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APPLICATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authorities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section 10, 33 USC 403; Clean Water Act, Section 404, 33 USC 1344; Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Programs of the Corps of Engineers; Final Rule 33 CFR 320-332. Principal Purpose: Information provided on this form will be used in evaluating the application for a permit. Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by Federal law. Submission of requested information is voluntary, however, if information is not provided the permit application cannot be evaluated nor can a permit be issued. One set of original drawings or good reproducible copies which show the location and character of the proposed activity must be attached to this application (see sample drawings and/or instructions) and be submitted to the District Engineer having jurisdiction over the location of the proposed activity. An application that is not completed in full will be returned. System of Record Notice (SORN). The information received is entered into our permit tracking database and a SORN has been completed (SORN #A1145b) and may be accessed at the following website: http://dpcld.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/570115/a1145b-ce.aspx

(ITEMS 1 THRU 4 TO BE FILLED BY THE CORPS)

1. APPLICATION NO.	2. FIELD OFFICE CODE	3. DATE RECEIVED	4. DATE APPLICATION COMPLETE
POA-1996-00211			

(ITEMS BELOW TO BE FILLED BY APPLICANT)

5. APPLICANT'S NAME	8. AUTHORIZED AGENT'S NAME AND TITLE (agent is not required)
First - Michael Middle - Last - Eckert	First - Russell Middle - Last - Gossett
Company - Northern Star (Pogo) LLC	Company - Northern Star (Pogo) LLC
E-mail Address - meckert@nsrltd.com	E-mail Address - rgossett@nsrltd.com
6. APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	9. AGENT'S ADDRESS:
Address- Post Office Box 145	Address- Post Office Box 145
City - Delta Junction State - Alaska Zip - 99737 Country -	City - Delta Junction State - Alaska Zip - 99737 Country -
7. APPLICANT'S PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE	10. AGENTS PHONE NOs. w/AREA CODE
a. Residence b. Business 907-895-2834 c. Fax	a. Residence b. Business 907-895-2831 c. Fax

STATEMENT OF AUTHORIZATION

11. I hereby authorize, Russell Gossett to act in my behalf as my agent in the processing of this application and to furnish, upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application.

Michael Eckert Digitally signed by Michael Eckert Date: 2026.03.19 07:31:37 -08'00' — SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2026-03-19 — DATE

NAME, LOCATION, AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OR ACTIVITY

12. PROJECT NAME OR TITLE (see instructions)

Pogo Gold Mine Expansion Area for rock storage and laydown for underground mining for 2026.

13. NAME OF WATERBODY, IF KNOWN (if applicable)	14. PROJECT STREET ADDRESS (if applicable)
Goodpaster River	Address N/A
15. LOCATION OF PROJECT	City - State- Zip-
Latitude: ◦N 64.4632 Longitude: ◦W 144.9208	

16. OTHER LOCATION DESCRIPTIONS, IF KNOWN (see instructions)

State Tax Parcel ID Municipality

Section - 22, 23 Township - 5 S. Range - 14 E., Fairbanks Meridian

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17. DIRECTIONS TO THE SITE

The Pogo Mine is located approximately 38 miles northeast of Delta Junction, Alaska. Driving north from Delta Junction or south from Fairbanks on the Richardson Highway, turn east on the Shaw Creek Road until reaching the mine access gate. Access to the mine is via a 49-mile all season road from the Richardson Highway.

18. Nature of Activity (Description of project, include all features)

Fill will be placed into wetlands for a new rock storage area next to the 1380 portal. A portal has been constructed south of Road #7, between the Road and the Airstrip in uplands. During the construction of the new portal, non-mineralized rock extracted during underground development has been placed adjacent to the portal to create a laydown area in uplands. The rock has been placed in compacted lifts to ensure stability and maximize space. The new pad has been designed to safely operate year around while reducing erosion impacts from predicted flooding of the existing airstrip area from the Goodpaster River. Non-mineralized rock will be stacked approximately 25 feet above the valley floor, adjacent to the portal, protecting all approaches from flood events. Prior to rock placement, vegetation was cleared and stockpiled for final reclamation. Best Management Practices (BMP) include stabilizing final side slopes and grading to direct surface water. Additional rock will be placed in wetlands adjacent to the existing laydown and storage area. A new stilling basin will be excavated along with a drainage ditch system to capture all runoff from the rock and storage pads. Stormwater from the new storage area will be collected and directed to a stilling basin to remove sediment prior to discharge. The stilling basin outfall will be directed to a natural vegetative filter area for final filtration prior to discharge to the Goodpaster River. All final rock side slopes will be graded, top-soiled and seeded to ensure final slope stability. A total of 9.18 acres of wetlands will be filled for the new rock storage area.

