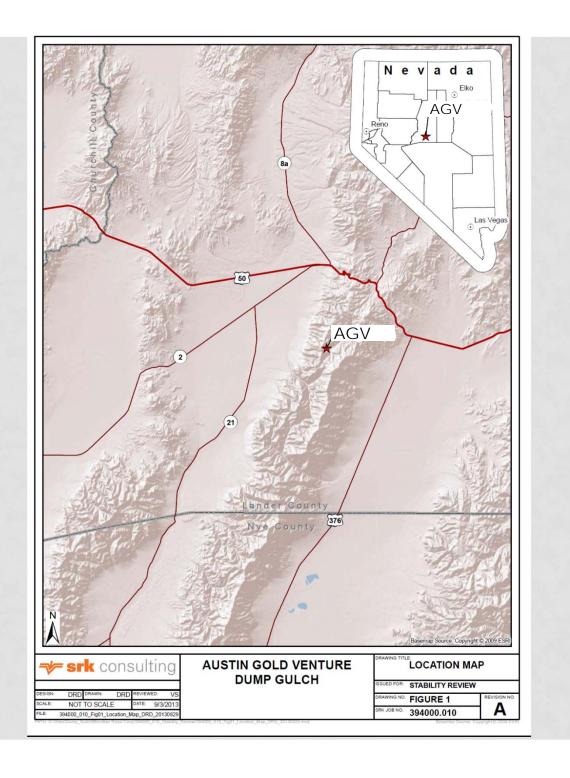
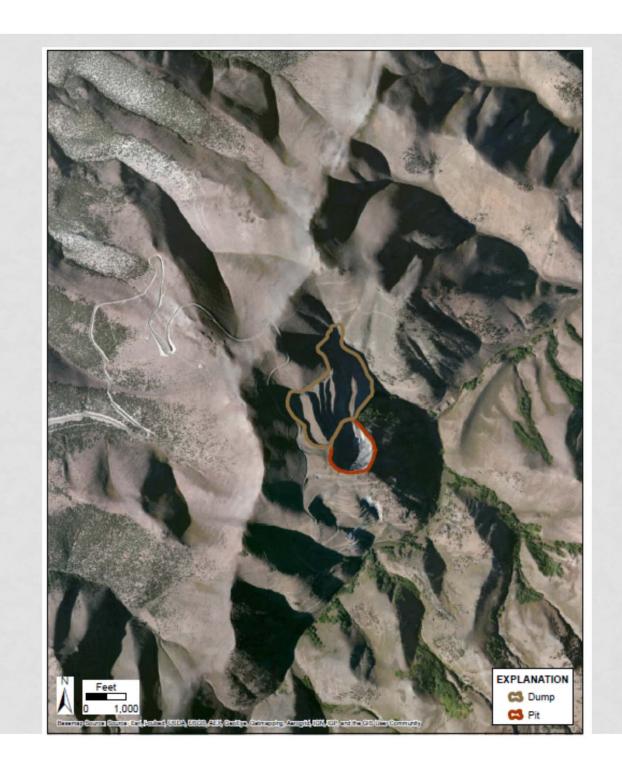
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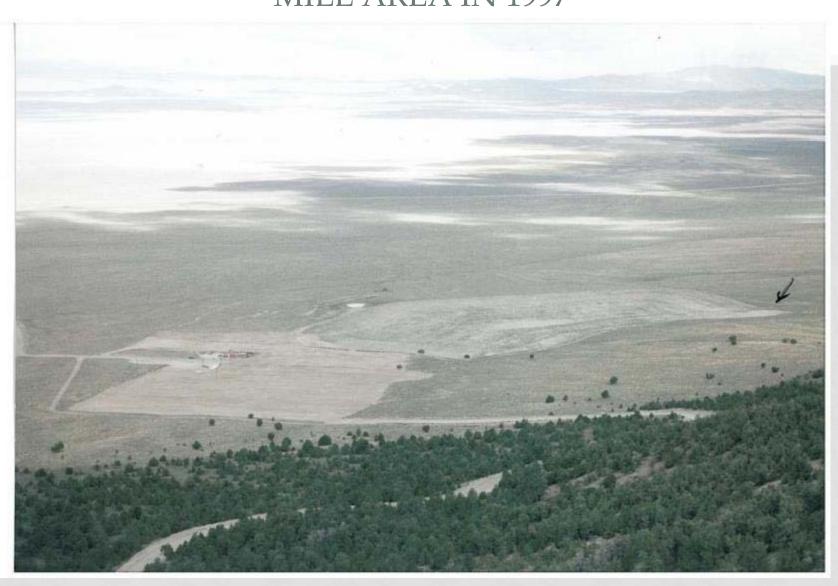
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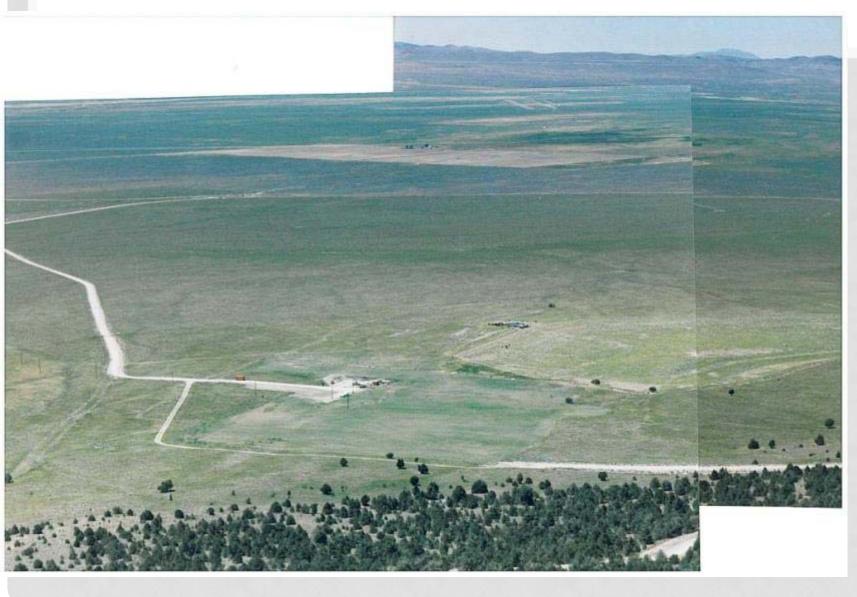




