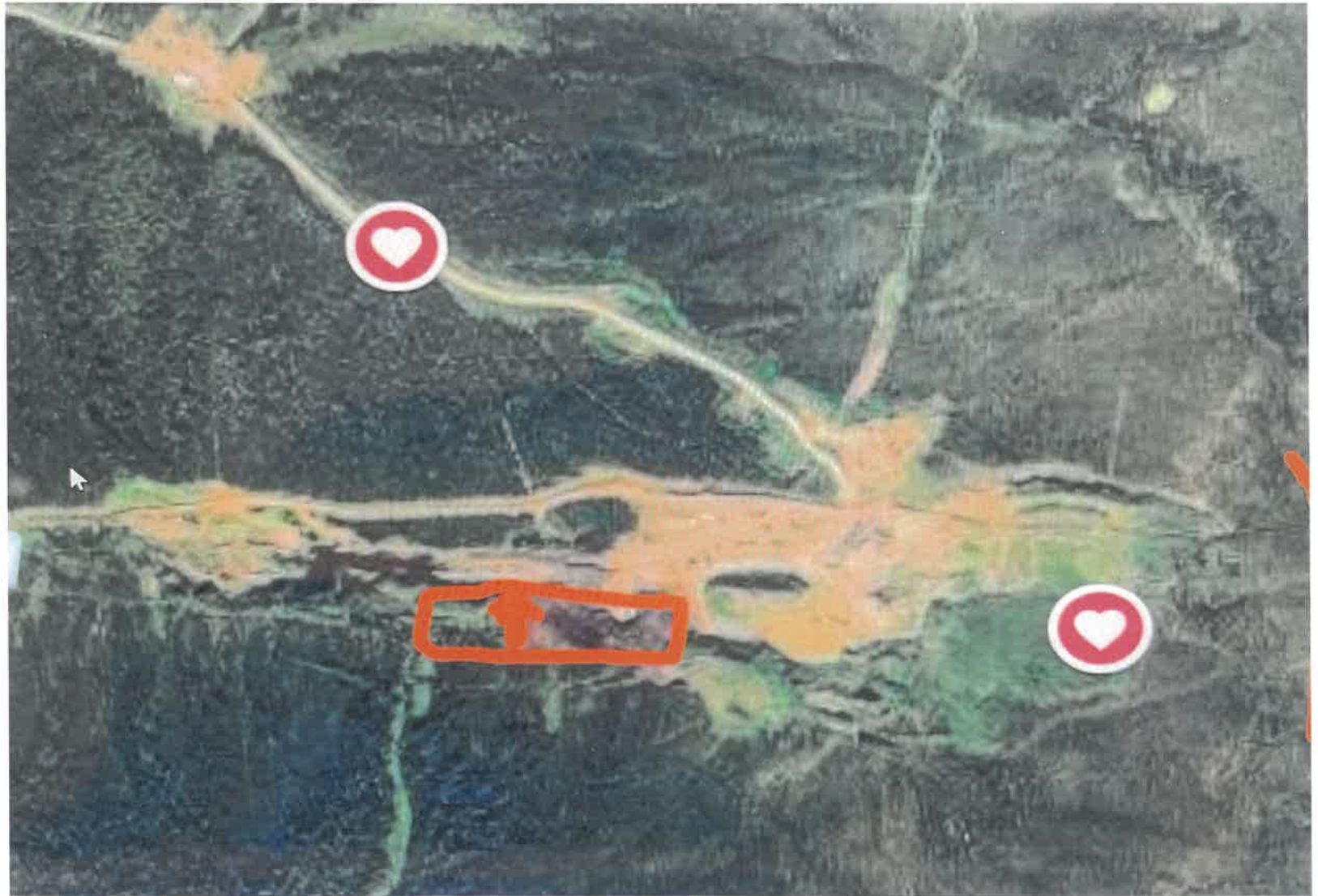
Year 2-3 Mining Operations

We will move spoils that were moved in the 1930, when a dredge came through. Depositing spoils back into area that had been mined.

Processing gravels under these spoils.

We will finish reclamation of area disturbed in the 1930.

We will also divert Flint creek for year 3 operations.

