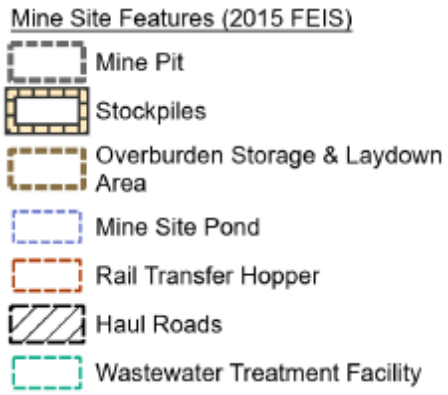
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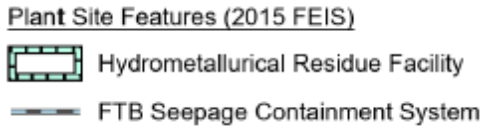
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Greetings, Bill and Caroline!

The purpose of Figure 2 and Figure 3 are to compare the 2026 NewRange NorthMet Project with the 2015 FEIS features, as shown in the legend on each figure. For Figure 2, we specifically have callouts on the stockpiles, to identify them by name, but the other features are labeled in the legend:



The same is true on Figure 3:



We have generated clean figures of the 2026 NewRange NorthMet Project to be used for the Draft SEIS process; however, the figures provided with our draft preparation notice were intended to provide an easy visualization of the changes in design that have happened between the 2015 FEIS and our new 2026 NewRange NorthMet Project.

If you would prefer to have clean figures at this stage, which don't consider the difference in the project over time, we can provide them at this time. Would these be required for your

current decision on if an SEIS is required or for the next stage?

Thank you,
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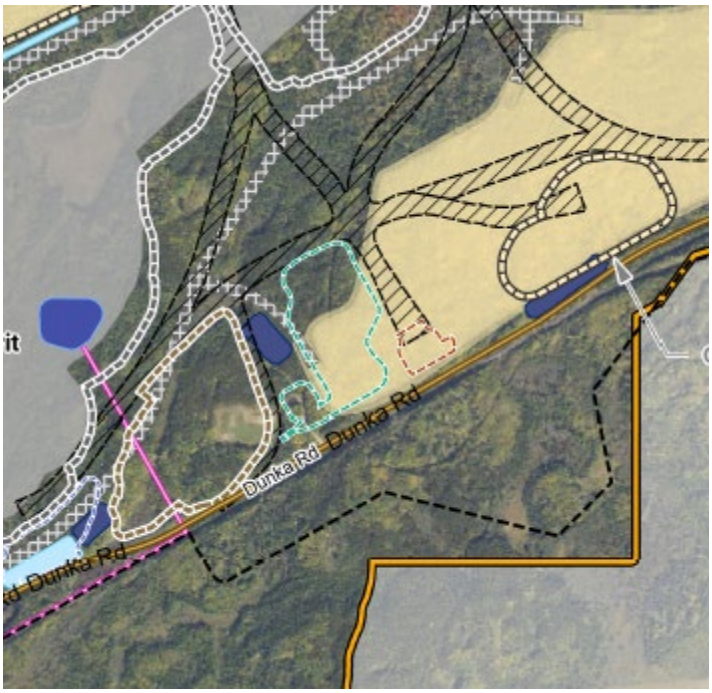
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Hello Christie. This is Query 3 to support DNR's consideration of NewRange's request and material evidence for the NewRange NorthMet Mining Project.

Table 1, Primary Project Changes, notes on .pdf page 7 that "WWTP and WWTF are combined into a single WWTS at the Plant Site" that represents a change to the Final EIS Action during permitting.

If I'm understanding correctly, Figure 2 is a rendering of the proposed NewRange Project at the Mine Site that includes the now former "shadow polygons" of some previous project features. If this interpretation is correct, then the polygon at the arrow below is the former WWTF that is no longer part of the project? This might be clearer if the former WWTF and former OSLA area were labeled similarly as the "Ore Surge Pile (2015 FEIS)" that is provided on Figure 2.



While this figure does have value, having a “clean” representation of the Mine Site under the NewRange Project probably has value as well. Please consider generating such a figure for DNR’s record. While the same issue is present for Figure 3, it is not quite as pronounced because the hydromet residue facility and FTB are both located on the northern side of the PolyMet Project (and are easier to visually track).

Thanks in advance for your assistance with this matter. Please provide your response as soon as possible to facilitate DNR’s consideration of the request and material evidence. Let me know if you have any questions. Bill J. and Caroline O.

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