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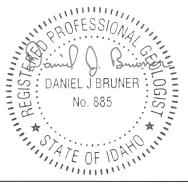
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Objectives

Konnex Resources, Inc (Konnex) requested an Order 2 soil survey for the Empire Mine (Site) to evaluate soil conditions and growth media suitability for reclamation.

Data collected during the survey was used along with the laboratory analytical results to evaluate the characteristics of the soils located within the Site.

<u>1.2</u> Data Quality Objectives

The overall data quality objective (DQO) for this soil survey was to collect appropriate and valid data to identify soil conditions of the Site.

Specific DQOs identified for the project include:

- Evaluate soil suitability and availability for reclamation;
- Provide a hazard or rating interpretation for each map unit component using NRCS-defined criteria for wind and water erosion;
- Evaluate the concentrations of plant available nutrients in the soil located within the Site;
- Determine hydrologic soil groups that will be utilized by other members of the study team.

2.0 Cascade Earth Sciences (CES) Project Team and Qualifications

Cascade Earth Sciences deployed multiple qualified personnel to lead and perform tasks required to complete this study.

2.1 Project Manager

Mr. Daniel Bruner, PG, was the Project Manager, and served as the primary liaison between Konnex and the CES soil survey team. Mr. Bruner also reviewed this technical report.

2.2 Soils Technical Lead

Mr. Michael Sowers, Certified Professional Soil Scientist (# 25019), served as the technical lead on the project. He performed the fieldwork and related technical soil survey activities. He developed the data for this technical report.

2.3 Laboratory

Kuo Testing Labs, located at 337 S. 1st Avenue, Othello, Washington 99344, provided analytical services for the project.

3.0 Methodology

This section presents the field procedures and methodologies for the Order 2 soil survey completed within the Site. Soil mapping, profile description, sampling, and taxonomic classification were conducted by the standards described in the Soil Survey Manual (Soil Science Division Staff, 2017). The soils at each location were described according to methods and standards set forth in the *Field Book for Describing and Sampling Soils, Version 3.0,* (Schoeneberger, et.al, 2012). The information and data collected in soil morphological descriptions were utilized to classify the soils and to determine soil map units. Map units generally comprised of a single soil series except where soil variability required the establishment of a soil complex (multiple series) as a single map unit. The pedon (soil unit) that most accurately represented each soil series was classified to the family level according to the *Key to Soil Taxonomy, Twelfth Edition,* (Soil Survey Staff, 2014).

Existing available information about the Site was reviewed prior to mobilizing to the field. Sources of information included the Mackay Reservoir 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map, US Department of Agriculture National Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) soil maps, and satellite imagery from Google Earth. This information was examined to determine the general types of parent material, bedrock, slope breaks, vegetative patterns, and other features necessary for soil map unit development.

A project-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) was prepared for the project. Each field team member reviewed the HASP before commencing with fieldwork activities. The HASP provided information regarding anticipated health and safety matters, and established policies and procedures to protect workers from potential site hazards.

A 2-person team investigated the soil resources of the Site over the course of a week in August 2018. The following tasks were performed:

- Site reconnaissance;
- Soil mapping and development of map units;
- Documentation of map units and soil components;
- Soil sample collection; and
- Laboratory analyses and quality control.

Soil intended for use as reclamation material requires suitable chemical and physical characteristics, which make it appropriate for use as growth medium. Soils within the Site were rated on their suitability for use as reclamation material based on the suitability criteria outlined in Table 1. The criteria in Table 1 were developed from the reclamation suitability rating issued by the NRCS (NRCS, 2018a) and *A Basic Guide for Interpreting Soil Test Values* (Woods End Research Laboratory, 1995-1996).

The soil erosion factor (K factor) was calculated using the Soil Erodibility Nomograph published in the National Soils Handbook (NRCS, 2018b). A copy of the Soil Erodibility Nomograph is

provided in Appendix A. The K factor indicates the susceptibility of the soil to sheet erosion by water with a range in value from 0.0 to 0.7, with higher factors indicating a greater erosion potential.

3.1 Site Reconnaissance

The initial field reconnaissance involved the evaluation hand-excavated soil pits and exposed soils along road cuts in an exploratory manner across the Site. Soil characteristics were observed and recorded, while observing and documenting surface conditions, vegetation, slope gradient, and slope aspect.

3.2 Soil Mapping and Development of Map Units

The soil map units were developed and documented based on mapping scale, soil taxonomic classification, and interpretive characteristics. Interpretive characteristics, including slope, stoniness, or erosion status, were characterized for identifying soil materials suitable for use as salvageable soil resources. Mapping units were delineated on aerial photos at a scale of 1:1,000, and consist of consociations (a single soil), associations (two or more soils), or complexes (tightly intermingled soil and/or land types). Field maps at a scale of 1:500 were also utilized in the field for additional detail. The maps were scanned and digitized in a geographic information system (GIS).

3.3 Documentation of Map Units and Soil Components

Generally, soils were described to a depth of approximately 60 inches or to excavation refusal, whichever was shallower. In many cases, deep soils were not described to 60 inches if, for example, if rocky material unsuitable for reclamation purposes was encountered. Survey documentation included field notes from traverses, visual observations, soil morphological descriptions, and other site characteristics such as rock outcrops, percent slope, slope aspect, vegetation, erosion, drainage, and surface stoniness.

Soil morphological descriptions were completed throughout the Site. The location of each description was surveyed using a hand-held GPS unit. The soil morphological descriptions noted soil texture, consistency, depth, coarse fragment content, secondary carbonate accumulation, and additional characteristics that affect quality and reclamation suitability.

3.4 Soil Sample Collection

Soil samples were collected at each soil layer (horizon) from soil pedons. A soil sample volume of approximately 1/2-quart was collected from a fresh soil face and was placed directly into a clean polyethylene bag. After the mapping units were developed and delineated across the Site, soil samples from the four predominate soil series described were selected for laboratory analysis A unique ID and depth were recorded by permanent marker on the outside of each plastic sample bag. Each sample was documented on chain of custody forms. The soil samples were placed in an ice-filled cooler and shipped to Kuo Testing Labs for analysis.

3.5 Laboratory Analyses

The soil samples were analyzed for the following laboratory analyses to support proper taxonomic classification and assist with reclamation suitability of the soils:

- Particle size analysis (soil texture),
- Organic matter content,
- pH,
- Cation exchange capacity,
- Base saturation,
- Effervescence,
- Electrical conductivity (salinity),
- Nitrate Nitrogen (NO₃-N),
- Ammonium (NH₄-N),
- Phosphorus (P),
- Potassium (K),
- Sulfate (SO₄-S),
- Boron (B),
- Calcium (Ca),
- Copper (Cu),
- Iron (Fe)
- Magnesium (Mg),
- Manganese (Mn),
- Molybdenum (Mo),
- Sodium (Na),
- Zinc (Zn),

The agronomic parameters were completed according to methods described in the publication, *Soil, Plant and Water Reference Methods for the Western Region* (Gavlak, et.al, 1994). The methods are the industry standard for agronomic soil testing labs in the region.

4.0 Results

Seventeen pedons were examined within the Site as shown in Figure 1. Copies of the soil morphological descriptions (K-1 - K-17) are included in Appendix B.

Seven soil map units comprised of five different soil series were developed for the Site, as listed in Table 2 and exhibited on the map in Figure 2. Map Unit 6 (Mine land disturbance) was established to encompass previously disturbed mining and reclaimed areas.

4.1 Map Unit Descriptions

The map unit descriptions provide data in general terms about the soils and landscapes upon which they occur. The map unit descriptions are contained in Table 3. Salvageable quantities listed for each map unit are for the Site and do not necessarily correspond to areas of proposed disturbance.

Map Unit 1 – Ike-Jimbee gravelly loam Complex, 20 to 35 percent slope

This map unit occurs on in rolling to very steep mountain sideslopes and ridges. The soils formed in residuum, alluvium and colluvium from limestone. The elevation range is 4,500 to 9,200 feet. The areas at the lower elevations have northerly slopes. The average annual precipitation is between 11 to 13 inches. The average annual air temperature is 36° to 40°F. The average freeze-free period is about 10 to 80 days. The vegetation community is mainly mixed sagebrush and grasses.

This unit is 65 percent lke and similar soils and 30 percent Jimbee soils on mountain sideslopes and ridges. Inclusions of rock outcrops make up about 5 percent of the total area. The major difference between these series is the thickness of the surface epipedon (topsoil), which is a determining factor for classification. The lke series has a slightly thinner topsoil thickness than the Jimbee series.