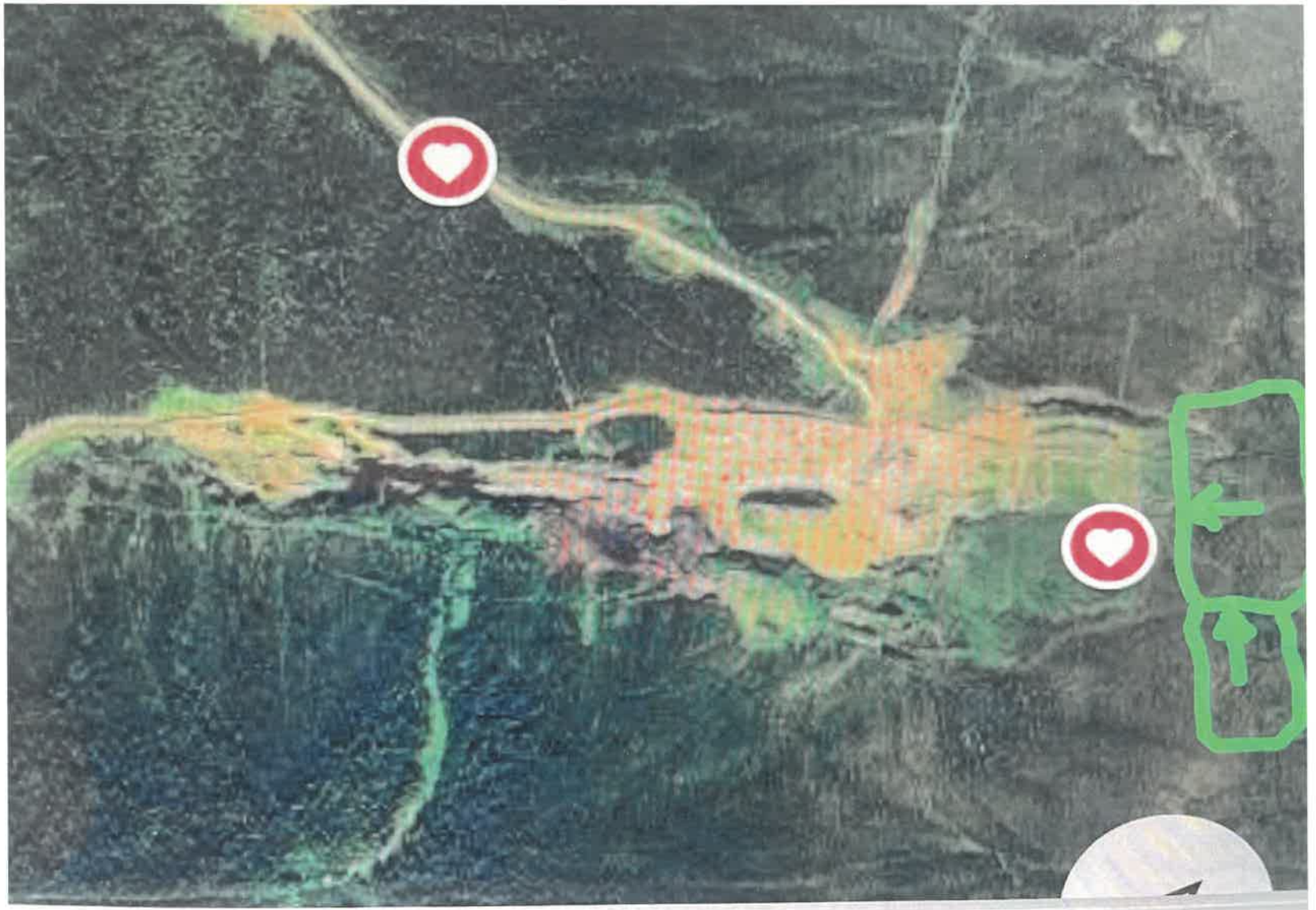


Year 3-4 Mine Operations

We will strip
overburden from flint
creek area.

Processing gravels

Where spoils are
stacked, this area will
be reclaimed at end of
year.