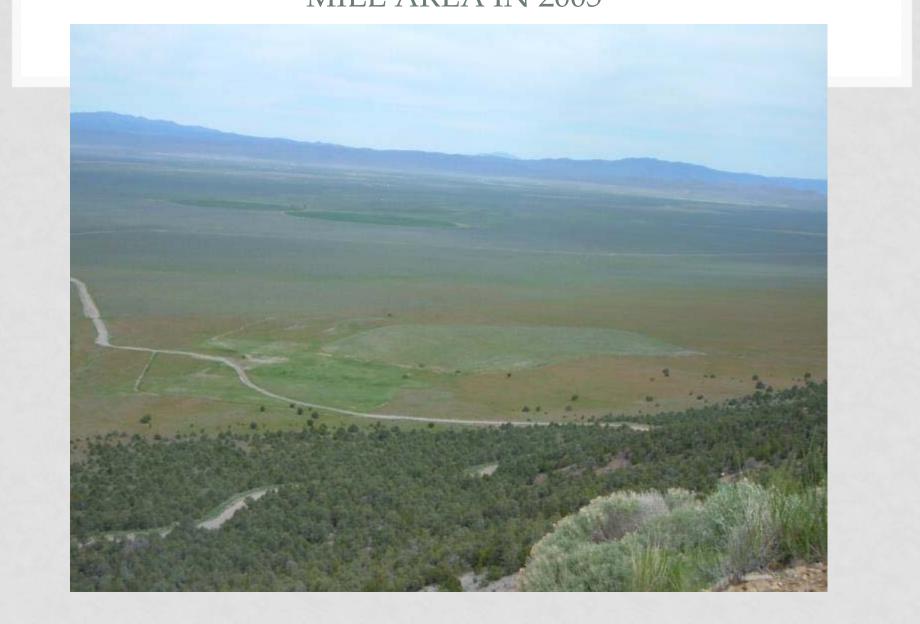
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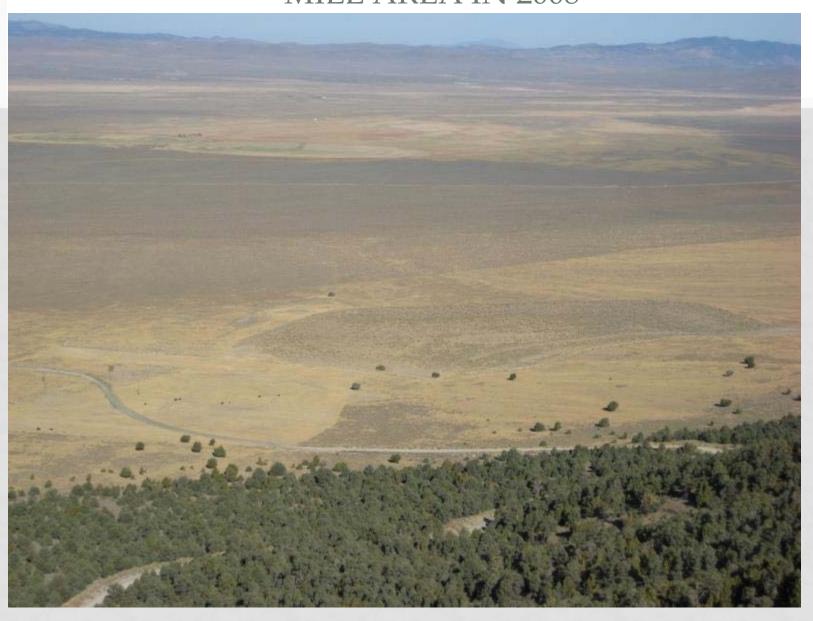