The Ike series consists of shallow, well-drained soils over limestone bedrock. They are found on ridgetops and sideslopes of mountains and foothills and formed in colluvium, slope alluvium, and residuum from limestone. Typically, the surface layer is dark brown stony loam 3 inches thick. The upper subsoil is brown gravelly loam about 9 inches thick, and is underlain by dark yellowish brown very gravelly sandy loam 5 inches thick.

The Jimbee series consists of shallow, well-drained soils formed in slope alluvium and colluvium from limestone on ridges, foothills and mountains. Typically, the surface layer is dark brown gravelly loam, 6 inches thick. The upper subsoil is dark brown very gravelly loam about 3 inches thick, and is underlain by yellowish brown very gravelly loam 7 inches thick.

Map Unit 2 – Ike-Jimbee gravelly loam Complex, 8 to 20 percent slope

This map unit consists of the same soils as Map Unit 1, however slopes range between 8 and 20 percent.

Map Unit 3 – Gany gravelly loam, 30 to 50 percent slope

This map unit occurs on mountains. The soils formed in slope alluvium and colluvium from limestone. The elevation range is 5,200 to 9,800 feet. The climate is cold and moist in the winter and spring, and cool and dry in the summer. The average annual precipitation is between 18 to 28 inches. The average annual air temperature is 34° to 39°F. The average freeze-free period is about 10 to 40 days.

The Gany series consists of very deep, well drained soils formed in slope alluvium and colluvium from limestone on mountains. Typically, the surface layer is dark brown gravelly loam, 6 inches thick. The upper subsoil is brown very gravelly loam about 15 inches thick, and is underlain by

yellowish brown extremely gravelly sandy loam 40 inches thick. Inclusions of Ike and Jimbee soils are approximately 5 and 10 percent, respectively.

Map Unit 4 – Gany gravelly loam, 15 to 30 percent slope

This map unit consists of the same soils as Map Unit 3, however slopes range between 15 and 30 percent.

Map Unit 5 – Rock Outcrop, 0 to 35 percent slope

This map unit consists of surface exposed bedrock or soils with surface coarse fragment content of 90% or more.

Map Unit 6 – Mine land disturbance, 15 to 35 percent slope

This map unit consists of disturbed mine land, roads and exploration sites. The soils are on flat to very steep slopes and have been graded by machinery. The natural properties of these soils have been altered due to disturbance.

Map Unit 7 – Soil A (Typic Agricryolls) gravelly loam, 25 to 35 percent slope

This map unit consists of a soil that did match a published NRCS local soil series. Soil A formed in colluvium and residuum from metamorphosed limestone on mountains. The elevation ranged from 8,000 to 8,900 feet. The climate is cold and moist in the winter and spring, cool and dry in the summer.

Soil A consists of very deep, well-drained soil formed in colluvium and residuum from metamorphosed limestone (skarn). The surface layer was describe to be a very dark brown gravelly sandy loam, between 6 and 10 inches thick. The upper subsoil is brown gravelly sandy loam about 22 inches thick, and is underlain by a brown very gravelly loamy sand approximately 35 inches thick. Inclusions of Gany soils are approximately 15 percent.

4.2 Classification of Soils

The taxonomic classification of soils found within the Site is presented in Table 4. The detailed soil profile descriptions of the soil characteristics are presented in Appendix B.

4.3 Laboratory Data

Soil samples were collected from 13 of the 17 soil pedons. Soil samples were analyzed from K-1, K-4, K-9, and K-12, which best represented the Ike, Jimbee, Soil A, and Gany series, respectively.

The results of the laboratory analyses and analysis methods used are summarized in Table 4. The laboratory report is provided in Appendix C. The physical and chemical characteristics are typical for the region. The soils in the CES study area exhibited low clay content and high coarse fragment content.

- Soil textures were dominated by sand throughout the profile. Sand percentages ranged from 52% to 72%. Clay content ranged from 2.8% to 8.8%.
- Coarse fragment content ranged from approximately 35% to 85%.

- Organic matter content ranged from less than 1% to 8.61% and cation exchange capacity ranged from 14.96 to 28.7 milliequivalents per 100 grams (meq/100g).
- The soil pH was slightly acidic to moderately basic, with values ranging from 6.3 to 8.5.
- Soil salinity levels were low (less than 0.38 millimhos per centimeter, mmhos/cm).

5.0 RECLAMATION SUITABILITY

Soil suitability ratings are provided in Table 3 for each named soil component in the map units. The NRCS Reclamation Suitability Report for the soils described at the Site is provided in Appendix D. The recommended salvage depth for each soil was determined based on the ratings. These estimates were based on soil profile descriptions and the laboratory data associated with the soils of each map unit.

The major factors limiting soil salvage at the Site are rock fragment content, depth to bedrock, and slope. The assessment of rock fragment content is based on the soil descriptions provided in Appendix B. All map units exhibited fair-poor or poor reclamation suitability due to high rock fragment content (NRCS, 2018). The rock fragment content generally increased with depth in the subsoil or substrata. The recommend salvage depth is from 0.4 to 0.7 feet (5 to 8 inches). In some cases, rock fragments may be sorted out of the soil profile with a "grizzly" type screener, thus making the remaining soil material suitable for reclamation purposes. If screening is used, it would likely be more practical for the deep soils in Map Units 3, 4 and 7. Slope further limits reclamation suitability. Steep slopes at the Site may increase the difficulty of soil stripping and stockpiling.

6.0 SOIL ERODIBILITY

Soil erodibility is an important consideration for scheduling reclamation seeding to minimize soil loss. Soil erodibility is largely a function of texture. The clay content of soil binds particles together to resist erosion. For non-clay particles, erodibility increases as particle size decreases with silt having the highest potential for erosion.

The Wind Erodibility Group (WEG) is an arbitrary grouping of soils based on texture, structure, and carbonate content. Values range from 1 to 8 with lower values indicating increased potential to wind erosion. WEG values for each series was obtained from a published Web Soil Survey from the NRCS (NRCS, 2018a). The WEG value for Soil A was estimated by comparing soils of similar properties. WEG values for Site soils range from 5 to 8.

Hydrologic soil groups (HSG) are arrangements of soils having similar runoff potential under similar storm and cover conditions. Slope and the influence of ground cover are treated independently and are not considered in placing soils into HSGs. The groups may be used in equations that estimate runoff from rainfall and snowmelt. Soils in Group A have low runoff potential while soils in Group D have high runoff potential. As with wind erodibility groups,

HSG ratings apply only to the surface layer of an undisturbed soil. The Gany series and Soil A are in HSG B while Jimbee and Ike are in HSG D (Table 6).

The calculated soil erodibility factors (K factors) for each soil series are provided in Table 6. Soils with K-factors of 0.05 to 0.15 have low erosivity. Soils with K-factors greater than 0.4 have high erosivity. Site soils have moderate to high erosion potentials due to low clay contents.

7.0 SUMMARY

Soil resources within the Empire Mine Site have fair to unsuitable characteristics for reclamation and moderate to high erosion potential. Surface soil textures range from sandy loam to loamy sand. Chemical characteristics of soils, relating to reclamation and site revegetation, are generally within suitability criteria. Limitations related to soil salvage for reclamation at the Site include rock fragments, shallow soils, and slope. One of the primary limitations, excessive coarse fragments, could be reduced by sorting the rock fragments from the soil as it is salvaged. This practice would greatly increase the amount of available growth media for salvage and eventual site reclamation.

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Table 1. Soil Suitability Ratings¹

Parameter	Testing Method	Good Suitability	Fair Suitability	Poor Suitability
pН	S2.10	6.0 - 8.4	5.5 - 6.0, 8.4 - 8.8	< 5.5, > 8.8
EC (dS/m)	S-2.10	< 4.0	4.0 - 12.0	> 12.0
Texture	S -14.10 ASTM D6913	Loamy sand, sandy loam, loam silt; soil w/ < 35% clay	sand, loamy coarse sand; soil w/ < 45% clay	soils w/ > 45% clay
Saturation %	S-10.20	25 - 80	25 - 80	< 25 and /or > 80
CaCO ₃ %	Fizz	0 - 15	15 - 30	> 30
Rock fragments %	Field Estimated	< 35	35 - 60	> 60
Erosion factor K	Calculated	< 0.37	> 0.37	
Organic Matter %	S-9.10	2.5 - 6.0	0.5 - 2.5, > 6	< 0.5

NOTE:

1 Sources: NRCS Web Soil Survey, Accessed September 10, 2018, Woods End Reasearch Laboratory, 1995-1996, A Basic Guide for Intrepreting Soil Test Values

