



# **Developing the Ambler Mining District to Produce Metals for the Future**

## **Our Partnership with AIDEA**

**AIDEA BOARD PRESENTATION  
January 15, 2020**

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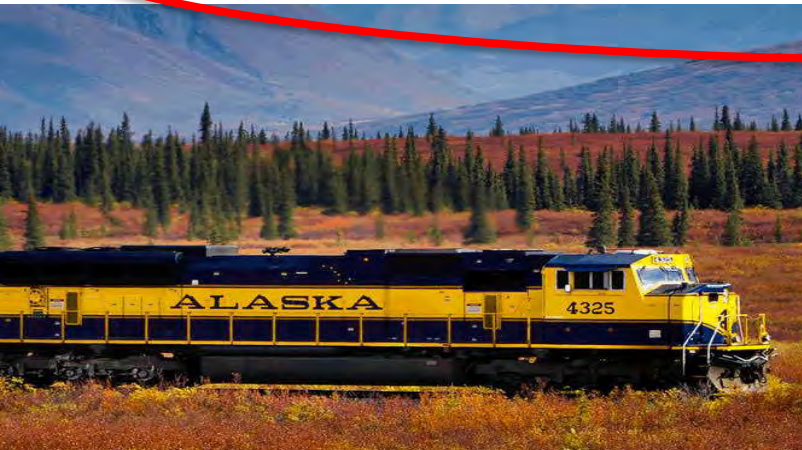


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# Ambler Mining District - Alaska

Safe Jurisdiction – Mining District Hosts Deposits Rich in *Copper, Zinc, Lead, Gold, Silver & Cobalt*



- Politically Stable
- Rule of Law
- Recognized Mineral Potential
- Resource Extractive Industries are the Largest Contributors to Alaska's Economy
- Well Established Permitting Process
- Supportive Borough Gov't – tax base for region
- NANA Agreement

- NANA - Alaskan Regional Native Corporation with 14,000 Iñupiat shareholders
- Land owner and Joint partner with Teck on Red Dog
- Red Dog is the largest Zinc mine in the world operating for nearly 30 years
- Good jobs and Local taxes from Red Dog supports NW Arctic Borough Government and School District