19. Project Purpose (Describe the reason or purpose of the project, see instructions)

The project purpose is to safely extend the life of the current underground mine. Current economics allow Northern Star to mine additional resource by underground techniques extending the mine life an additional ten years. Additional acreage is required for the disposal of non-mineralized rock. The surface rock storage area needs to accessible in all weather conditions and be designed to meet mine safety requirements.

USE BLOCKS 20-23 IF DREDGED AND/OR FILL MATERIAL IS TO BE DISCHARGED

20. Reason(s) for Discharge

There is not enough upland and permitted space adjacent to the 1380 portal location to contain all rock and safely store equipment, maneuver, and operate in the current location. Ten years of mining will fill a larger area with non-mineralized rock between the existing portal and the airstrip boundary. The area identified for equipment laydown will be used to store equipment for underground mining. This provides an organized surface service area for mining equipment. Only non-mineralized rock is hauled to the surface for the additional area. No grease cartridges, rock bolts, or underground mining debris will be contained in fill. Final elevation of the new rock pad maximizes fill depth while avoiding additional floodplain intrusion. Portal and fill elevations have been designed to ensure worker safety from flood waters and minimize fill in WOUS. Ditches in wetlands have been included to contain sediment, run off water and direct surface flow.

21. Type(s) of Material Being Discharged and the Amount of Each Type in Cubic Yards:

Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards	Type Amount in Cubic Yards
Non-mineralized rock: 3,206,577 cubic yards		

22. Surface Area in Acres of Wetlands or Other Waters Filled (see instructions)

Acres 9.18 Acres

or

Linear Feet

23. Description of Avoidance, Minimization, and Compensation (see instructions)

See Supplement

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24. Is Any Portion of the Work Already Complete? ☒ Yes ☐ No IF YES, DESCRIBE THE COMPLETED WORK

The portal is located in uplands. An existing access road to the portals exists in uplands with a laydown area now under construction for surface equipment storage. The laydown area was previously permitted through POA-1996-00211

25. Addresses of Adjoining Property Owners, Lessees, Etc., Whose Property Adjoins the Waterbody (if more than can be entered here, please attach a supplemental list).

a. Address- Alaska Department of Natural Resources, 550 &th Avenue Suite 1400

City - Anchorage State - Alaska Zip - 99501

b. Address-

City - State - Zip -

c. Address-

City - State - Zip -

d. Address-

City - State - Zip -

e. Address-

City - State - Zip -

26. List of Other Certificates or Approvals/Denials received from other Federal, State, or Local Agencies for Work Described in This Application.

AGENCY	TYPE APPROVAL*	IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	DATE APPLIED	DATE APPROVED	DATE DENIED
ADEC	CWA 401 Cert	POA-1996-00211	Pending		
ADNR	APMA	Hardrock Mining	Pending		
ADNR	Plan Approval	Reclamation Plan	Pending		

* Would include but is not restricted to zoning, building, and flood plain permits

27. Application is hereby made for permit or permits to authorize the work described in this application. I certify that this information in this application is complete and accurate. I further certify that I possess the authority to undertake the work described herein or am acting as the duly authorized agent of the applicant.

Michael Eckert Digitally signed by Michael Eckert Date: 2026.03.19 07:44:14 -08'00' — SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

2026-03-19 — DATE

Russell Gossett Digitally signed by Russell Gossett Date: 2026.03.19 07:39:56 -08'00' — SIGNATURE OF AGENT

2026-03-19 — DATE

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The Application must be signed by the person who desires to undertake the proposed activity (applicant) or it may be signed by a duly authorized agent if the statement in block 11 has been filled out and signed.

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