Map Unit ¹	Name - Description
1	Ike-Jimbee gravelly loam, 20 to 35 percent slope
2	Ike-Jimbee gravelly loam, 8 to 20 percent slope
3	Gany gravelly loam, 30 to 50 percent slope
4	Gany gravelly loam,15 to 30 percent slope
5	Rock outcrop 0 to 35 percent slope
6	Mine land disturbance 15 to 35 percent slope
7	Soil A gravelly loam 25 to 35 percent slope

Table 2. Soil Survey Map Legend

Table 3. Soil Survey Map Unit Characteristics

Map Unit	Components	Composition (%)	Slope	Typical Surface Texture	Surficial Rock Fragments (%)	Typical Subsurface Texture	Rock Fragments (%)	Reclamation Suitability Rating ¹	Limitation	Recommended Salvage Depth (feet)
	Ike	65		SL	15	SL	45	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.4
1	Jimbee	30	20-35	SL	15	SL	40	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Rock Outcrop	5						Unsuitable	Rock	
	Ike	50		SL	15	SL	45	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.4
2	Jimbee	45	8-20	SL	15	SL	40	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Rock Outcrop	5						Unsuitable	Rock	
	Gany	85		SL	20	SL	65	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
3	Ike	5	30-50	SL	15	SL	45	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.4
	Jimbee	10		SL	15	SL	40	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Gany	85		SL	30	SL	65	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
4	Ike	5	15-30	SL	15	SL	45	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.4
	Jimbee	10		SL	15	SL	40	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Rock Outcrop	90						Unsuitable	Rock	
5	Ike	5	0-35	SL	15	SL	45	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.4
	Jimbee	5		SL	15	SL	40	Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Mine land disturbance	80		Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	Unsuitable	Disturbance, Slope	
6	Gany	10	15-35	SL	20	SL	65	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7
	Soil A	10		SL	20	SL, LS	45	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.5
7	Soil A	85	25-35	SL	20	SL, LS	45	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.5
/	Gany	15	25-35	SL	20	SL	65	Fair-Poor	Rock Content, Slope	0.7

NOTES:

Abbreviations- LS = loamy sand, SL = sandy loam

1 Reclamation suitability rating determined based upon depth to bedrock, rock fragment content and slope.

Table 4. Soil Series Taxonomic Classification

Series	Family
Gany ¹	Loamy-skeletal, mixed, superactive Typic Calcicryolls
Ike ¹	Loamy-skeletal, carbonatic, frigid Lithic Xeric Haplocalcids
Jimbee ¹	Loamy-skeletal, carbonatic, Lithic Calcicryolls
Soil A	Loamy-skeletal, mixed, Typic Argicryolls
Mine land disturbance	Typic Cryorthents

NOTE:

1 Soil Series data obtained from USDA Official Soil Series Descriptions

Table 5. Soil Laboratory Analyses

			Sample Point														
Laboratory Analysis	Method	Unit		K-1		K	-4	K-9				K-12					
			0-5	5-15	15-21	0-8	8-17	0-6	6-12	12-26	26-44	44-60	0-8	8-17	17-27	27-47	47-60
Nitrate- Nitrogen	S - 3.10	mg/kg	2.975	2.475	3.975	0.975	1.525	0.575	0.25	0.275	0.275	0.2	0.175	0.25	0.3	0.375	0.45
Ammonium	S - 3.50	mg/kg	22.95	5.575	8	7.525	4.7	6.575	2.45	2.375	2.6	2.6	1.75	1.425	2	3.175	5.2
Phosphorus	S - 4.10	mg/kg	14	9	6	21	9	30	13	12	6	5	21	9	6	4	4
Potassium	S - 5.11	mg/kg	498	471	462	582	428	454	170	163	107	118	646	222	113	71	61
Sulfate	S - 6.12	mg/kg	10	4	4	5	4	5	3	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	9
Boron	S - 6.12	mg/kg	1.3	1.6	1.48	0.63	0.58	0.56	0.23	0.23	0.16	0.16	1.28	1.17	1.34	0.72	0.53
Organic Matter	S - 9.00	%	5.01	4.97	4.91	6.25	2.57	8.61	2.18	1.82	0.95	0.98	4.16	3.52	5.35	3.31	2.48
pH	S - 2.20	pH Units	8.2	8.3	8.5	6.6	6.9	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.8	8.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.4
Salinity	S - 2.40	mmhos/cm	0.38	0.26	0.26	0.19	0.17	0.26	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.09	0.65	0.28	0.37	0.27	0.49
Zinc	S - 6.12	mg/kg	9.3	3.1	1.4	21.2	6.9	29.3	7.8	11.7	18	13.8	3.5	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6
Manganese	S - 6.12	mg/kg	245	17	6	21	12	42	6	7	5	7	9	2	4	2	5
Copper	S - 6.12	mg/kg	7.3	1.4	1.1	2.6	2.5	11.5	15.6	35.7	118	91.3	1.6	2.2	3	3.4	1.8
Iron	S - 6.12	mg/kg	9	10	8	41	24	162	92	84	54	43	52	34	17	9	6
Calcium	S - 5.11	meq/100g	22	27	28.5	16.2	19.5	22.8	11.9	15.8	14.6	19.4	29.4	25.4	29.5	22.2	22.1
Magnesium	S - 5.11	meq/100g	0.7	0.7	0.8	2.6	1.8	1.9	1.4	2.4	2.4	3	1.4	0.8	0.6	0.3	0.5
Sodium	S - 5.11	meq/100g	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.08	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.36
CEC	S - 10.10	meq/100g	26.03	28.76	26.5	25.62	26.74	32.56	19.87	26.27	24.86	28.49	28.67	24.51	25.95	17.89	14.96
Texture	S -14.10	unitless	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL	LS	SL	SL	SL	SL	SL
Effervescence	Visual	unitless	None	Medium	Heavy	None	Medium	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy	Heavy						
Total Bases	Calculated	meq/100g	24.04	28.96	30.55	20.33	22.44	25.93	13.82	18.72	17.37	22.80	32.53	26.80	30.43	22.73	23.12
Base Sat. Ca	Calculated	%	91.50	93.22	93.28	79.69	86.88	87.93	86.08	84.42	84.04	85.08	90.37	94.78	96.95	97.66	95.60
Base Sat. Mg	Calculated	%	2.91	2.42	2.62	12.79	8.02	7.33	10.13	12.82	13.81	13.16	4.30	2.99	1.97	1.32	2.16
Base Sat. K	Calculated	%	5.30	4.16	3.87	7.32	4.88	4.48	3.14	2.23	1.58	1.32	5.08	2.12	0.95	0.80	0.67
Base Sat. Na	Calculated	%	0.29	0.21	0.23	0.20	0.22	0.27	0.65	0.53	0.58	0.44	0.25	0.11	0.13	0.22	1.56

NOTE:

Abbreviations- % = percent, Base Sat. = base saturation, Ca = calcium, CEC = cation exchange capacity, K = potassium, LS = loamy sand, meq/100g = milliequivalents per 100 grams, Mg = magnesium

mg/kg = milligrams per kilogram, mmhos/cm = millimhos per centimeter, Na = sodium, SL = sandy loam

Table 6.	Erosion	Susceptibility	and Hydrologic	Characteristics	of Surface Soils
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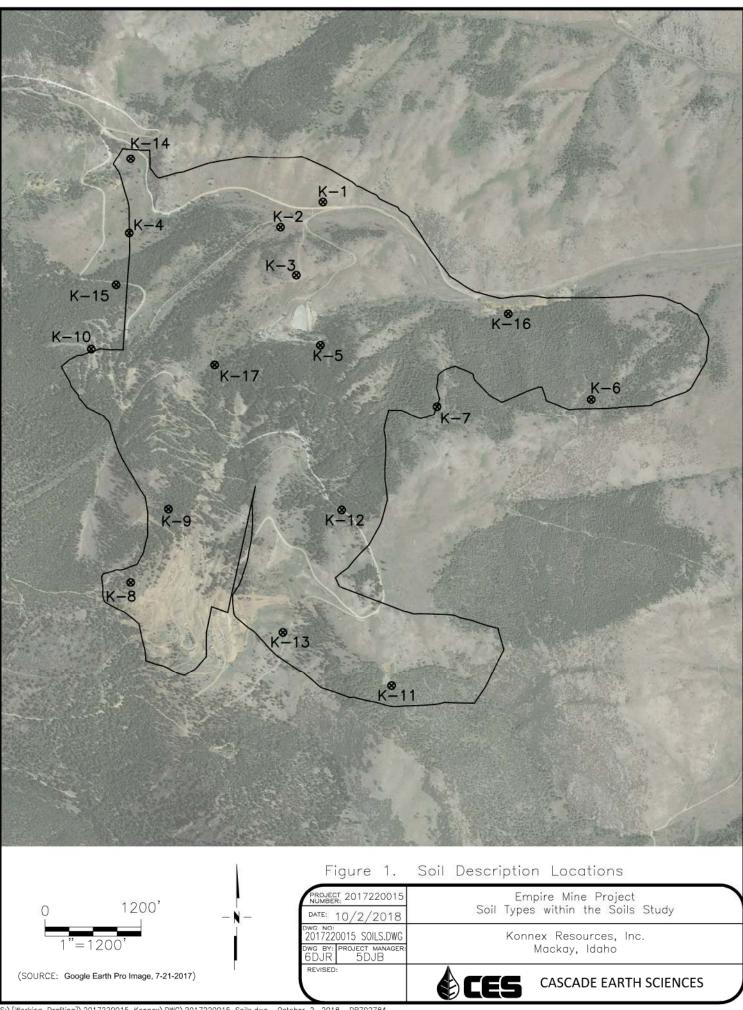
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Gany	8	Well	Moderately High - High	Low	В	0.2
Ike	5	Well	Moderately High - High	Very Low	D	0.5
Jimbee	5	Well	Moderately High - High	Very Low	D	0.4
Mine land disturbance	Varied	Well	Varied	Varied	Not Rated	Varied
Soil A	8	Well	Moderately High - High	Low	В	0.2