➔ **Strong local support for Mining**



# Truck Transportation Plan



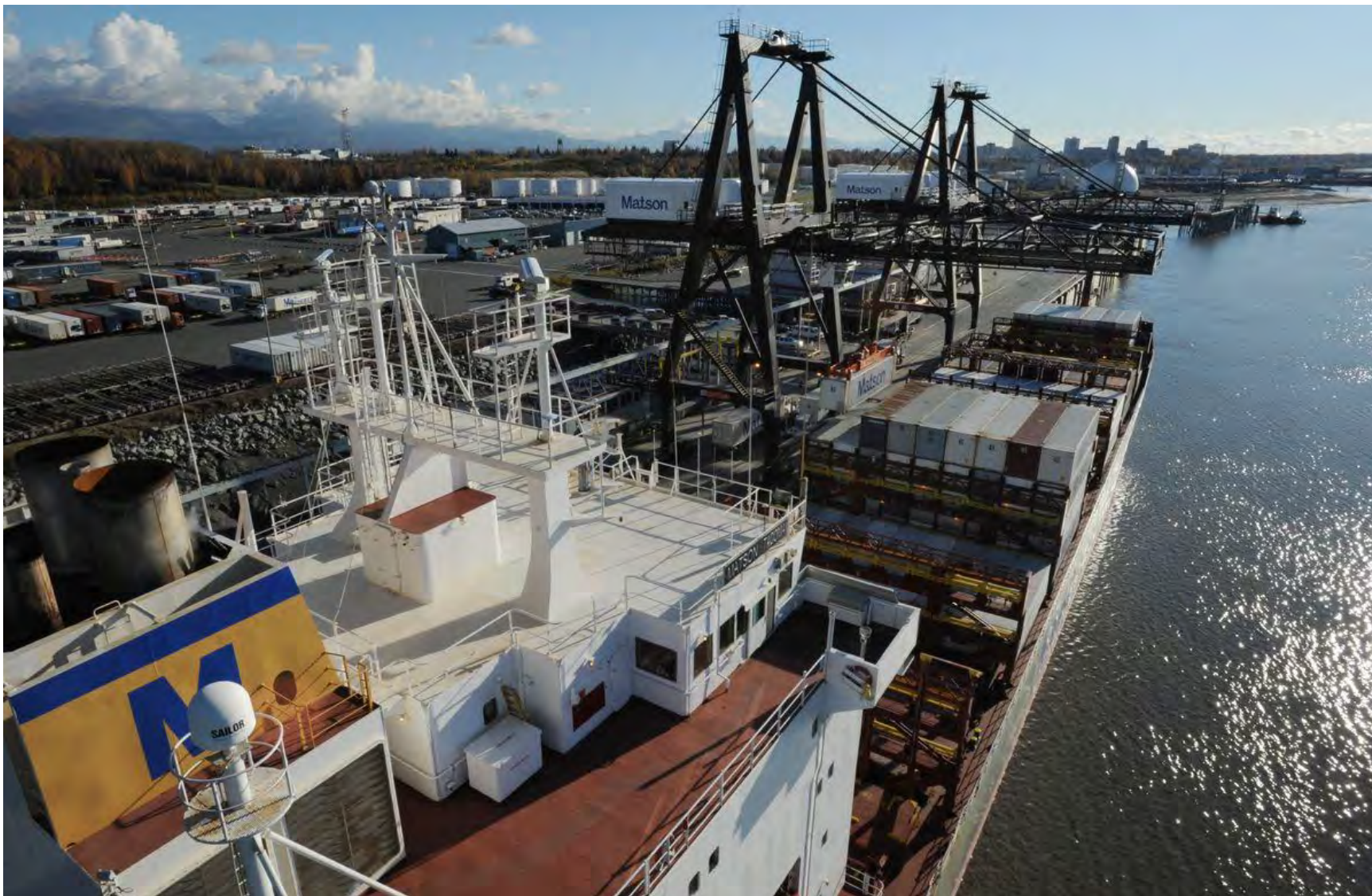


# Concentrates Containers – Sealed and Easy to Stack and Load Directly into Ship





# Port of Alaska - Anchorage





# Concentrates Loaded Directly into Ship Port of Alaska - Anchorage



**Good for the Environment  
Saves Money  
= Better \$Green Solution**





# Concentrates Shipped to Asia Processed in Usable Metals

Only Export from Port of Anchorage



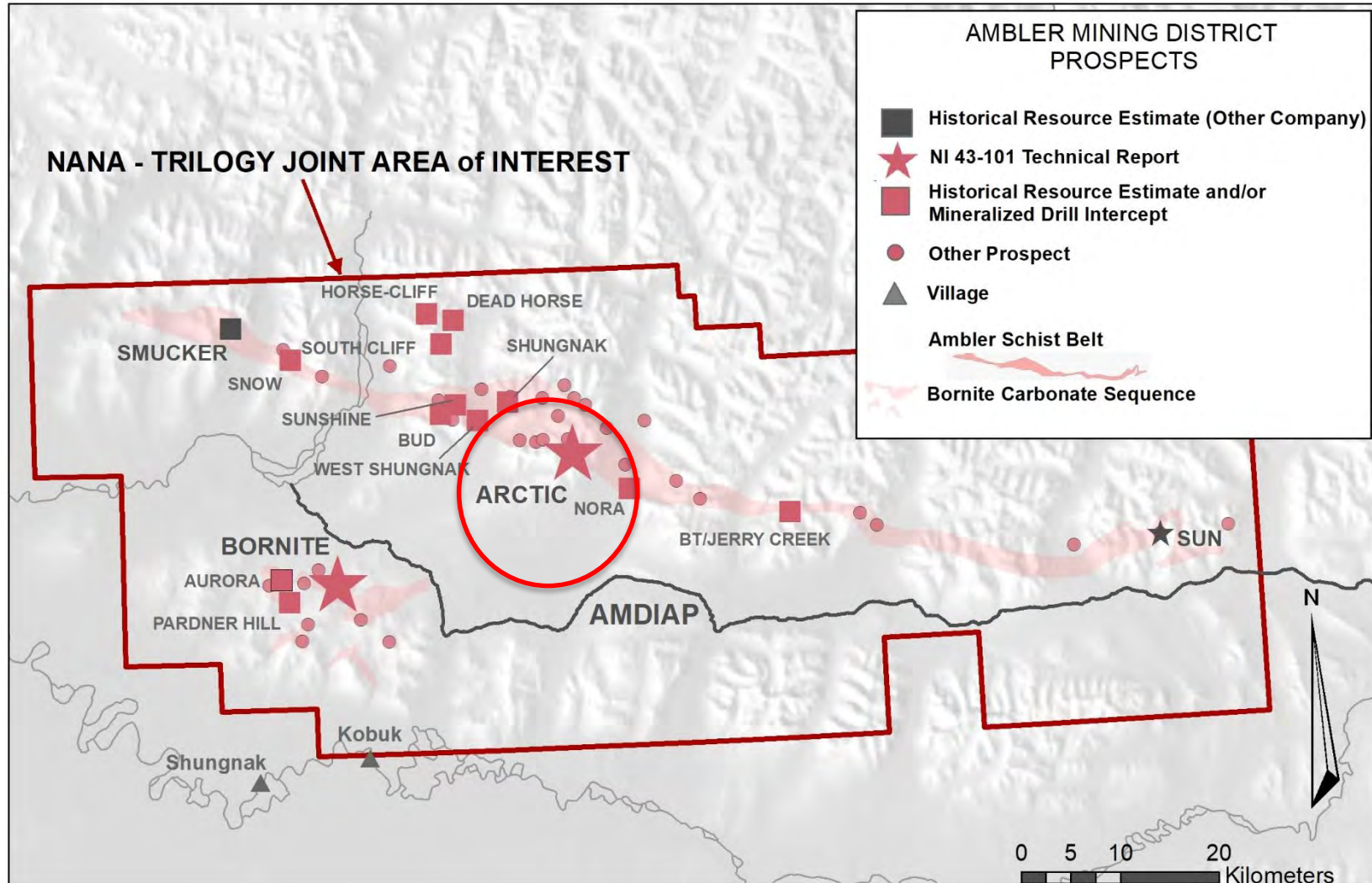
- The containers look like 20' Sea Containers and Measure: 20'L X 8'W X 6.6'H
- The containers will carry 30 tons of concentrate (separate for copper, zinc and lead/precious metals)
- The containers can be stacked 3 to 4 high when loaded
- Approximately 300 containers transferred per week
- The number of containers we would have at the port between ships would range from 1,350 – 1,700
- Will require between 2.5 – 3.0 acres for our year round storage and movement of containers at both the Port in Anchorage and Fairbanks Rail Yard