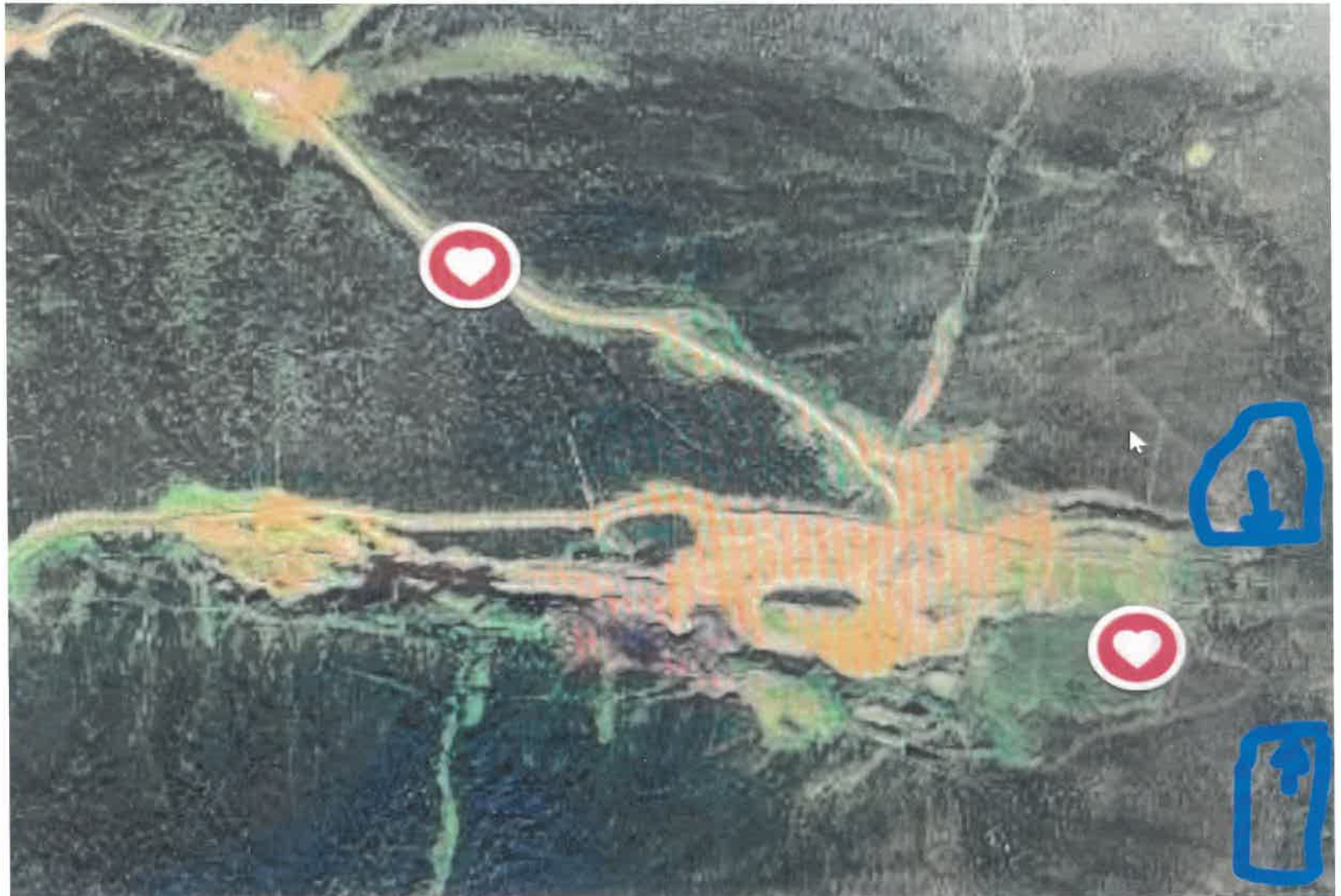


Year 4-5 Mine Operations

We will strip the areas
north and south of
previous years
operation.

Gravels will be
processed

Spoils will go into prior
years cut and area will
be reclaimed.



Year 5-6 Mine Operations

Continuing to the south on flint creek. We will move the creek to the far side of the valley and then strip overburden stacking it against the hills to the west.

Process gravels and build road

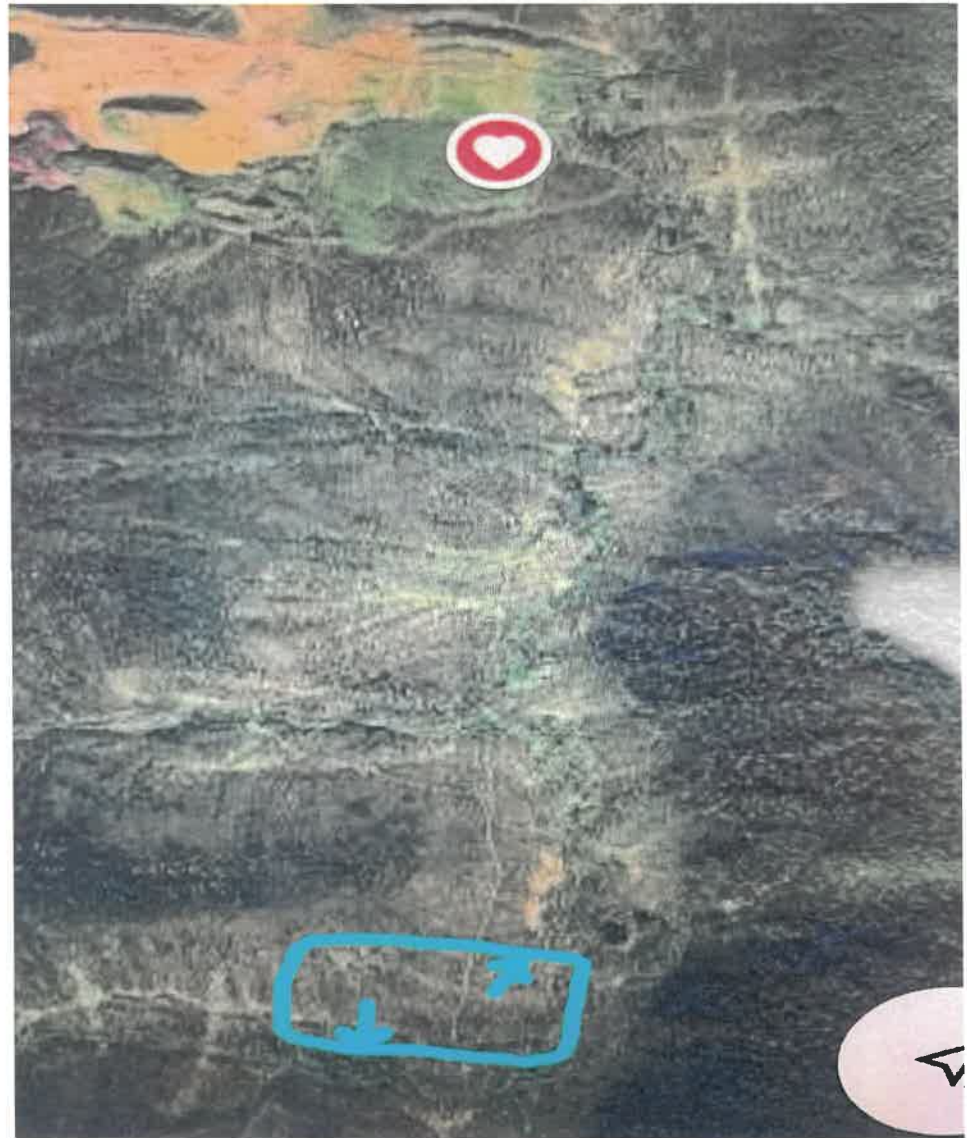


Year 6-7 Mine Operations

Anticipating reaching the bottom of Gold Run creek.