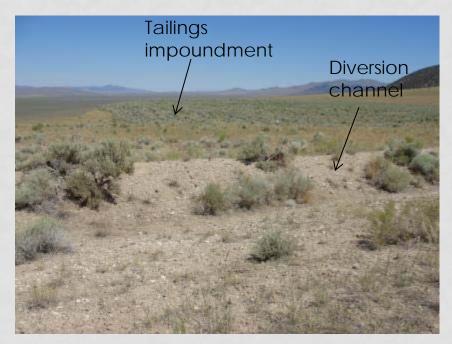


MILL AREA 2009



View looking north diversion channel uphill from reclaimed tailing impoundment.

View looking north of revegetated tailings impoundment with good sage brush, rabbit brush, other forbs and grasses.

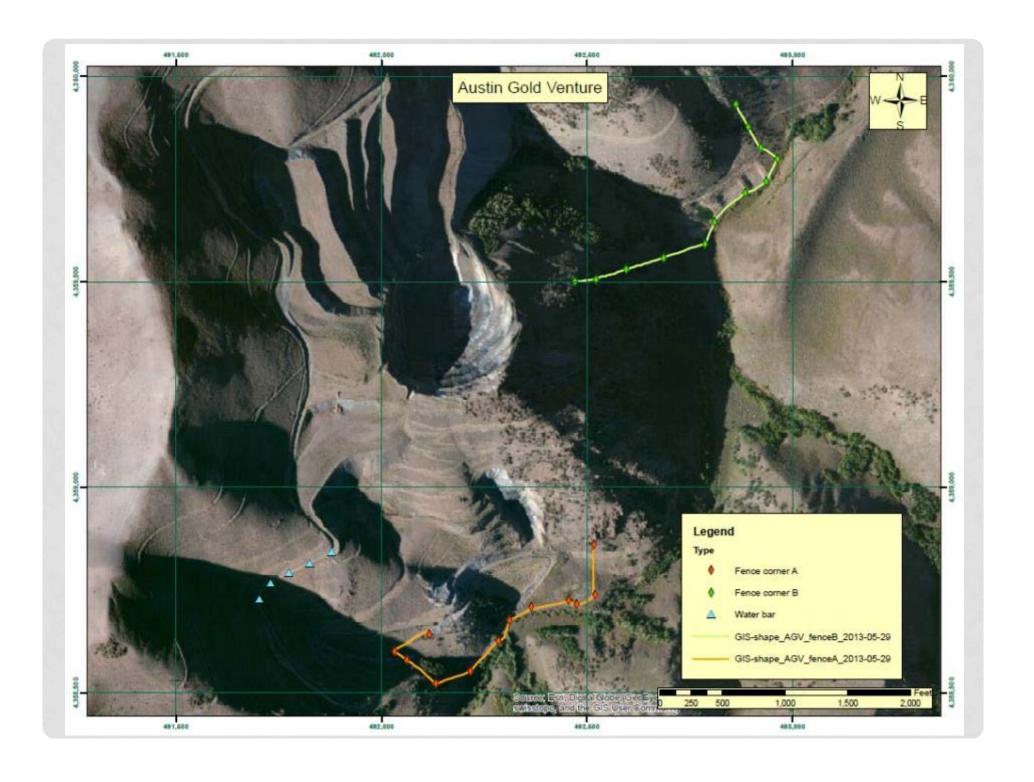