➔ No Metal Contaminants along Transportation Route



# Ambler Mining District

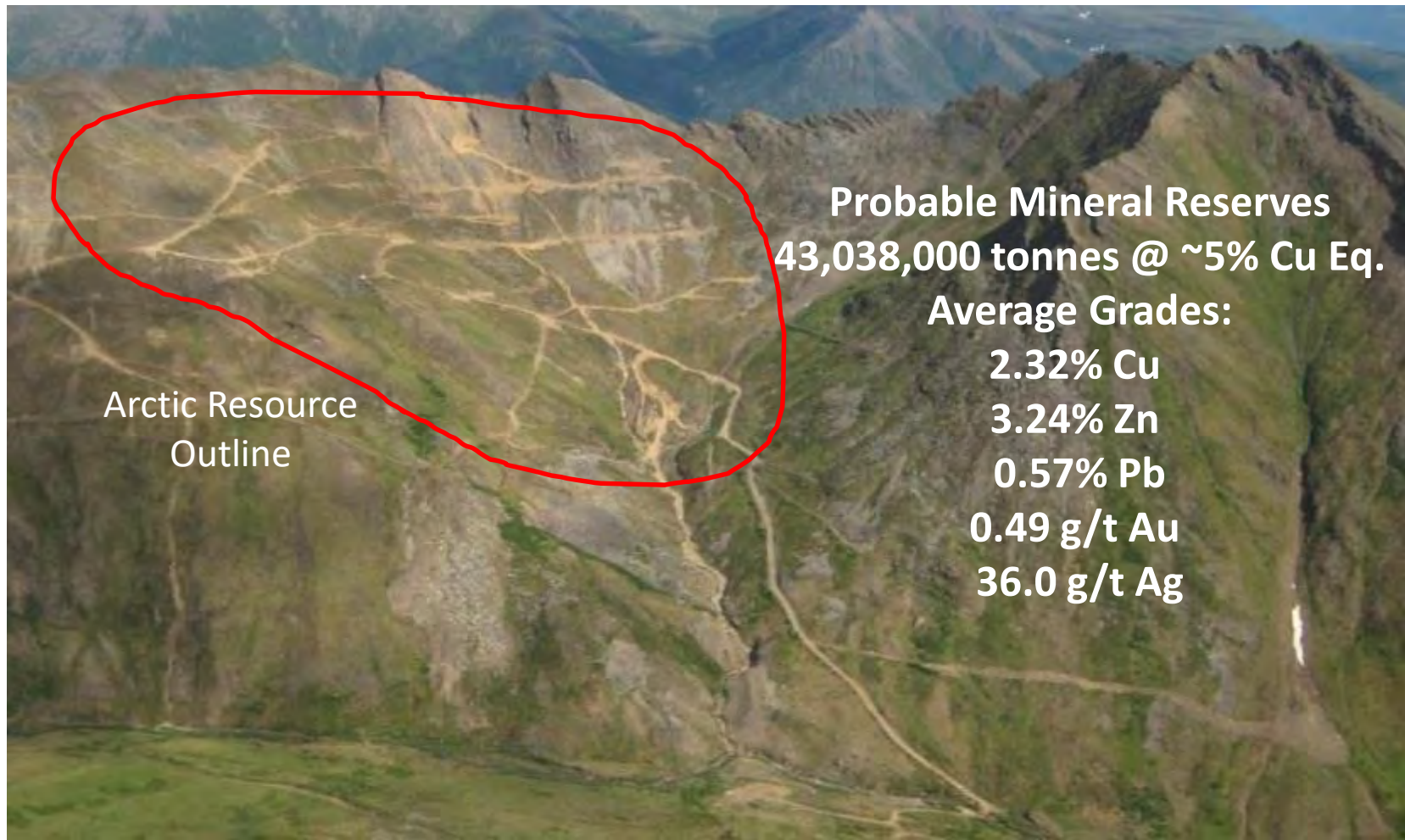
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# Reserves at the Arctic Project



## Probable Mineral Reserves



Additional Inferred Resources of 3.5 Mt, with average grades of 1.71% Cu, 2.72% Zn, 0.60% Pb, 0.36 g/t Au and 28.69 g/t Ag.  
See Appendix for Reserve Estimate for the Arctic Project.



# Arctic Project Development Plan



## Overview of Valley – Looking Northeast





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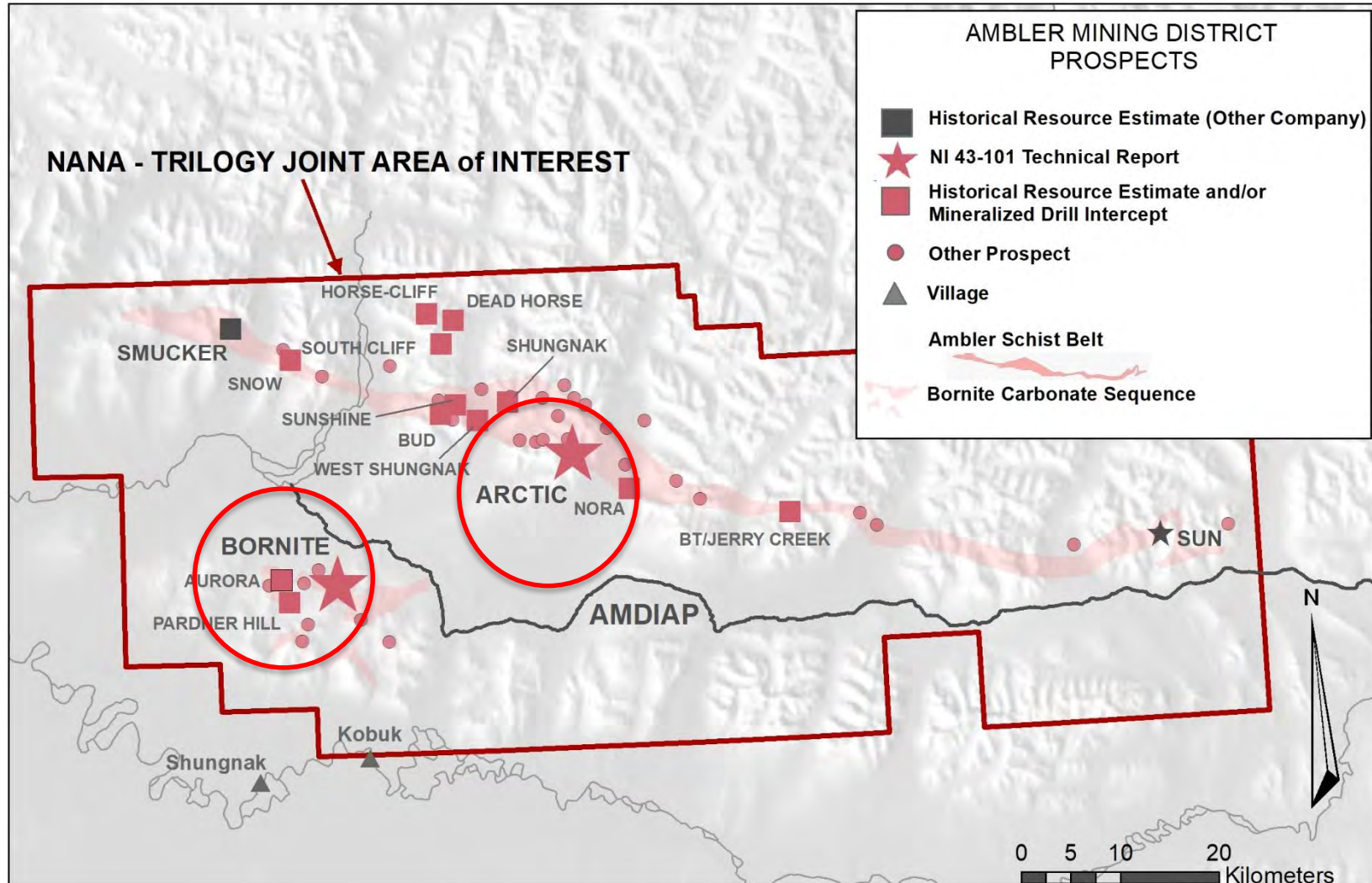
## Feasibility Design Stage: Overview of Mine Site – Looking Northeast