We will move flint creek to the east side of the valley and remove overburden. Moving it to prior years and reclaiming these areas.

Build settling pond area and move plant to location. Start processing gravels.



Year 7-8 Mine Operations

Divert Gold Run creek to south side of creek valley.

Strip area to be mined, depositing to prior years mining area that is not being used for settling ponds. Reclaimate areas no long in use.

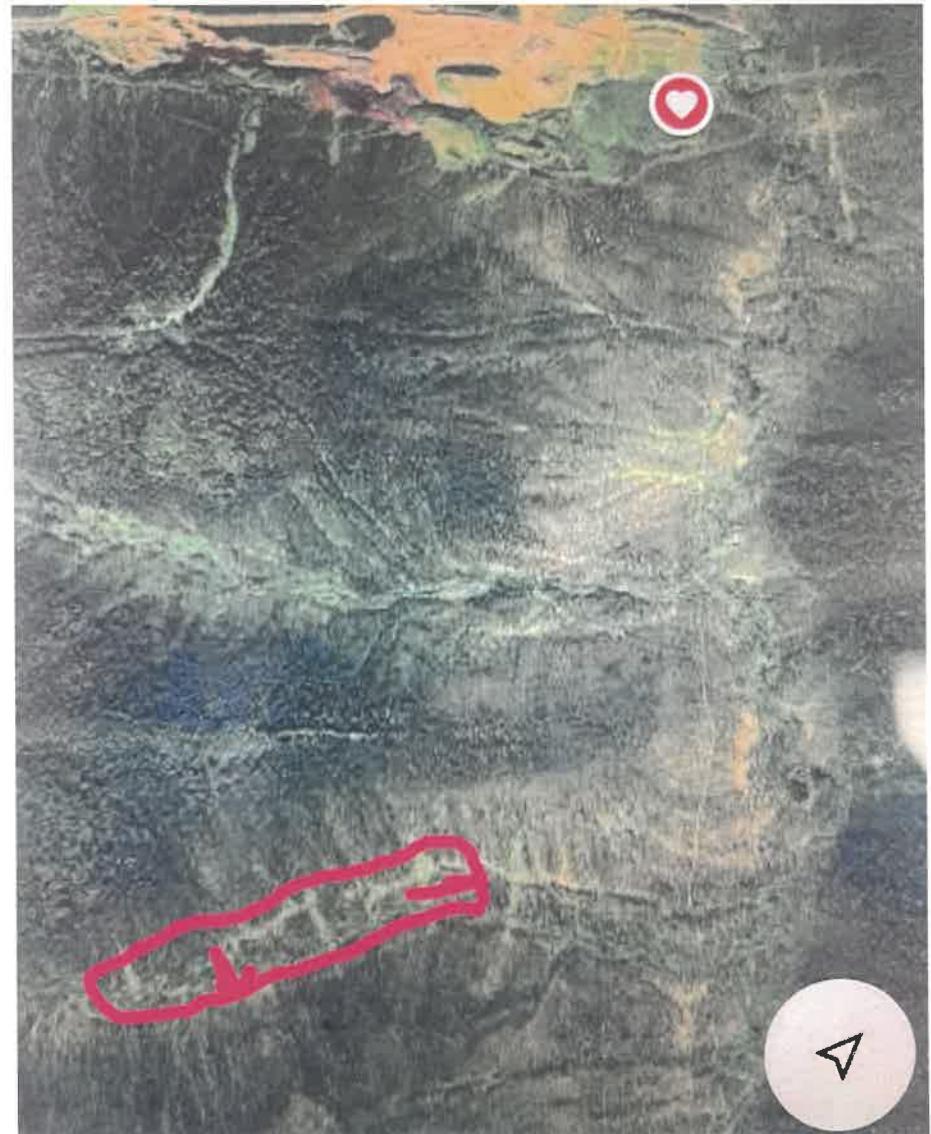
Transport and process gravels



YEAR 8-10 MINE OPERATIONS

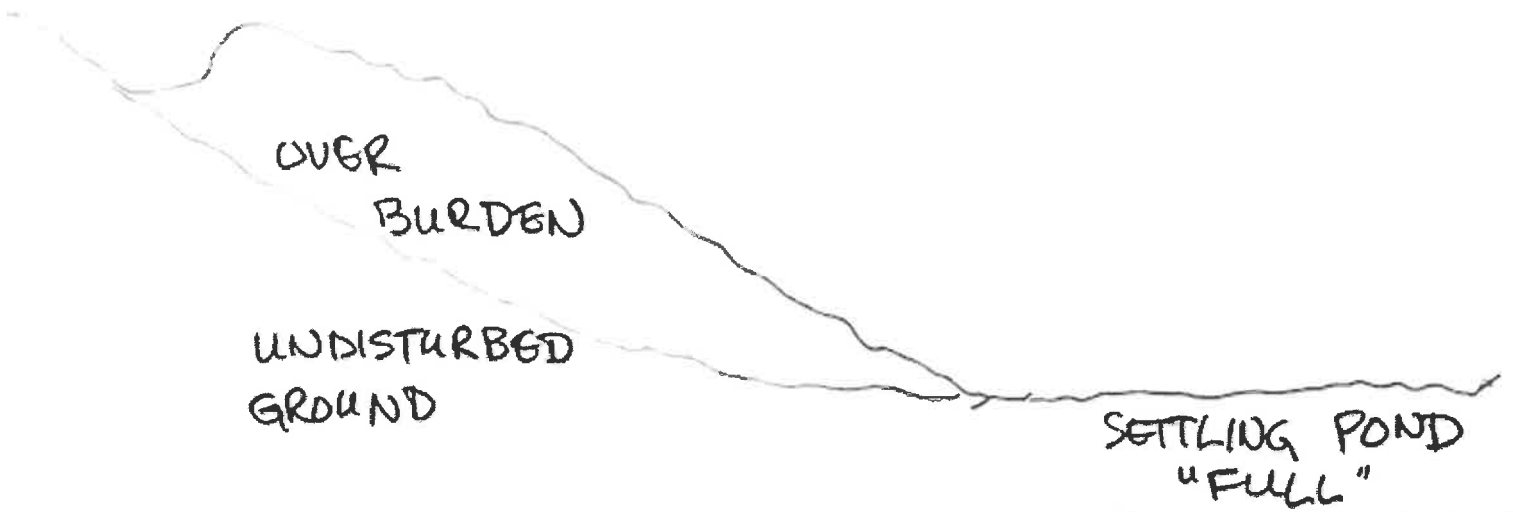
Divert creek as needed, strip overburden placing on opposite side of creek valley as the diversion ditch. Lower end, push overburden into prior year cut and prep for reclamation.

Transport and process gravels.

