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SCOPING NOTICE

RIMROCK PRINCE ALBERT MINE PLAN OF OPERATIONS

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding a mining proposal by Rimrock Exploration and Development, Inc. (Rimrock) to expand the Prince Albert Mine, an existing, authorized uranium and vanadium mining operation from a mining notice to a mining plan of operations. The location of this mining operation is in Section 31, Township 48 North, Range 17 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, on Club Mesa in western Montrose County, approximately 16 miles northwest of Naturita, Colorado.

Rimrock has submitted a mining plan of operations (POO) to the BLM. The POO proposes to expand the authorized exploration mining and development operation from approximately 2 acres to 8 acres. Included in the POO are plans to construct 4,000 linear feet of exploration drill roads and up to 150 drill sites over a 10 year period. Included in the mine expansion are proposed plans to expand an existing primary, superfluous rock dump, construct a smaller, secondary, superfluous rock dump, add a maintenance and topsoil area, construct up to 7 ventilation shafts, add a storage service drop area, and excavate 4 storm water retention ponds with associated diversion structures and berms. Continuing currently authorized facilities in addition to the primary, superfluous rock dump and access road include an ore stockpile area, a mine portal decline, a container unit, and explosive magazines.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is seeking any comments you may have related to this project. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives that you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

Prince Albert Mine EA Comments
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, CO 81403
Email: renst@blm.gov
Fax: 970.240.5368

Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than December 17, 2012.

Parties expressing interest during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.400. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants on the final decision. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the BLM to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request.

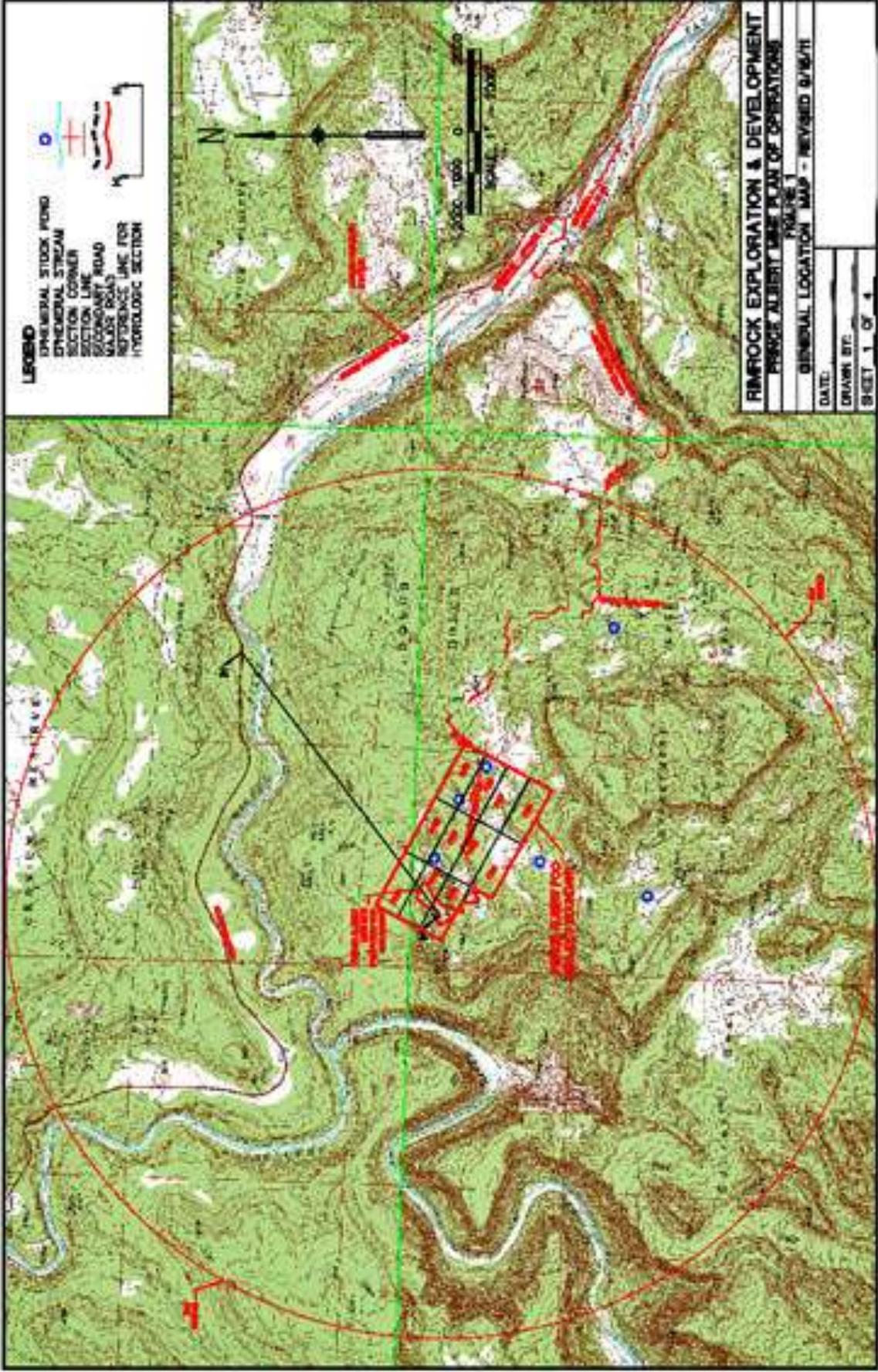
Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Sharrow". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Barbara Sharrow
Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office