DEWATERING TAILINGS IMPOUNDMENT BURPS



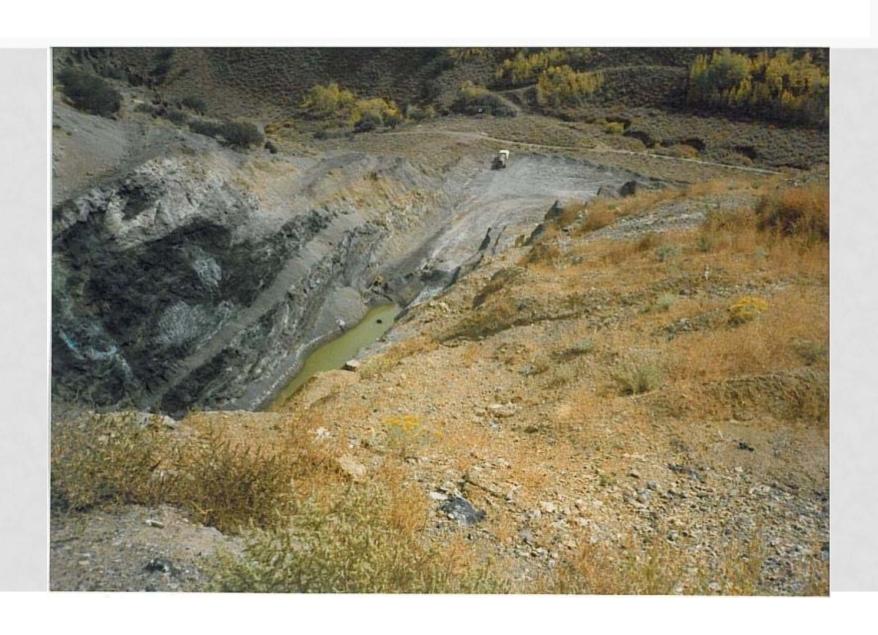




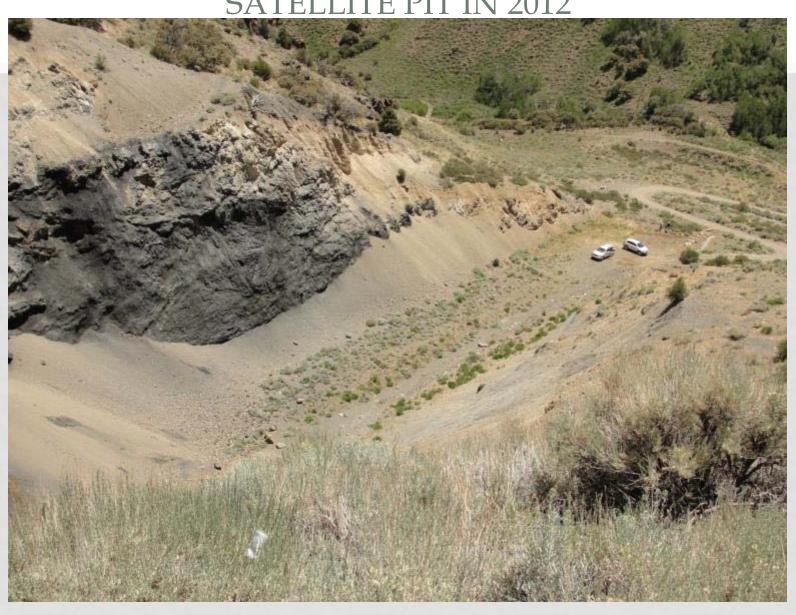
MAIN PIT AND DUMP GULCH WASTE ROCK



SATELLITE PIT IN 1991



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SATELLITE PIT RECONSTRUCTION NEEDS