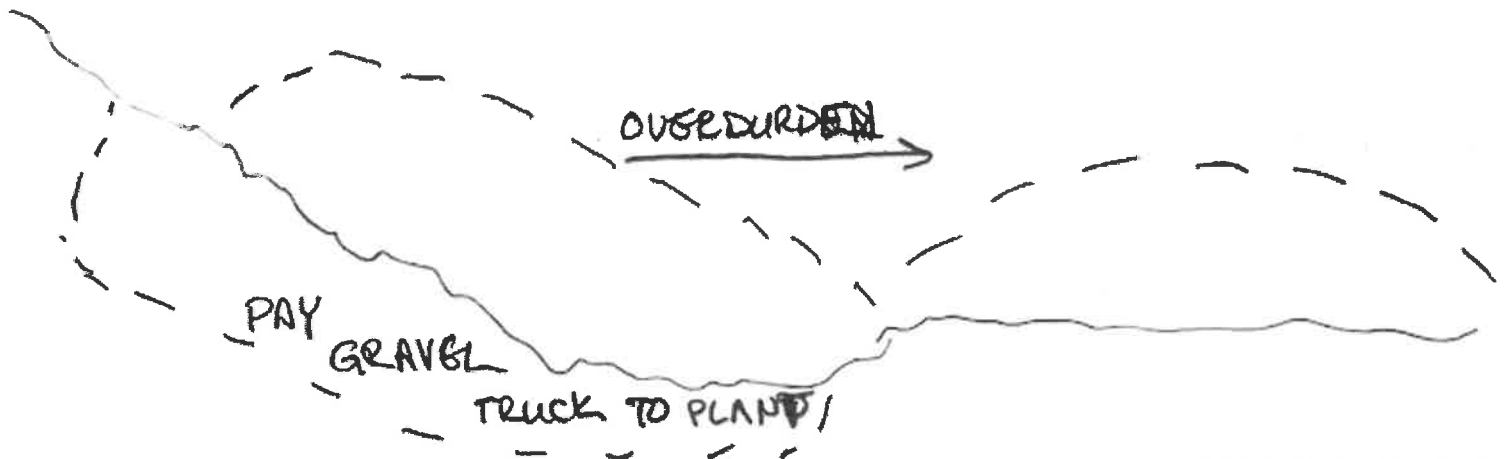


CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 1

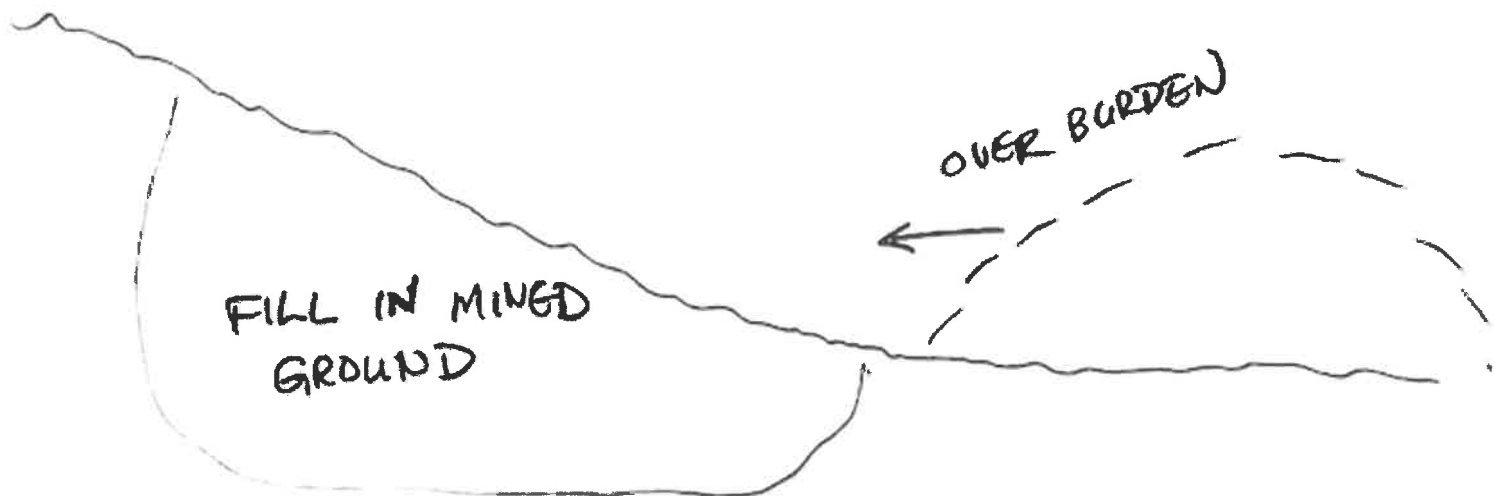