NOTE:

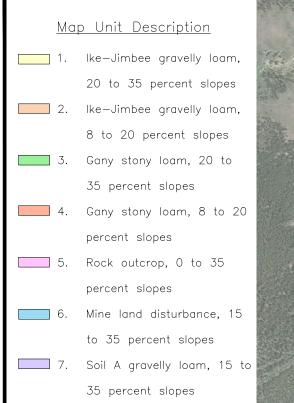
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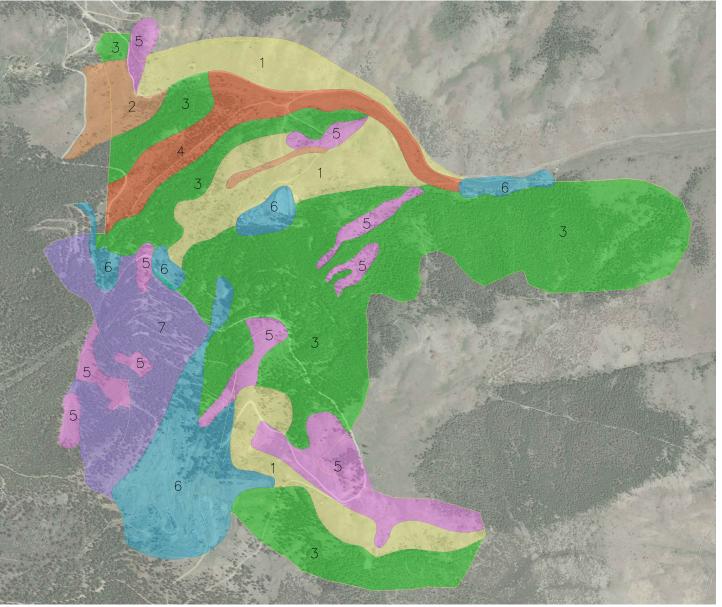
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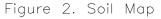
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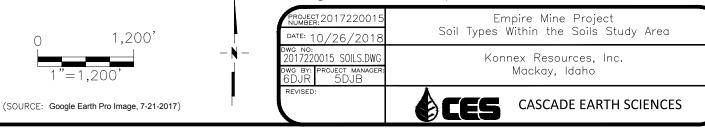


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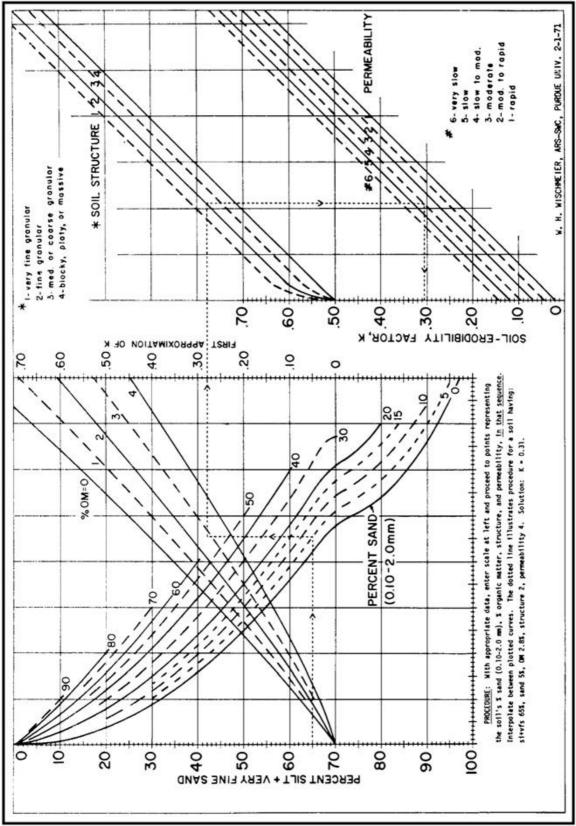


APPENDICES

- Nomograph for Determining Soil Erodibility Factor Soil Descriptions Laboratory Results Reclamation Suitability Report Appendix A. Appendix B. Appendix C. Appendix D.

Appendix A.

Nomograph for Determining Soil Erodibility Factor



Appendix B.

Soil Descriptions

Date:	August 9, 2018
Report No:	S54793
Grower:	CES - Pocatello
Project:	Konnex
Project No:	2018230005
Field:	All
Crop:	All Crops



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SOIL AN	ALYSIS REP		-																								
Lab #	Depth	Field	NO	3-N	NH	H4-N	Р	к	SO4	в	ОМ	рН	SS	Zn	Mn	Cu	Fe	Ca	Mg	Na	CEC	Efferve	Total		Base Sa	aturation	
	Inches	ID	lbs/ac		lbs/ac		Olsen	Acet.	-S	DTPA	Walkley-Black	1:2	1:1			DTPA			Acet.			-scence Test	Bases	% Co	% Ma	% K	% Na
-	Inches		IDS/ac	ppm	ibs/ac	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	70		mmho/cm	ppm	ppm	ppm	ppm	meq/100g	meq/100g	meq/100g	meq/100g	Test	Meq/100g	% Ca	% Wg	70 K	% Na
5431	12	K1 0-5	12	3.0	92	23.0	14	498	10	1.30	5.01	8.2	0.38	9.3	245	7.3	9	22.0	0.7	0.07	26.0	None	24.0	91.5	2.9	5.3	0.3
5432	12	K1 5-15	10	2.5	22	5.6	9	471	4	1.60	4.97	8.3	0.26	3.1	17	1.4	10	27.0	0.7	0.06	28.8	Medium	29.0	93.2	2.4	4.2	0.2
5433	12	K1 15-21	16	4.0	32	8.0	6	462	4	1.48	4.91	8.5	0.26	1.4	6	1.1	8	28.5	0.8	0.07	26.5	Heavy	30.6	93.3	2.6	3.9	0.2
5434	12	K4 0-8	4	1.0	30	7.5	21	582	5	0.63	6.25	6.6	0.19	21.2	21	2.6	41	16.2	2.6	0.04	25.6	None	20.3	79.7	12.8	7.3	0.2
5435	12	K4 8-17	6	1.5	19	4.7	9	428	4	0.58	2.57	6.9	0.17	6.9	12	2.5	24	19.5	1.8	0.05	26.7	None	22.4	86.9	8.0	4.9	0.2
5436	12	K9 0-6	2	0.6	26	6.6	30	454	5	0.56	8.61	6.4	0.26	29.3	42	11.5	162	22.8	1.9	0.07	32.6	None	25.9	87.9	7.3	4.5	0.3
5437	12	K9 6-12	1	0.3	10	2.5	13	170	3	0.23	2.18	6.3	0.12	7.8	6	15.6	92	11.9	1.4	0.09	19.9	None	13.8	86.1	10.1	3.1	0.7
5438	12	K9 12-26	1	0.3	10	2.4	12	163	2	0.23	1.82	6.3	0.12	11.7	7	35.7	84	15.8	2.4	0.10	26.3	None	18.7	84.4	12.8	2.2	0.5
5439	12	K9 26-44	1	0.3	10	2.6	6	107	1	0.16	0.95	6.5	0.08	18.0	5	118.0	54	14.6	2.4	0.10	24.9	None	17.4	84.0	13.8	1.6	0.6
5440	12	K9 44-60	1	0.2	10	2.6	5	118	1	0.16	0.98	6.8	0.09	13.8	7	91.3	43	19.4	3.0	0.10	28.5	None	22.8	85.1	13.2	1.3	0.4
5441	12	K12 0-8	1	0.2	7	1.8	21	646	3	1.28	4.16	8.1	0.65	3.5	9	1.6	52	29.4	1.4	0.08	28.7	Medium	32.5	90.4	4.3	5.1	0.2
5442	12	K12 8-17	1	0.3	6	1.4	9	222	3	1.17	3.52	8.3	0.28	0.8	2	2.2	34	25.4	0.8	0.03	24.5	Heavy	26.8	94.8	3.0	2.1	0.1
5443	12	K12 17-27	1	0.3	8	2.0	6	113	3	1.34	5.35	8.4	0.37	0.5	4	3.0	17	29.5	0.6	0.04	26.0	Heavy	30.4	96.9	2.0	0.9	0.1
5444	12	K12 27-47	2	0.4	13	3.2	4	71	2	0.72	3.31	8.5	0.27	0.4	2	3.4	9	22.2	0.3	0.05	17.9	Heavy	22.7	97.7	1.3	0.8	0.2
5445	12	K12 47-60	2	0.5	21	5.2	4	61	9	0.53	2.48	8.4	0.49	0.6	5	1.8	6	22.1	0.5	0.36	15.0	Heavy	23.1	95.6	2.2	0.7	1.6
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Appendix C.