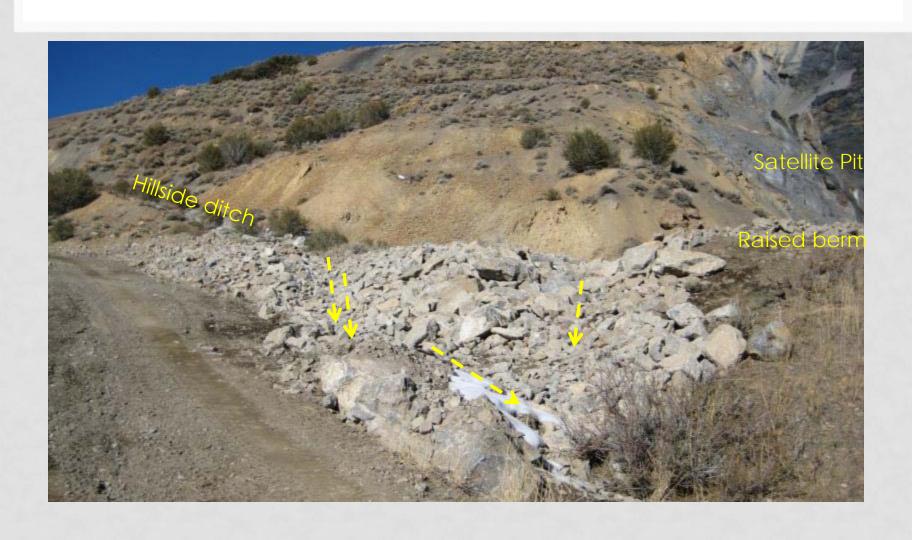
2010 SATELLITE PIT RUN-OFF DITCH



EVIDENCE OF EFFLUENT ESCAPING THE CHANNEL



2013 SATELLITE PIT APRON RECONSTRUCTION



INITIAL RECLAMATION OF NORTH SIDE DUMPS



STRAW COVERING THE NEW SEEDING



1990'S STRAW COVERED RECLAMATION



2010 RESULTS



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2010 RESULTS



UPPER DIVERSION DITCH



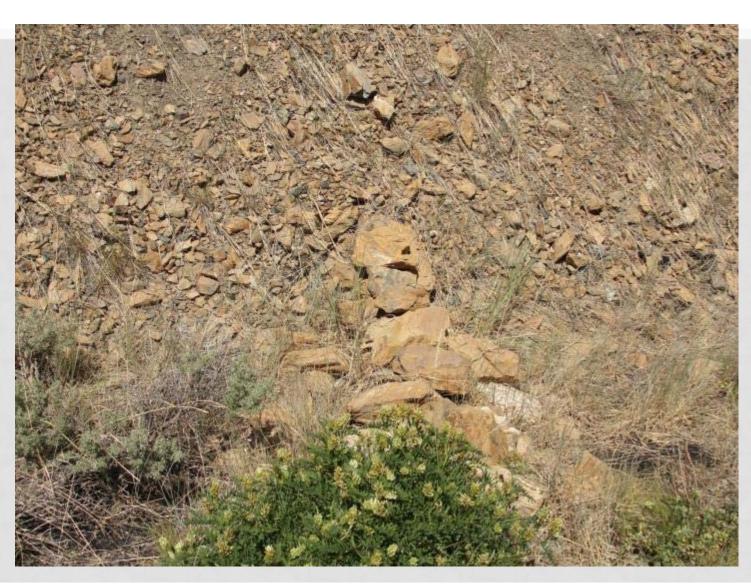
LARGE ROCKS PLACED ACROSS RECONTOURED WASTE ROCK



LARGE SEDIMENT BASIN ALONG THE DIVERSION DITCH



SMALL CHECK DAM IN THE DITCH TO HELP TRAP SEDIMENT



UPPER TWO BENCHES OF DUMP GULCH



MIDDLE BENCHES OF DUMP GULCH



LOWEST DUMP GULCH BENCH