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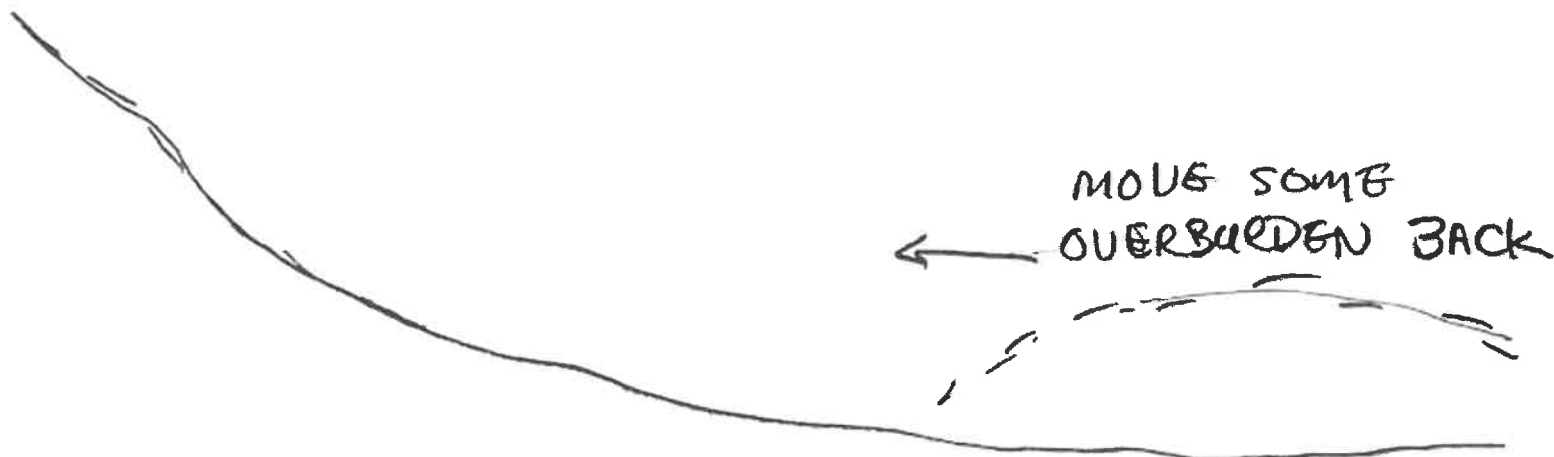
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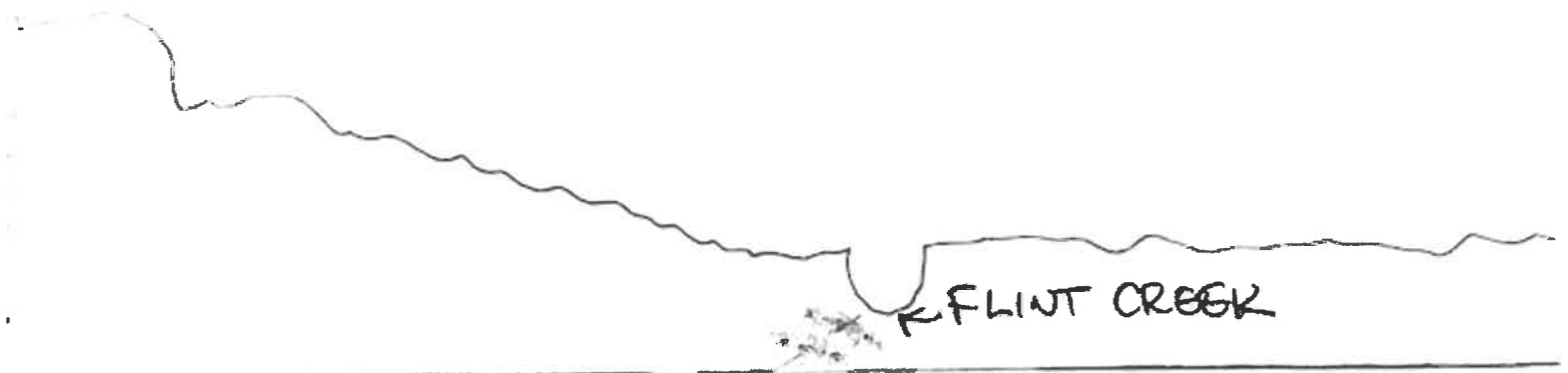