Laboratory Results

Client	Konnex Res	sources			Project No.	2017220015			_Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State	:	Mackay, Idaho	·							Date:	7/30/2018					No.	K - 1	
Location:			N 43.89647	W -113.6685	5					1								
Soil Type/C	lassification	:	Ike							Vegetation:		Sagebrush a	nd grasses			Γ		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium				1			Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,291 ft				T		Slope:	30%		Aspect:	South	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	e r: Not Encou	ntered	1		Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	NE	
Depth to Se	easonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encou	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	d	Estimated F	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated I	filtration Ra	ate:	N/A	
Soils Samp	les Collected	:	Yes, 3 samp	bles		Depths:	0"-5", 5"-15"	, and 15"-24	"									
Soil Sample	es Analyzed:		Yes, 3 Sam	ples		Depths	0"-5", 5"-15"	, and 15"-24	"									
Miscellaneo	ous Notes:	5% rock outero	op															
Horizon	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA	Mottles	Structure		Consistence		Roots	Pores	%	Coarse Frag	ment	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
110112011	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Motifes	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	1 0103	Ch	Сь	St		pii	Carbonates	Doundary	70 Clay
А	0 - 5	7.5YR 3/2	vchSL		lgr	lo	vfr	SS	3vf		35%	0	0				C/W	6
Bw1	5 - 15	7.5YR 2.5/2	vchSL		1sbk	lo	vfr	SS	2f		35%	0	0			Е	C/W	4
Bw2	15 - 24	7.5YR 2.5/2	vchSL		1sbk	lo	vfr	SS	2f		45%	0	0			VE	C/S	4
AR	24+																	

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	ıdy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/30/2018					No.	K - 2	
Location:		N 43.89561 W	V -113.67056	5														
Soil Type/C	lassification	:								Vegetation:		Sagebrush a	nd grass					
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Slope Alluv	ium/Colluviu	m						Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,364 ft						Slope:	8-10%		Aspect:	North	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated I	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated I	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		No			Depths:												
Soil Sample	s Analyzed:					Depths:												
Miscellaneo																		
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA				Consistence				%	Coarse Frag	ment	<i>a</i> , b ,				
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	Ch	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0-3	7.5 YR 2.5/1	vch SL		2Gr	lo	vfr	so	2vf		35	0	10				C/S	4
AB	3-7	7.5 YR 2.5/2	vch SL		1sbk	so	fr	ss	2f		40	0	0					3
AR	7+																	

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sov	vers
Area /State	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/31/2018					No.	K - 3	
Location:	N 43.89397	W -113.66981								1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Jimbee			1				Vegetation:		Sagebrush ar	nd Grasses			1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,389						Slope:	8-10%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	e r: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Draine	ł	Depth to Res	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed.	Estimated F	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration R:	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		Yes			Depths:	0-4, 4-12			-								
	s Analyzed:		None			Depths:	·											
Miscellaneo		15% Surficial S		rock outcrop														
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA				Consistence		_		% (Coarse Frag	nent	_				
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 4	7.5YR 3.5/2	vgrSL		2gr	so	fr	SS	3vf		40	0	0				C/S	6
AB	4 - 12	7.5YR 3/3	vgrSL		2sbk	so	fr	SS	2f		40	0	0					5
refusal	12+																	

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	Baseline Stu	ıdy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	vers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/31/2018					No.	K - 4	
Location:		N 43.89541 W	-113.6773							T								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Jimbee			1				Vegetation:		Sagebrush a	nd grasses			1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,642 ft						Slope:	15-25%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
		h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed.	Estimated I	Permeability:	_	N/A		Estimated In			N/A	
	es Collected:		Yes, 2 Samp		1		0"-8" and 8"-											
				-														
Soil Sample			Yes, 2 Samp	pies		Depths	0"-8" and 8"-	-1/"										
Miscellaneo	ous Notes:						Consistence				% (Coarse Frag	ment					
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure	D			Roots	Pores		_		Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Dry	Moist	Wet			GRV	Cb	St					
A	0 - 8	7.5YR 2.5/2	vgrSL		2gr	so	fr	SS	3vf		35	0	5				C/S	4
Bw	8 - 17	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2vf		40	5	5			s		8
Refusal	17+																	

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/31/2018					No.	K - 5	
Location:		N 43.89156 W	-113.66867							1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Upland			1				Vegetation:		Forested						
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,420						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	North	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	e r: Not Encou	ntered			Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Res	strictive Lay	er:		
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	:d	Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration Ra	ate:	N/A	
	es Collected:		Yes, 3 Samp				0"-3", 3"-9",							1				
			None				<u> </u>	und y 15										
Soil Sample			None			Depths												
Miscellaneo							Consistence				% (Coarse Frag	nent					
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure	D	Maint	W-4	Roots	Pores		_		Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
						Dry	Moist	Wet			GRV	Cb	St					
A	0 - 3	10YR 2/1	vgrSL		lgr	lo	vfr	SS	3vf		40	5	0				C/S	6
AB	3 - 9	7.5YR 4/3	vgrSL		1sbk	sh	fr	SS	3vf		40	5	0				C/S	8
BK	9 - 15	10YR 5/4	vgrSL		1sbk	sh	fr	SS	2m		40	10	5			EV	C/S	5
СК	15 - 35	10YR 5/4	grSL		ОМ	lo	vfr	SO	1co		90	1	5			EV		5

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	ıdy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/31/2018					No.	K - 6	
Location:			N 43.88971	W -113.6558	4					-								
Soil Type/C	lassification	:	Gany							Vegetation:		Forested						
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone	Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,406 ft						Slope:	25-30%		Aspect:	Northeast	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	e r: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Draine	:d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated F	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated I	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	les Collected	:	Yes, 3 Sam	oles		Depths:	0"-5", 5"-8",	and 8"-17"		-								
	es Analyzed:		None	•		Depths												
Miscellaneo																		
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA		_		Consistence			_	%	Coarse Frag	ment					
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Сь	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
A2	0 - 5	7.5YR 2.5/1	vgrSL		lgr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		40	5	1				C/S	5
AB	5-8	7.5YR 2.5/3	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	3f		40	10	1				C/W	6
Bk	8 - 17	10YR 4/6	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	s	2m		55	10	5			EV		8

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	7/31/2018					No.	K - 7	
Location:		N 43.88947 W	-113.66314							1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Gany							Vegetation:		Forested				I		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,567 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	North	
Moisture:	Dry				I	Groundwate	er: Not Encou	ntered	1		Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:		
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed.	Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration Ra	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		Yes, 2 Samp	ples		Depths:	0"-5" and 5"-	-12"										
Soil Sample	s Analyzed:		None			Depths:												
Miscellaneo	us Notes:	Could not colle	ct sample fr	om Bk2														
Horizon	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA	Mottles	Structure		Consistence		Roots	Pores	% (Coarse Fragi	nent	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
	(in.)	moist)	Texture		Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	10005	10105	GRV	Cb	St		P		Doundary	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
А	0-5	10yr3/2	vgrSL		2gr	so	vfr	ss	3f		40	0	0				C/S	5
Bk1	5-12	10yr4/6	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	3f		55	5	0			EV	C/S	6
Bk2	12-24	10yr4/4	xcbSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2m		20	60	0			EV		6
AR	24+																	