# District Exploration Upside

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# Camp at Bornite





# Bornite Exploration Drilling

## Six Billion Pounds of Copper, 77 Million Pounds of Cobalt and Growing

### 2011-2019 Programs

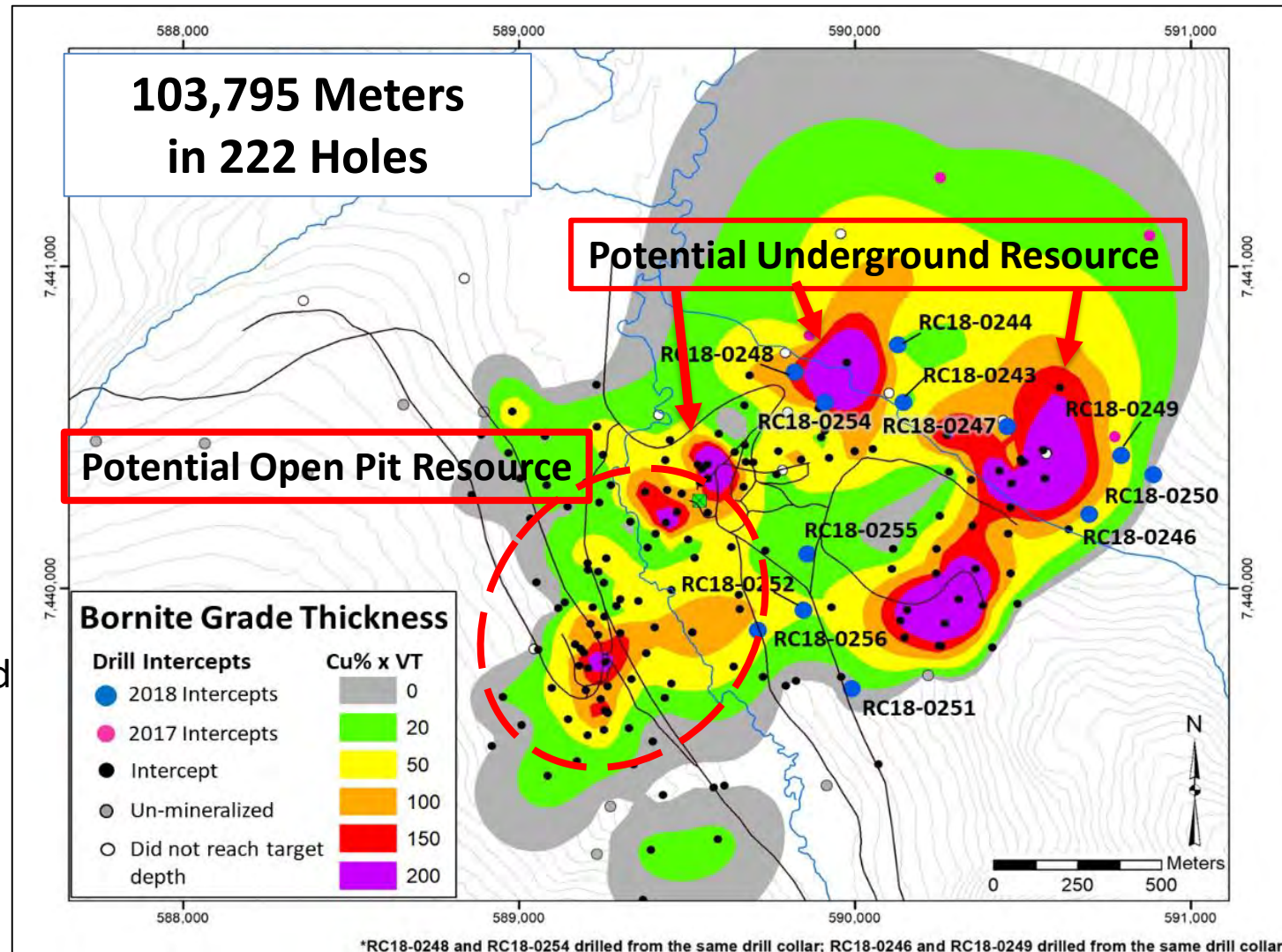
\$US60 Million

56,000 Meters drilled  
in 87 holes