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RIMROCK EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT

PRINCE ALBERT MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS

FIGURE 1

GENERAL LOCATION MAP - REVISED 6/16/11

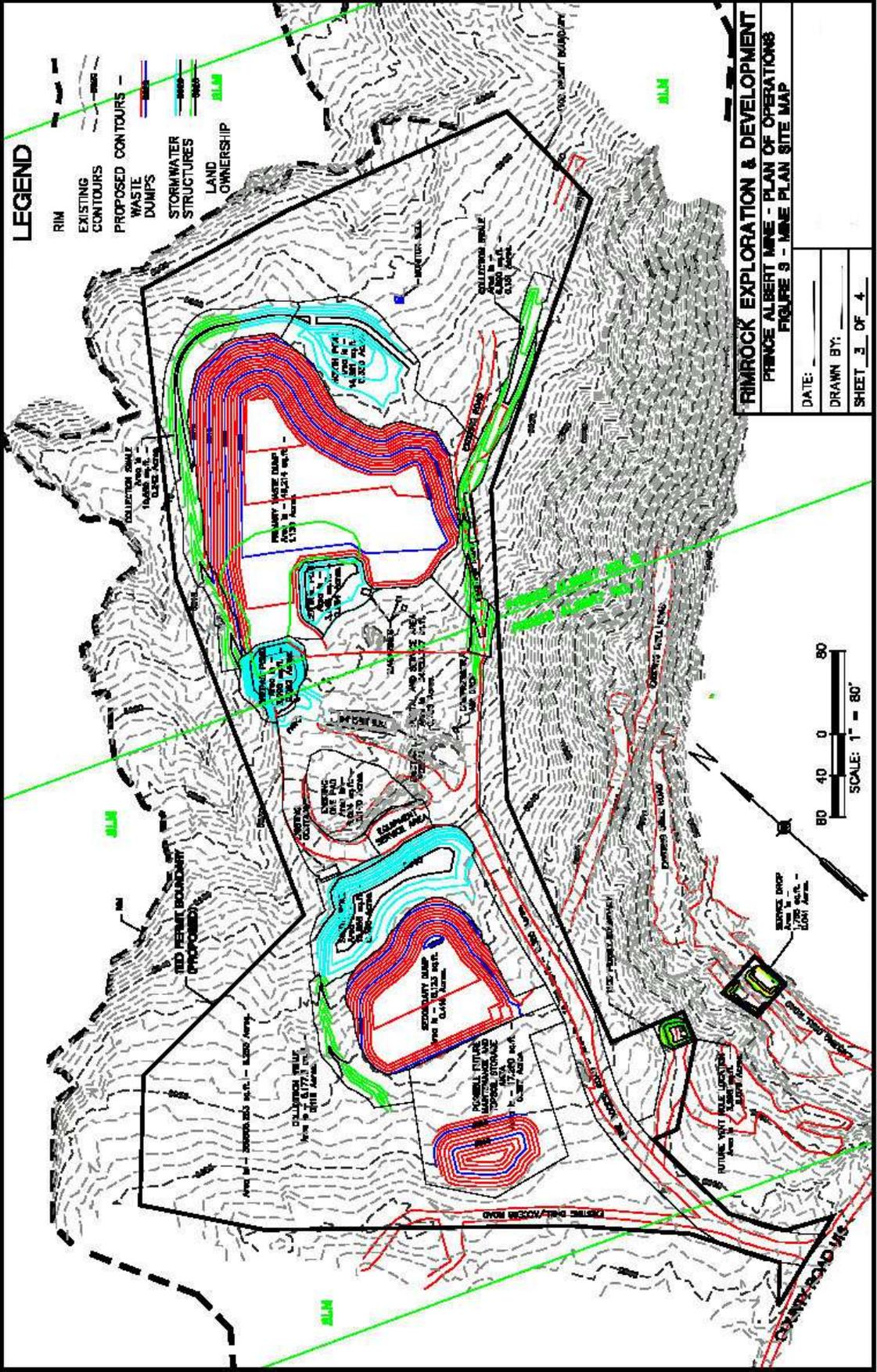
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FIMROCK EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT
PRINCE ALBERT MINE - PLAN OF OPERATIONS
FIGURE 9 - MINE PLAN SITE MAP

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