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sov	/ers
Area /State		Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/1/2018					No.	K - 8	
Location:		•		W -113.6776	6													
	lassification:		Soil A		0					Vegetation:		Forested						
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Metamorpho	sed Limeston	e Colluvium						Climate:	Moist Winter	Dry Summer
Relief:	-					Elevation:	8.835 ft						Slope:	15-20%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Moist						er: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Draine		Depth to Re	strictive Lav			
		h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib		Not Describe		Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In			N/A	
	es Collected:		Yes, 5 Sam		Koot Distrib		0"-5", 5"-10		•			10/1		Estimated I		atc.	10/2	
				bies			0-5,5-10	, 10 -18 , 10	5 -42 , and 42	-00								
	s Analyzed:		None			Depths:												
Miscellaneo		O horizon 5 inc		pine needles ai	nd pine cones a	-	Consistence				% (Coarse Frag	nent					
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Сь	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
A1	0 - 5	7.5YR 2.5/2	grSL		2gr	so	fr	ss	3vf		18	0	0				C/S	5
A2	5 - 10	7.5YR 2.5/2	grSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	3f		15	0	0				C/S	5
Bt1	10-18	10YR 4/6	grSL		2sbk	so	fr	s	2m		15	0	0	pf			C/W	8
Bt2	18-42	10YR 4/6	vgrSL		2sbk	sh	fr	s	2m		40	5	0	pf			C/W	8
С	42-60	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		ОМ	sh	fr	ss	1m		30	5	0					4

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline St	udy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State:		Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/1/2018	8				No.	K - 9	
Location:		N 43.88594 W	-113.67587	,						1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Soil A			1				Vegetation:		Forested				1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Metamorpho	osed Limestor	e Colluvium						Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	8,577 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Moist				T	Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered	1		Drainage:	Well Draine	ed	Depth to Res	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated I	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated Ir	filtration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		Yes, 5 Sam	ples		Depths:	0"-6", 6"-12"	", 12"-26", 26	"-44", and 44	"-60"								
Soil Sample	s Analyzed:		Yes, 5 Sam	ples		Depths:	0"-6", 6"-12"	", 12"-26", 26	"-44", and 44	"-60"								
Miscellaneo	us Notes:																	
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure		Consistence		Roots	Pores	%	Coarse Frag	ment	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
	(111.)	moisty	Texture			Dry	Moist	Wet			GRV	Cb	St					
А	0 - 6	7.5YR 5/2	vgrSL		2gr	so	vfr	so	3vf		30	3	0				C/S	4
BE	6-12	7.5YR 5/3	vgrSL		1sbk	so	vfr	SS	3f		35	10	0				C/W	7
Bt1	12-26	7.5YR 4/3	vgrSL		2sbk	h	fi	s	2m		35	10	0	Pf			C/W	8
Bt2	26-44	7.5YR 4/4	vcbSL		2sbk	h	fr	s	2m		15	20	0	Pf			C/W	8
С	44-60	10YR 4/4	vcbLS		ОМ	so	fr	SS	1m		10	30	0					2

Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Min	e Baseline Stu	ıdy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	vers	
:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/1/2018	;				No.	K - 10		
	N 43.89143 W	/ -113.67953	3						1									
Classification:	:	Soil A							Vegetation:		Forested				T			
Upland					Parent Mat	erial:	Metamorpho	osed Limestor	ne Colluvium						Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer	
					Elevation:	8,026 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	East		
Moist							intered			Drainage:	Well Drain	ed	Depth to Re	strictive Lav				
	h Watar Tabla	Not Encour	utousd	Boot Distrib	•			Estimated 1	Downoobility					-		N/A		
				Koot Distrib				Esumateu	rermeability:		N/A		Estimated II	intration K	ate:	N/A		
les Collected:		Yes, 2 Samj	ples		Depths:	0"-7" and 7"	-18"											
es Analyzed:		None			Depths													
ous Notes:				1	<u> </u>	<u>a</u>		1	1				1		1			
Depth (in)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure		Consistence		Roots	Pores	%	Coarse Frag	gment	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay	
()	moisty	reature			Dry	Moist	Wet			GRV	Cb	St						
0 - 7	10YR 2/1	vgrSL		2gr	so	fr	so	3vf		40	10	2				C/S	4	
7-18	7.5 YR 4/4	xgrSL		2sbk	sh	fr	s	2m		60	10	2	Pf			C/W	8	
18-60	Fractured	Rocks																
	: Upland Moist casonally Hig les Collected: ous Notes: Depth (in.) 0 - 7 7-18	N 43.89143 W Classification: Upland Moist easonally High Water Table: les Collected: es Analyzed: Depth (in.) Color (dry or moist) 0 - 7 10YR 2/1 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4	: Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Moist Classonally High Water Table: Not Encour Cles Collected: Yes, 2 Sam Cles Analyzed: None Cles Notes: Depth Color (dry or moist) O - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL O - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL O - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL O - 7 10YR 4/4 xgrSL	: Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Jupland Moist Water Table: Moist Yes, 2 Samples es Collected: Yes, 2 Samples es Analyzed: None output None O - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4 xgrSL	i Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Moist assonally High Water Table: Not Encountered Root Distrib les Collected: Yes, 2 Samples es Analyzed: None bus Notes: Depth Color (dry or moist) VSDA (in.) Color (dry or moist) VSDA Texture Mottles Structure 0 - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL 2gr 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4 xgrSL 2sbk	Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Parent Mate Upland Parent Mate Elevation: Moist Groundwat Moist Bepth Color (dry or moist) Yes, 2 Samples Depths Depth Color (dry or moist) USDA Texture Mottles Structure 0 - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL 2gr so 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4 xgrSL 2sbk sh	: Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Upland Parent Material: Elevation: 8,026 ft Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Describe tes Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7" es Analyzed: None Depths Depths Depths Ocolor (dry or moist) Color (dry	Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Parent Material: Metamorphe Upland Parent Material: Metamorphe Elevation: 8,026 ft Elevation: 8,026 ft Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Described easonally High Water Table: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Described tes Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" es Analyzed: None Depths Moist Wet 0 - 7 10YR 2/1 VgrSL 2gr so fr so 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4 xgrSL 2sbk sh fr s	: Mackay, Idaho N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Upland Parent Material: Metamorphosed Limeston Elevation: 8,026 ft Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Described Estimated I les Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" es Analyzed: None Depths Depths Depths O - 7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL 2gr So fr So Structure None Structure St	: Mackay, Idaho Date: N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Classification: Soil A Upland Upland Parent Material: Metamorphosed Limestone Colluvium Elevation: 8,026 ft Groundwater: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Described Estimated Permeability: tes Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" es Analyzed: None Depths Depths Depths Depths Depths Depths O(-7) 10YR 2/1 VgrSL 2gr So fr So 2m Color (dry or moist) USDA Texture Consistence Depth Color (dry or moist) Col	Mackay, Idaho Date: 8/1/2018 N 43.89143 W -113.67953 Jassification: Soil A Vegetation: Upland Parent Material: Metamorphosed Limestone Colluvium Elevation: 8,026 ft Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Drainage: Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" Estimated Permeability: tes Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" Structure Consistence % 6 Motes: Depth Output: Moist Wet Output: Moist Wet Output: Moist <th colspa<="" td=""><td>Mackay, Idaho Date: 8/1/2018 N 43.89143 W-113.67953 Jassification: Soil A Vegetation: Forested Upland Parent Material: Metamorphosed Limestone Colluvium Elevation: 8,026 ft Moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Drainage: Well Drain moist Groundwater: Not Encountered Drainage: Well Drain sasonally High Water Table: Not Encountered Root Distribution: Not Described Estimated Permeability: N/A tes Collected: Yes, 2 Samples Depths: 0"-7" and 7"-18" Vegetation: N/A vist Depth Color (dry or moist) Mottles Structure Consistence Pores % Coarse Frag vist None Depths Structure Consistence Roots Pores GRV Cb 0-7 10YR 2/1 vgrSL 2gr so fr so 3vf 40 10 7-18 7.5 YR 4/4 xgrSL 2sbk sh fr so 3vf <</td><td>$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$</td><td>$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$</td><td>Image: Mackay, Idaho Date: 8/1/2018 N 43.89143 W -113.67953 'Image: Well 30/13.67953 'Image: Well 30/13.67953</td><td>$\begin{tabular}{ c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c$</td><td>Image: Marcary, Idaho Na. 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Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/1/2018					No.	K - 11	
Location:		N 43.87989 W	-113.66530	j.						T								
Soil Type/C	lassification	:	Gany			1				Vegetation:		Forested						
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	8,077 ft						Slope:	20-25%		Aspect:	North	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Drain	ed	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated I	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated I	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:	:	Yes			Depths:	0"-5", 5"-18	', and 18"-22'	,									
Soil Sample			None			Depths	,	,										
Miscellaneo			110110			Depens												
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA				Consistence	-			%	Coarse Frag	ment					
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Сь	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 5	7.5YR 3/2	SL		2gr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		10	5	0				C/S	4
Bw	5 - 18	7.5YR 3/3	SL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2f		10	0	0				C/S	8
Bk	18-22	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2m		35	10	0			EV		7