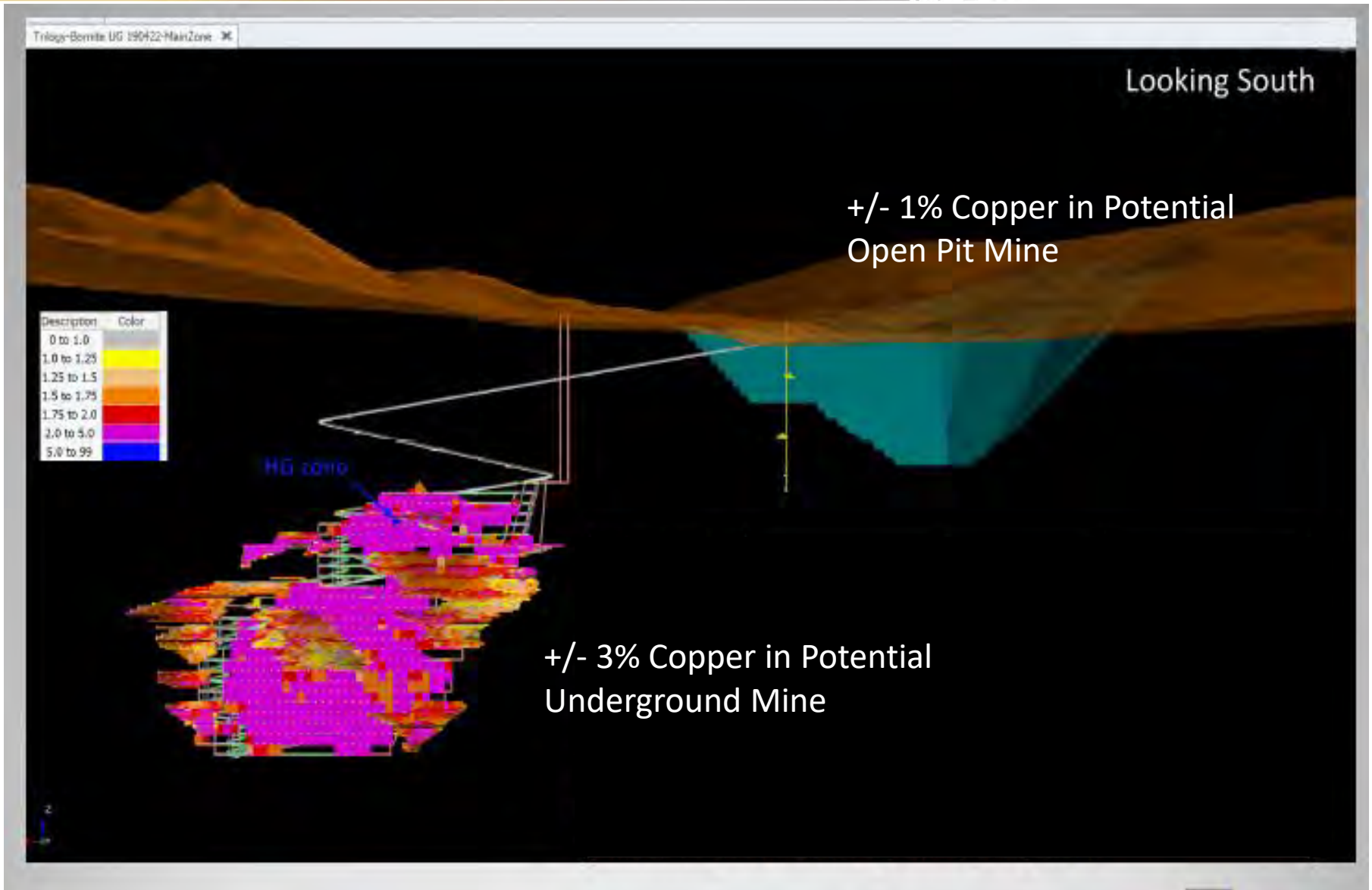
Potential Open Pit  
Resource:  
2.7 Billion lbs Copper  
grading ~1% Cu

Potential Underground  
Mine Resource:  
3.7 Billion lbs Copper  
grading 2.89% Cu

Discovery Cost of  
<1 cent/lb of Copper



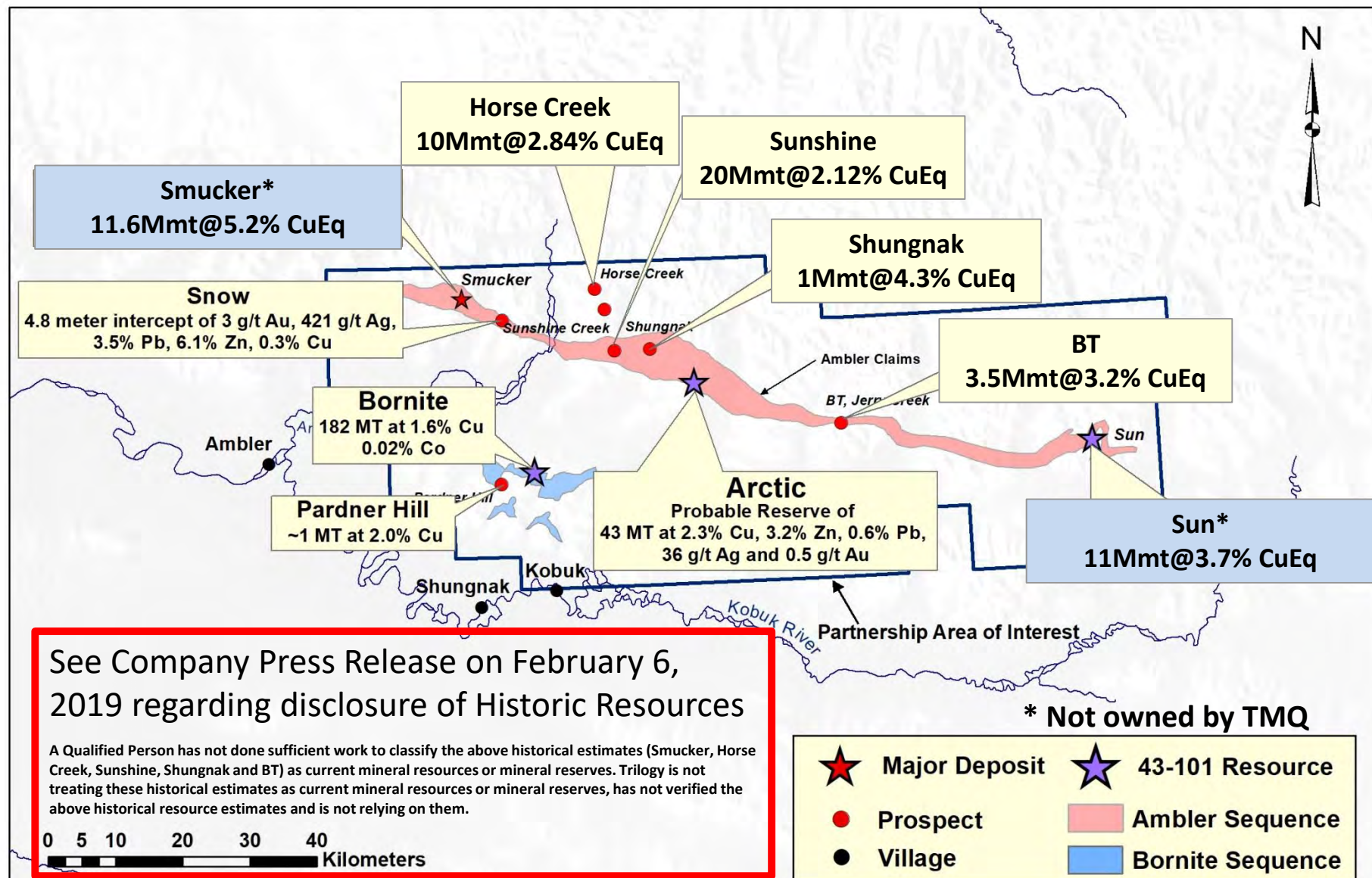
# Bornite: Potential Combined Open Pit and Underground Mine