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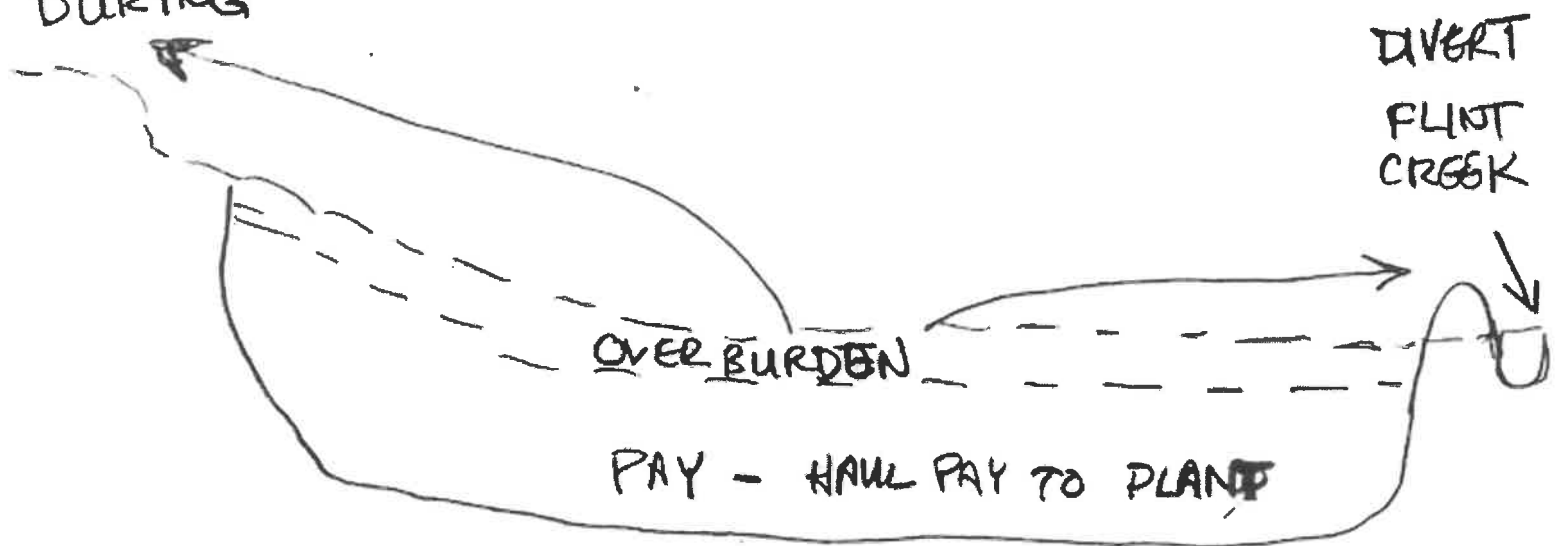


CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 3-4

BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



YEAR 4 OVER BURDEN PUSHED INTO
YEAR 3 FINISHED CUT. FLINT CREEK MOVED

CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 5-6

BEFORE

FLINT CREEK

DURING

DIVERT
FLINT
CREEK

OVER BURDEN
PAY - HALL TO PLANT

AFTER

OVER BURDEN

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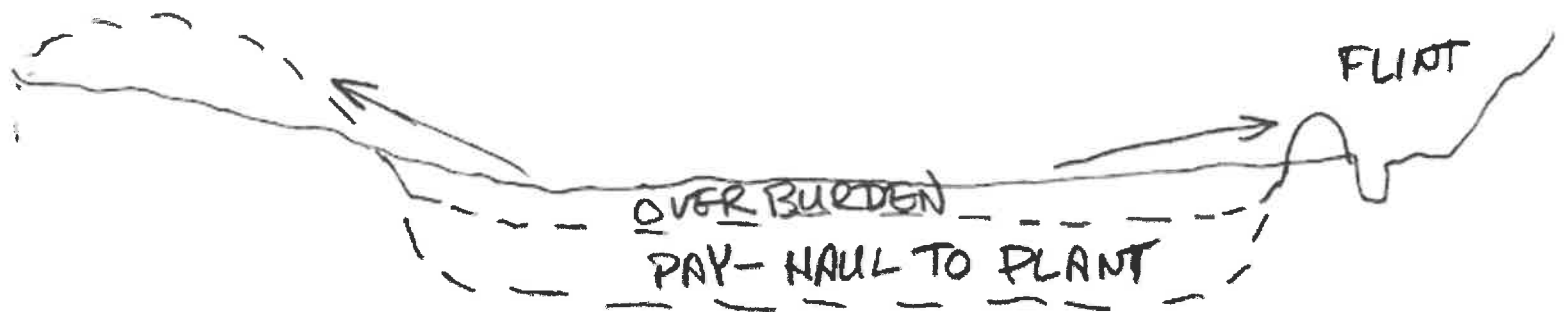
FLINT CREEK

CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 6-7

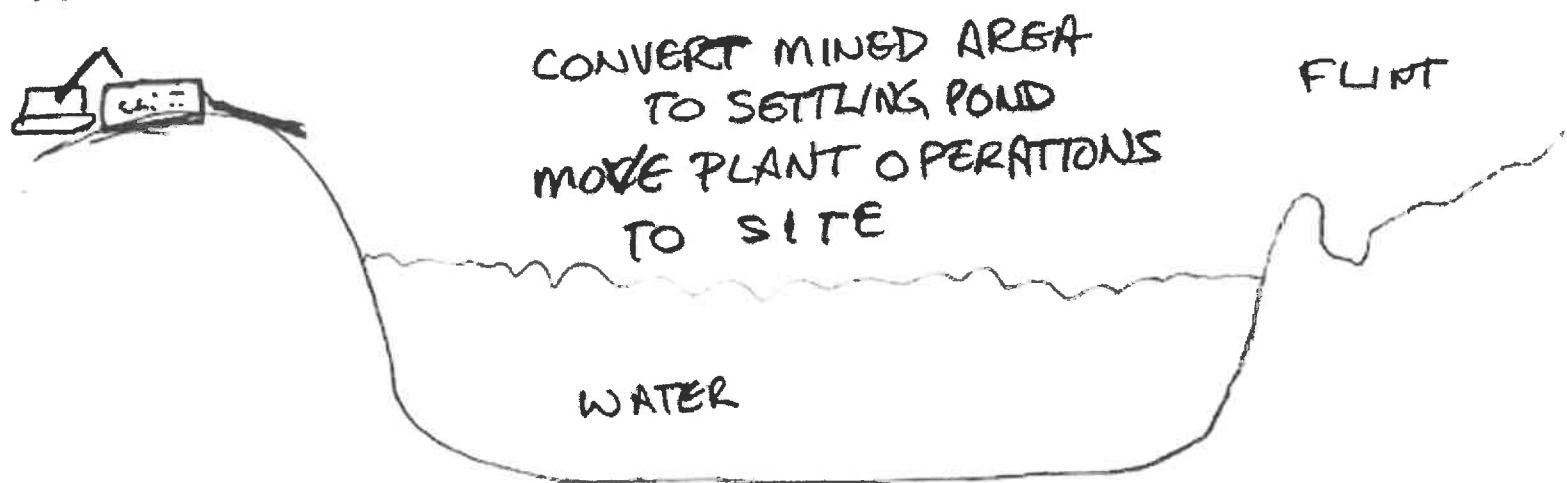
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DURING



~~AFTER~~ YEAR 7-10



CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 7-8

BEFORE

GOLD RUN CREEK

DURING

OVER BURDEN
PAY - HAUL TO PLANT

AFTER

OVER BURDEN

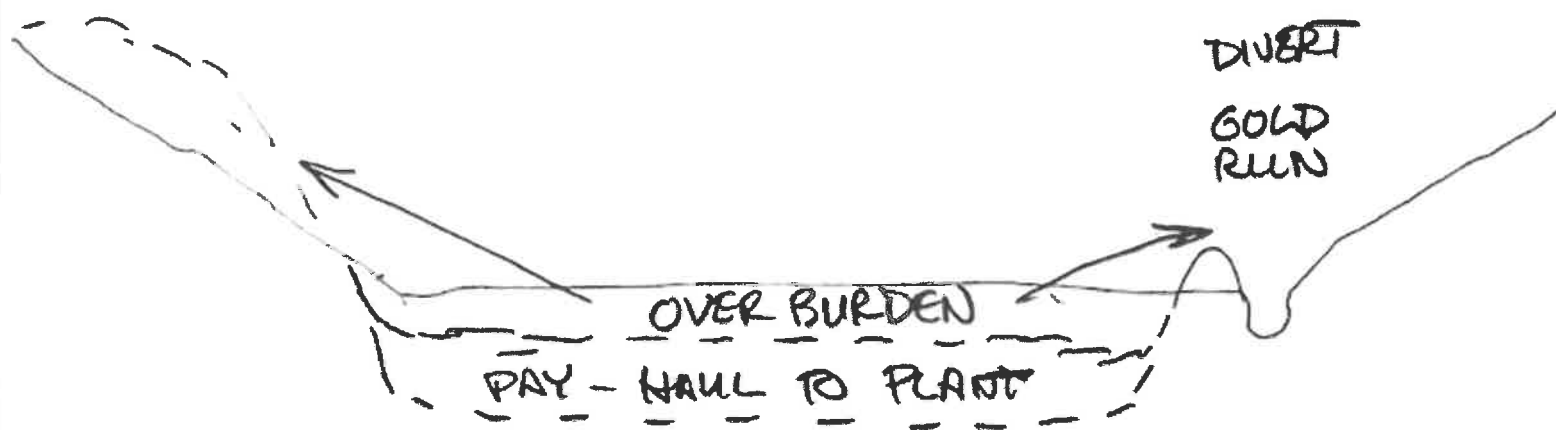
OVER BURDEN

CROSS SECTION SKETCH - YEAR 8-10

BEFORE



DURING



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