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K - 12	
Location:			N 43.88591	W -113.6676	66													
Soil Type/C	lassification:			Gany						Vegetation:		Forested				1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium				T			Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	8,121 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	Northeast	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	e r: Not Encou	ntered			Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	:d	Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		Yes, 5 Samj	ples		Depths:	0"-8", 8"-17"	, 17"-27", 27	"-42", and 42	"-60"								
Soil Sample	s Analyzed:		Yes, 5 Sam	oles		Depths:	0"-8", 8"-17"	, 17"-27", 27	"-42", and 42	"-60"								
Miscellaneo		O horizon 4"																
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA		_		Consistence		_	_	% (Coarse Frag	ment					
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 8	10YR 2/2	grSL		2gr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		15	5	0			s	C/S	5
Bk1	8-17	10YR 4/3	vgrSL		1sbk	so	vfr	SS	2f		30	5	0			es	C/W	3
Bk2	17-27	7.5YR 4/3	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2m		30	10	0			ev	C/S	4
Bk3	27-42	10YR 4/3	vcbSL		1sbk	sh	fr	SS	1m		10	30	0			ev	C/S	6
Bk4	42-60	10YR 4/3	vcbSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	1c		10	40	0			ev		6
			<u> </u>															

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Area /State:		Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K - 13	
Location:			N 43.88172	W -113.67045	5					1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:			Gany						Vegetation:		Mixed forest	ed, localized	disturbance				
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	8,276 ft						Slope:	25-35%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	ntered			Drainage:	Well Drained	1	Depth to Res	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Higl	n Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	d	Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		No			Depths:												
Miscellaneo	us Notes:				1	1			1	1	1			1		1		
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure		Consistence		Roots	Pores	% (Coarse Fragn	nent	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
	(111.)	moistj	rexture			Dry	Moist	Wet			GRV	Сь	St					
А	0 - 7	7.5YR 2.5/2	grSL		2gr	so	vfr	SS			20	2	0				C/S	5
Bk1	7 - 14	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1sbk	so	fr	s			40	5	0			s	C/S	7
Bk2	14-21	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1 sbk	so	fr	s			45	5	0			S	C/S	7
Bk3	21-30	10YR 4/4	cbSL		1 sbk	so	fr	ss			20	20	0			ES		6

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Min	e Baseline Stu	dy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sow	/ers
Area /State	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K -1 4	
Location:		N 43.89796 W	-113.67766							T								
Soil Type/C	lassification	:	Gany			1				Vegetation:		Sagebrush ar	d grasses			1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,665 ft						Slope:	15-25%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Dry				1	Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered	1		Drainage:	Well Drained	1	Depth to Res	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated I	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated Ir	filtration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Samp	es Collected:	:	No			Depths:												
Miscellaneo	ous Notes:	20% Surficial S	Stones				Consistence				0/ (Coarse Fragn	4					
Horizon	Depth (in.)	Color (dry or moist)	USDA Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 8	10YR 2/1	SL		lgr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		10	0					C/S	3
Bw	8 - 17	10YR 3/3	grSL		1sbk	so	fr	s	2f		20	10					C/S	4
Bk	17 - 27	10YR 3/3	vcbSL		1sbk	sh	fr	SS	1m		10	40				s		4

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Area /State	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K - 15	
Location:			N 43.89364	W -113.67835	;					1								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Gany			1				Vegetation:		Forested				I		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	erial:	Limestone	Colluvium				I			Climate:	Moist Winter/	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,815 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	Northeast	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	ntered			Drainage:	Well Draine	d	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounter	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated P	ermeability:		N/A		Estimated I	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		Yes, 4 Samp	ples		Depths:	0"-7", 7"-19"	, 19"-32", ar	nd 32"-41"									
Soil Sample	s Analyzed:		None			Depths:												
Miscellaneo																		
	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA				Consistence				% (Coarse Frag	nent	_				
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 7	10YR 3/2	grSL		2gr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		5	30	0				C/S	4
Bk1	7 - 19	10YR 4/3	vgrSL		1 sbk	sh	fr	s	2f		30	10	0			ES	C/S	8
Bk2	19 - 32	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1 sbk	so	vfr	s	lm		25	10	0			ES	C/S	8
Bk3	32 - 41	10YR 4/4	vebSL		1 sbk	so	vfr	ss	1m		15	40	0			ES		7

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Area /State:		Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K - 16	
Location:		N 43.89265 W	-113.65977							T								
Soil Type/C	lassification:		Gany			1				Vegetation:		Forested				1		
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mate	rial:	Limestone (Colluvium							Climate:	Moist Winter	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,034 ft						Slope:	30%		Aspect:	North	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwate	er: Not Encou	intered			Drainage:	Well Drained	1	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	er:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated I	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated In	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected:		No			Depths:												
Miscellaneo	us Notes:																	
п .	Depth	Color (dry or	USDA	M (4)	<u> </u>		Consistence		- n (D	% (Coarse Fragn	nent		н		D	
Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0-7	7.5YR 2.5/2	grSL		2gr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		20	2					C/S	3
AB	7-15	7.5YR 3/3	grSL		1sbk	so	fr	SS	2vf		15	2					C/S	4
Bk1	15-29	10YR 4/4	vgrSL		1sbk	so	vfr	s	1m		40	2				Es	C/S	5
Bk2	29-44	10YR 4/4	vcbSL		1sbk	sh	fr	s	1c		30	25				Ev		6

Client	Konnex Res	ources			Project No.	2017220015			Project	Empire Mine	e Baseline Stu	ıdy				Soil Scientist	Michael Sov	vers
Area /State:	:	Mackay, Idaho								Date:	8/2/2018					No.	K - 17	
Location:		N 43.89089 W	-113.67368							1								
Soil Type/C	lassification		Gany			1				Vegetation:		Forested						
Landform:	Upland					Parent Mat	erial:	Limestone (Colluvium				T			Climate:	Moist Winter	Dry Summer
Relief:						Elevation:	7,738 ft						Slope:	25%		Aspect:	East	
Moisture:	Dry					Groundwat	er: Not Encou	intered	-		Drainage:	Well Draine	ed	Depth to Re	strictive Lay	ver:	Not Encounte	red
Depth to Se	asonally Hig	h Water Table:	Not Encour	ntered	Root Distrib	ution:	Not Describe	ed	Estimated F	Permeability:		N/A		Estimated I	nfiltration R	ate:	N/A	
Soils Sampl	es Collected		Yes, 4 Samp	ples		Depths:	0"-7", 7"-17'	', 17"-26", an	d 26"-40"									
Soil Sample	es Analyzed:		None			Depths:												
Miscellaneo	ous Notes:																	
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Horizon	(in.)	moist)	Texture	Mottles	Structure	Dry	Moist	Wet	Roots	Pores	GRV	Cb	St	Clay Films	рН	Carbonates	Boundary	% Clay
А	0 - 7	10YR 2/1	vgrSL		2gr	so	vfr	SS	3vf		40	0	0				C/S	3
Bk1	7 - 17	10YR 4/2	vgrSL		1sbk	so	vfr	SS	2m		45	0	0			ES	C/S	4
Bk2	17 - 26	10YR 4/3	vgrSL		1sbk	sh	fr	s	2m		45	0	0			ES	C/S	7
Bk3	26 - 40	10YR 4/3	vgrLS		1sbk	so	fr	s	1c		50	10	0			EV		8

Appendix D.

Reclamation Suitability Report

Source of Reclamation Material, Roadfill, and Topsoil (ID)

This table gives information about the soils as potential sources of reclamation material, roadfill, and topsoil. Normal compaction, minor processing, and other standard construction practices are assumed.

The soils are rated *good*, *fair*, or *poor* as potential sources of reclamation material, roadfill, and topsoil. The features that limit the soils as sources of these materials are specified in the table. Numerical ratings between 0.00 and 0.99 are given after the specified features. These numbers indicate the degree to which the features limit the soils as sources of topsoil, reclamation material, or roadfill. The lower the number, the greater the limitation.