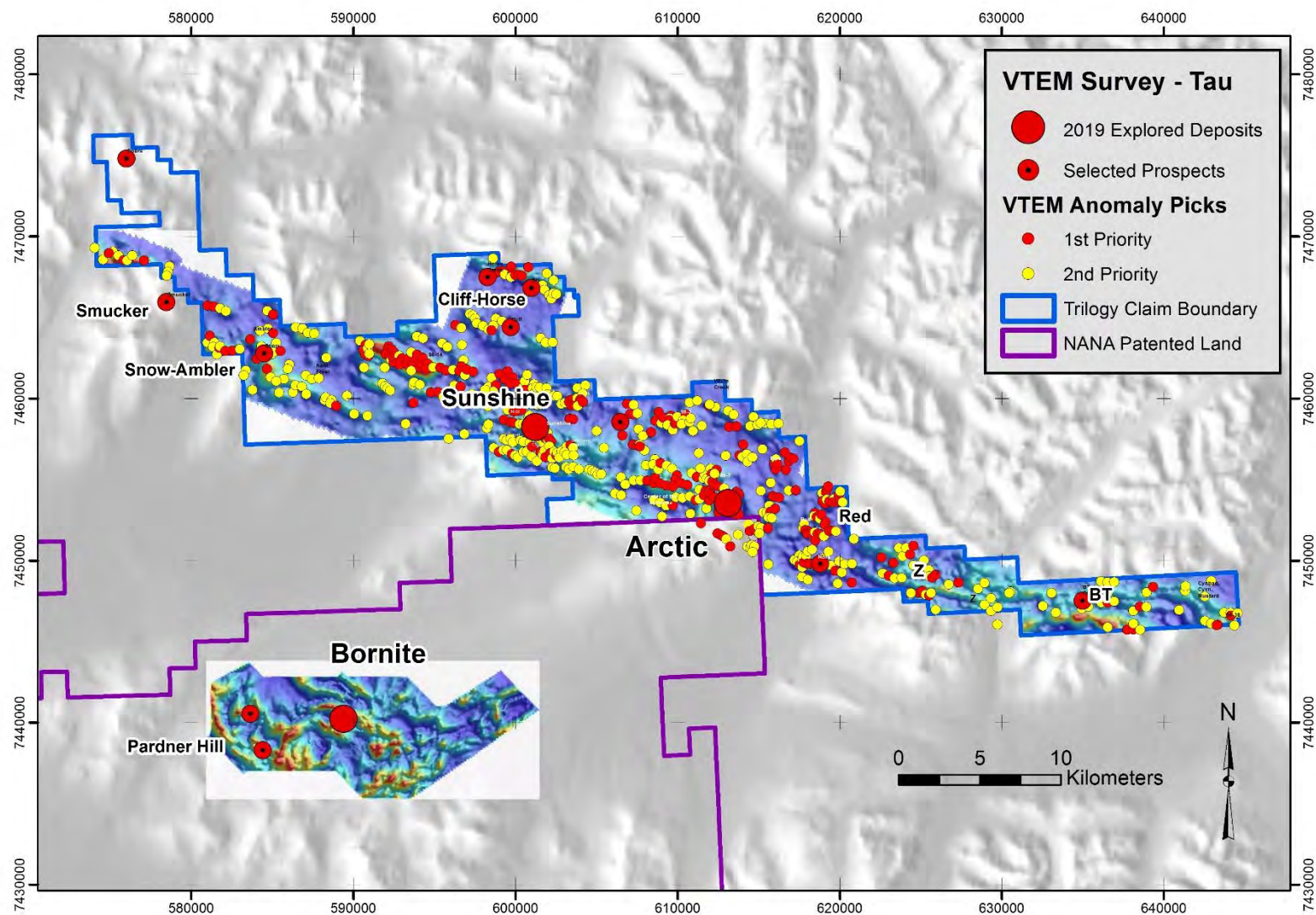


# District Exploration – Pearls on a String

Over 250 Million tonnes of Potential Ore-Grade Resources Identified in the District