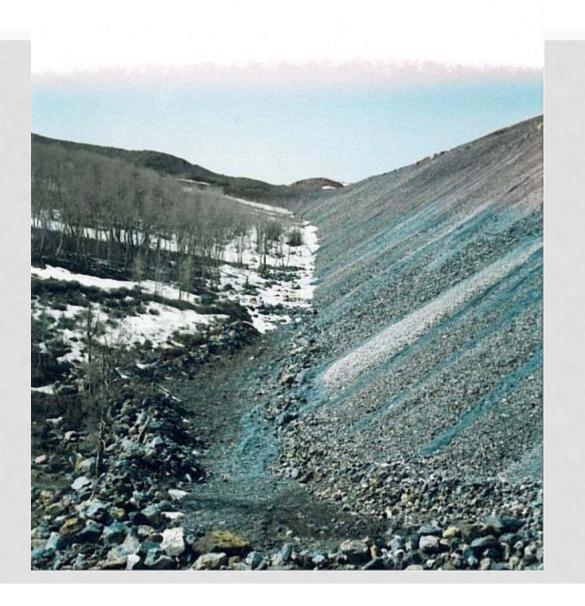


EARLY OFFSET IN THE LOWEST BENCH



EARLY MOVEMENT IN THE LOWEST BENCH





NO MOVEMENT DISPLAYED IN 2008



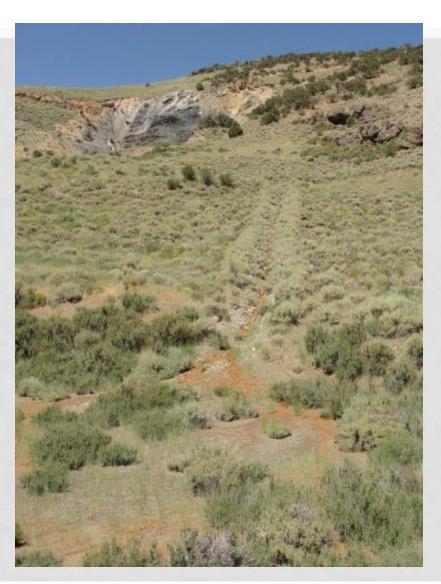
EAST FACE OF WASTE ROCK DUMP, NO EVIDENCE OF UNSTABLE CONDITIONS.



EAST FACE OF WASTE ROCK DUMP, NORTH END TOES ONTO OPPOSING SLOPE FOR BUTTRESSING EFFECT.



SATELLITE PIT SEDIMENT BASIN AND CHANNEL IN 2011



DUMP GULCH SEDIMENT POND ONE IN 2011

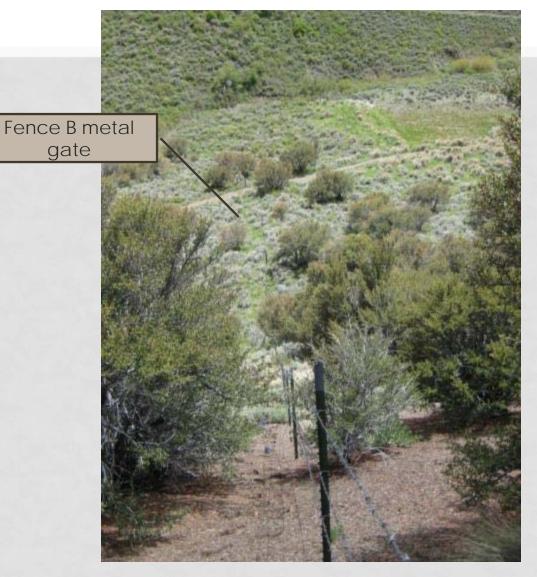


DUMP GULCH SEDIMENT POND 2 IN 2011





FENCE REMOVED IN 2012



ROAD NEEDING DRAINAGE CONTROL



ROLLING DIPS ADDED IN 2013



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