Reclamation material is used in areas that have been drastically disturbed by surface mining or similar activities. When these areas are reclaimed, layers of soil material or unconsolidated geological material, or both, are replaced in a vertical sequence. The reconstructed soil favors plant growth. The ratings in the table do not apply to quarries and other mined areas that require an offsite source of reconstruction material. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect erosion and stability of the surface and the productive potential of the reconstructed soil. These properties include the content of sodium, salts, and calcium carbonate; reaction; available water capacity; erodibility; texture; content of rock fragments; and content of organic matter and other features that affect fertility.

Roadfill is soil material that is excavated in one place and used in road embankments in another place. In this table, the soils are rated as a source of roadfill for low embankments, generally less than 6 feet high and less exacting in design than higher embankments. The ratings are for the whole soil, from the surface to a depth of about 5 feet. It is assumed that soil layers will be mixed when the soil material is excavated and spread.

The ratings are based on the amount of suitable material and on soil properties that affect the ease of excavation and the performance of the material after it is in place. The thickness of the suitable material is a major consideration. The ease of excavation is affected by large stones, depth to a water table, and slope. How well the soil performs in place after it has been compacted and drained is determined by its strength (as inferred from the AASHTO classification of the soil) and linear extensibility (shrink-swell potential).

Topsoil is used to cover an area so that vegetation can be established and maintained. The upper 40 inches of a soil is evaluated for use as topsoil. Also evaluated is the reclamation potential of the borrow area. The ratings are based on the soil properties that affect plant growth; the ease of excavating, loading, and spreading the material; and reclamation of the borrow area. Toxic substances, soil reaction, and the properties that are inferred from soil texture, such as available water capacity and fertility, affect plant growth. The ease of excavating, loading, and spreading is affected by rock fragments, slope, depth to a water table, soil texture, and thickness of suitable material. Reclamation of the borrow area is affected by slope, depth to a water table, rock fragments, depth to bedrock or a cemented pan, and toxic material.

The surface layer of most soils is generally preferred for topsoil because of its organic matter content. Organic matter greatly increases the absorption and retention of moisture and nutrients for plant growth.

Information in this table is intended for land use planning, for evaluating land use alternatives, and for planning site investigations prior to design and construction. The information, however, has limitations. For example, estimates and other data generally apply only to that part of the soil between the surface and a depth of 5 to 7 feet. Because of the map scale, small areas of different soils may be included within the mapped areas of a specific soil.

The information is not site specific and does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation of the soils or for testing and analysis by personnel experienced in the design and construction of engineering works.

Government ordinances and regulations that restrict certain land uses or impose specific design criteria were not considered in preparing the information in this table. Local ordinances and regulations should be considered in planning, in site selection, and in design.

The criteria for the ratings in this table were developed for conditions in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Report—Source of Reclamation Material, Roadfill, and Topsoil (ID)

[Onsite investigation may be needed to validate the interpretations in this table and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site. The numbers in the value columns range from 0.00 to 0.99. The smaller the value, the greater the limitation]

Source of Reclamati	on Matei	rial, Roadfill, and Topso	• •	Custer-Lemhi Area, Ida nties	ho, Parts	of Blaine, Custer, and	Lemhi
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map	Potential as a sour reclamation mate		Potential as a sour roadfill	rce of	Potential as a sour topsoil (ID)	ce of
	unit	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
79—Gany gravelly loam, 30 to 60 percent slopes							
Gany	80	Fair		Poor		Poor	
		Low content of organic matter	0.13	Slope	0.00	Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.00
		Carbonate content	0.16	Stones	0.99	Rock fragments	0.00
		Too acid	0.50	Cobble content	0.99	Slope	0.00
		Droughty	0.94			No limitation	0.00
		Stone content	0.95			Carbonate content	0.73

Source of Reclamati	on Mate	rial, Roadfill, and Tops		Custer-Lemhi Area, Ida nties	iho, Parts	of Blaine, Custer, and	Lemhi
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map	Potential as a sou reclamation mate		Potential as a sou roadfill	rce of	Potential as a sour topsoil (ID)	rce of
	unit	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
93—Howcan- Hagenbarth- Hutchley complex, 5 to 60 percent slopes							
Howcan	35	Fair		Poor		Poor	
		Low content of organic matter	0.88	Slope	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Droughty	0.98	Dusty	0.98	Slope	0.00
				Cobble content	0.98	No limitation	0.00
						Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.00
Hagenbarth	30	Fair		Poor		Poor	
		Low content of organic matter	0.88	Slope	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Water erosion	0.99	Shrink-swell	0.89	Slope	0.00
				Dusty	0.93	No limitation	0.00
						Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.32
Hutchley	20	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Droughty	0.00	Depth to bedrock	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Depth to bedrock	0.00	Cobble content	0.73	No limitation	0.00
				Shrink-swell	0.87	Depth to bedrock	0.00
				Dusty	0.92	Slope	0.16
						Too clayey	0.81

Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Potential as a source of reclamation material		Potential as a source of roadfill		Potential as a source of topsoil (ID)	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
95—Ike-Rock outcrop-Jimbee complex, 15 to 60 percent slopes							
Ike, very stony surface	45	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Droughty	0.00	Depth to bedrock	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Slope	0.00
		Depth to bedrock	0.00	Stones	0.56	No limitation	0.00
		Low content of organic matter	0.50	Dusty	0.97	Depth to bedrock	0.00
		Stone content	0.56			Carbonate content	0.00
Rock outcrop	20	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
Jimbee	15	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Droughty	0.00	Depth to bedrock	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Slope	0.00
		Depth to bedrock	0.00	Stones	0.79	No limitation	0.00
		Stone content	0.79			Depth to bedrock	0.00
						Carbonate content	0.00
96—Inferno- Grouseville association, 15 to 50 percent slopes							
Inferno	45	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Too clayey	0.00	Slope	0.00	Too clayey	0.00
		Low content of organic matter	0.13	Shrink-swell	0.18	Slope	0.00
				Low strength	0.22	No limitation	0.00
				Dusty	0.86	Rock fragments	0.00
						Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.68
Grouseville	35	Fair		Poor		Poor	
		Too clayey	0.59	Low strength	0.00	Slope	0.00
		Water erosion	0.99	Slope	0.00	No limitation	0.00
				Shrink-swell	0.22	Too clayey	0.00
				Dusty	0.89	Rock fragments	0.72

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Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Potential as a source of reclamation material		Potential as a source of roadfill		Potential as a source of topsoil (ID)	
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
97—Jimbee-Rock outcrop-Ike association, 30 to 75 percent slopes							
Jimbee	45	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Droughty	0.00	Depth to bedrock	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Slope	0.00
		Depth to bedrock	0.00	Stones	0.79	No limitation	0.00
		Stone content	0.79			Depth to bedrock	0.00
						Carbonate content	0.00
Rock outcrop	20	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
lke, very stony surface	15	Poor		Poor		Poor	
		Droughty	0.00	Depth to bedrock	0.00	Rock fragments	0.00
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Slope	0.00
		Depth to bedrock	0.00	Stones	0.56	No limitation	0.00
		Low content of organic matter	0.50	Dusty	0.97	Depth to bedrock	0.00
		Stone content	0.56			Carbonate content	0.00
190—Simeroi gravelly loam, 6 to 15 percent slopes							
Simeroi	95	Poor		Good		Poor	
		Carbonate content	0.00			Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.00
		Droughty	0.07			Rock fragments	0.00
		Low content of organic matter	0.88			No limitation	0.00
						Carbonate content	0.00
						Slope	0.84

Source of Reclamation Material, Roadfill, and Topsoil (ID)–Custer-Lemhi Area, Idaho, Parts of Blaine, Custer, and Lemhi Counties								
Map symbol and soil name	Pct. of map unit	Potential as a source of reclamation material		Potential as a source of roadfill		Potential as a source of topsoil (ID)		
		Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	
244—Zeale-Meegero complex, 20 to 40 percent slopes								
Zeale	55	Poor		Poor		Poor		
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.00	
		Cobble content	0.96	Cobble content	0.40	Rock fragments	0.00	
		Droughty	0.99			Slope	0.00	
						No limitation	0.00	
						Carbonate content	0.00	
Meegero	30	Poor		Poor		Poor		
		Carbonate content	0.00	Slope	0.00	Hard to reclaim (rock fragments)	0.00	
		Low content of organic matter	0.13	Cobble content	0.82	Rock fragments	0.00	
		Cobble content	0.82			Slope	0.00	
		Droughty	0.95			No limitation	0.00	
						Carbonate content	0.30	

Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Challis National Forest, Eastern Part, Idaho
Survey Area Data: Version 2, Dec 9, 2013
Soil Survey Area: Custer-Lemhi Area, Idaho, Parts of Blaine, Custer, and Lemhi
Counties
Survey Area Data: Version 23, Apr 26, 2018