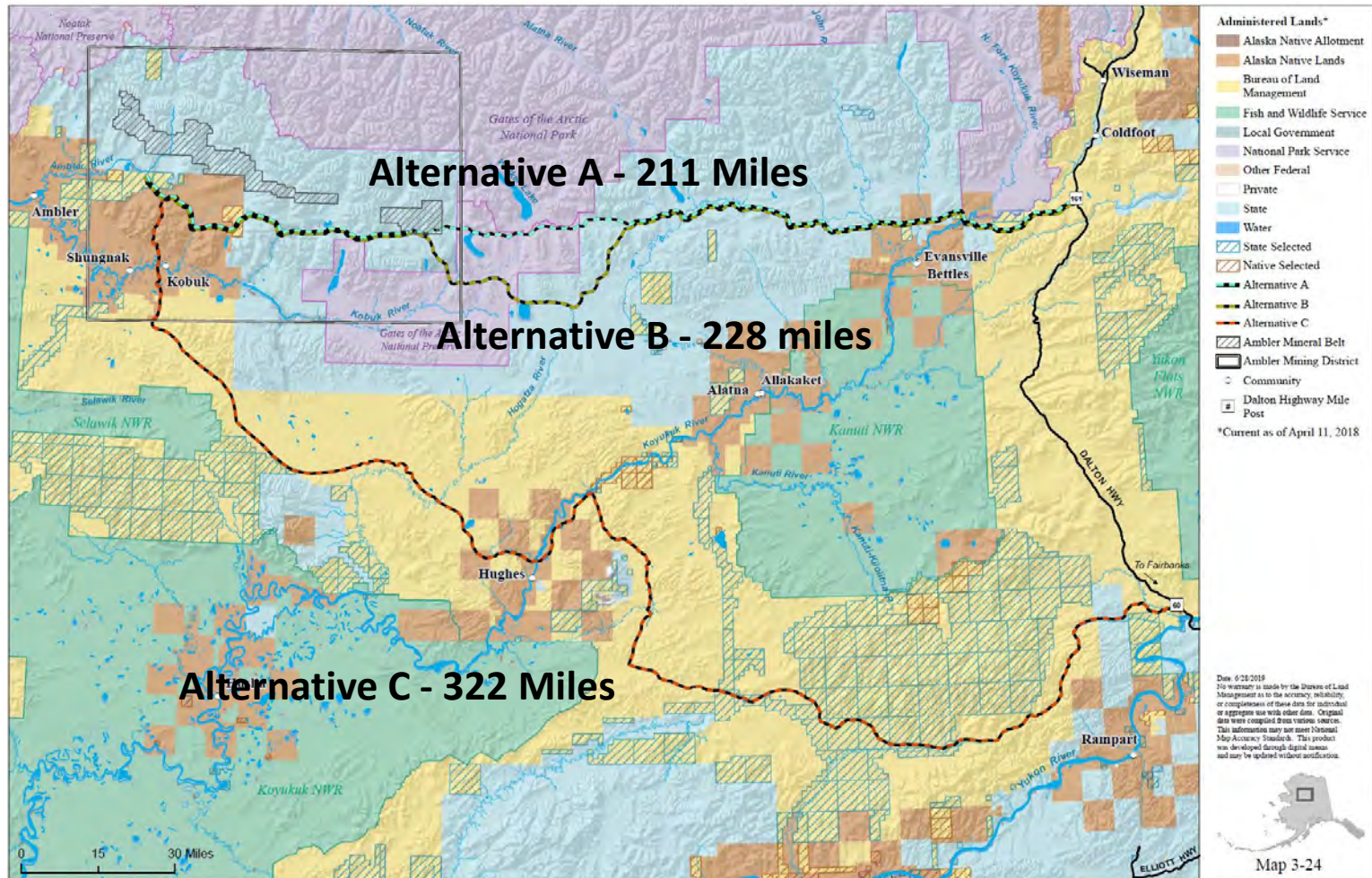


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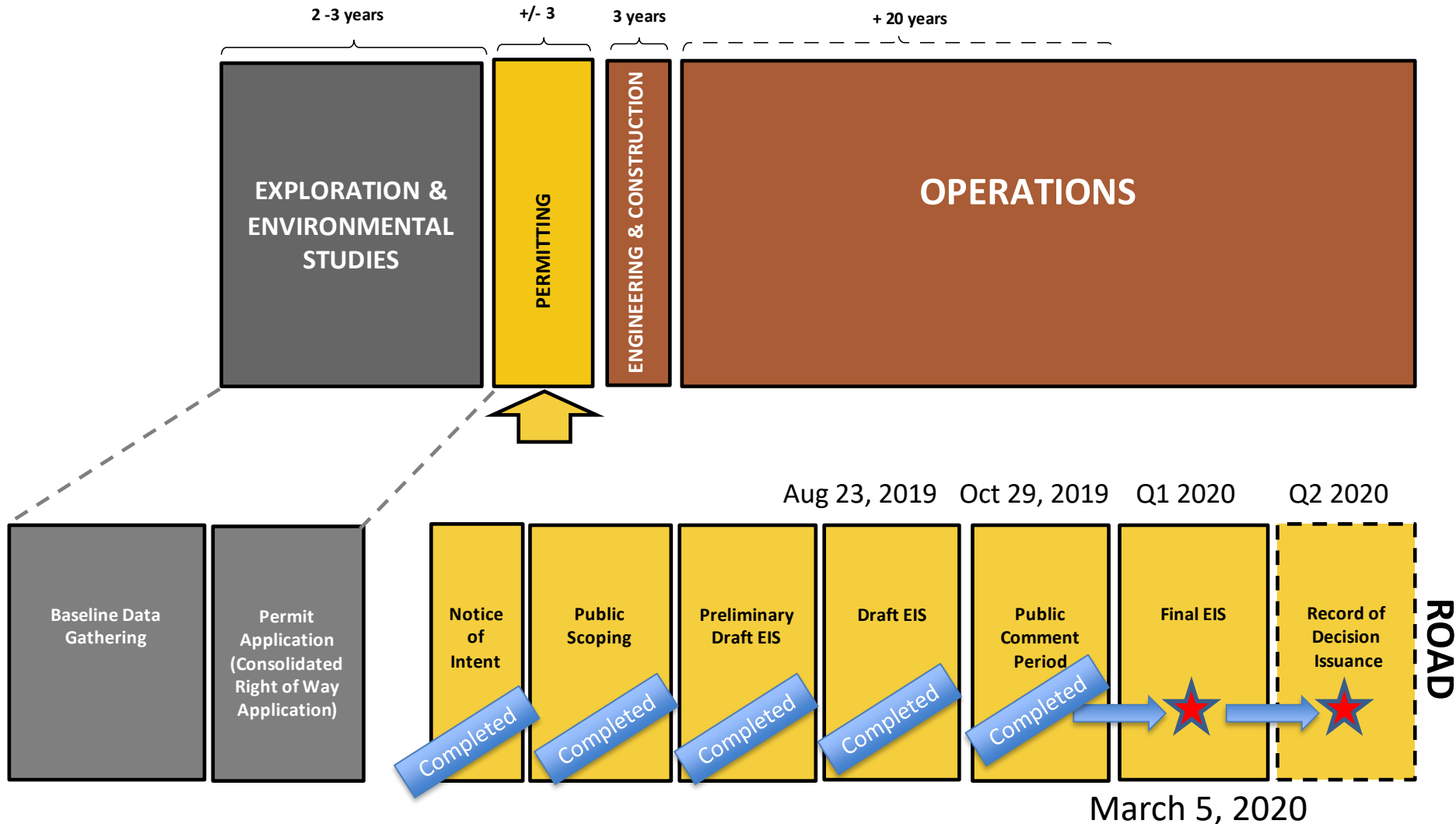
# Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Project (AMDIAP)



**Two parallel processes underway:**

- 1) BLM lead NEPA Review – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
- 2) NPS Environmental Economic Assessment as per ANILCA (EEA)**

# NEPA Road Permitting Process (EIS)



**Expect Bureau of Land Management Final EIS and US Army Corps of Engineers 404 Permit by March 5, 2020 and Joint ROD 30 to 60 Days later**



# NEPA – NOT the End of the Road Permitting Process

Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority

## CHRONOLOGY OF THE AMBLER ROAD DEVELOPMENT & FINANCING



**Still a lot of work to do before AIDEA starts building the Ambler Road**

**Legal Agreements with Land Owners**

**Legal Agreements with Users**

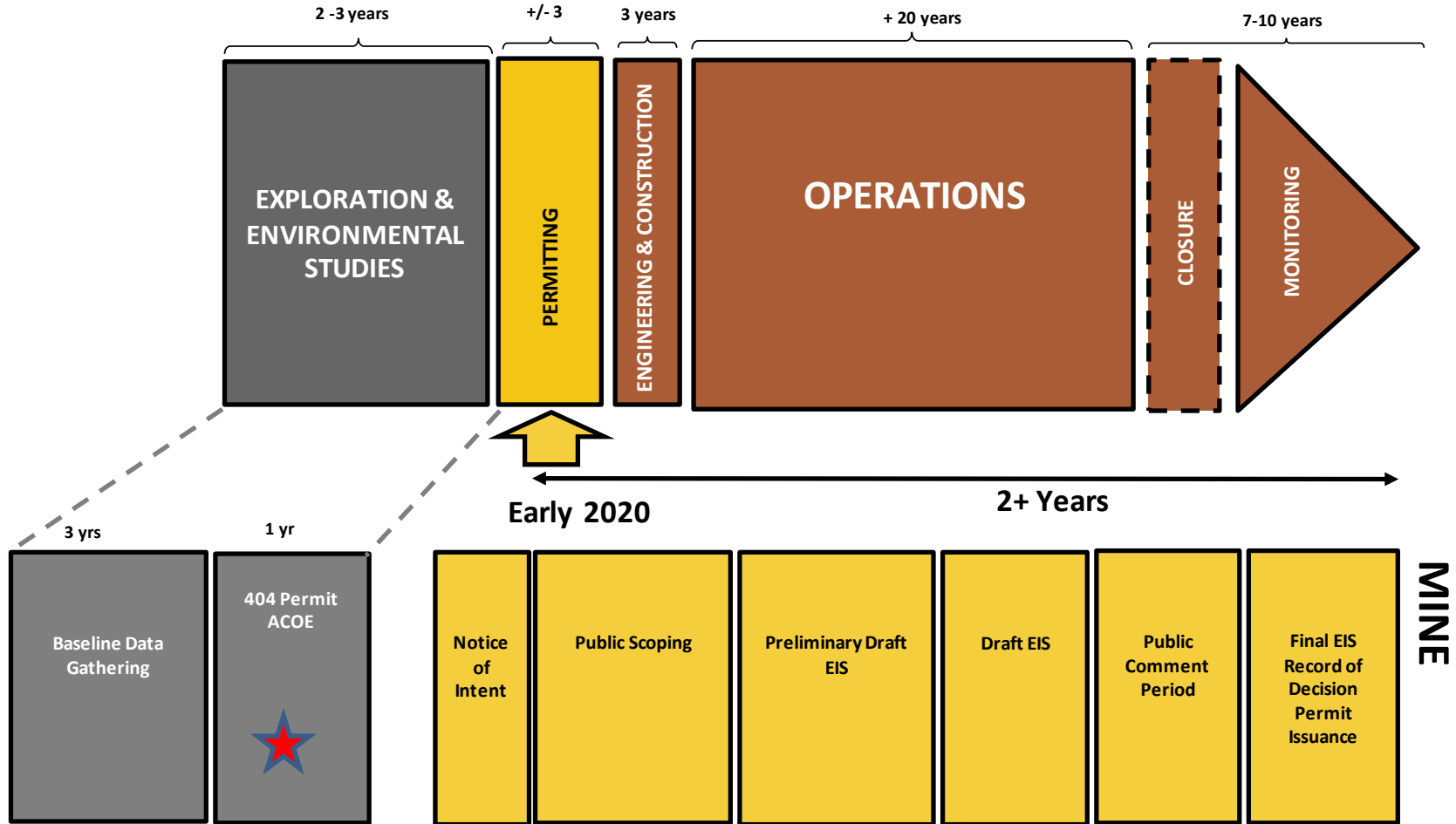
**Establish Subsistence Committee**

**Finalize Design and Costs**

**Financing Plan**

**➔ Construction**

# Arctic Mine Permitting - Same NEPA (EIS) Process



**Start Permitting Process - Submit NOI for Mine in 2020**

**Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) is expected to be the lead agency**



- Trilogy and South 32 Finalizing JV Formation (Mid-February)
- JV and AIDEA then Enter into an MOU to Develop an Execution Plan and Budget for AMDIAP - Including: timelines and milestone dates; responsible parties; and financing plan
- Should Cover
  - Finalize Permitting
  - Final Feasibility Engineering and Design (FEED)
  - Ownership and Owners Rights
  - Construction, Operations and Closure
  - Facilitate alignment with local Governments, Alaska Native Corporations and Tribal Groups
  - Establish Subsistence Committee
- Enter into a Cost Reimbursement Agreement

# Copper and Other Metals are Critical for a Green Energy and Transportation Future



**Audi E-Tron GT**

## Reducing CO2 Requires Global Electrification

**None-CO2 Energy: Wind; Solar; Hydro; Geothermal; and Nuclear**

**Smart Grid Connectivity**

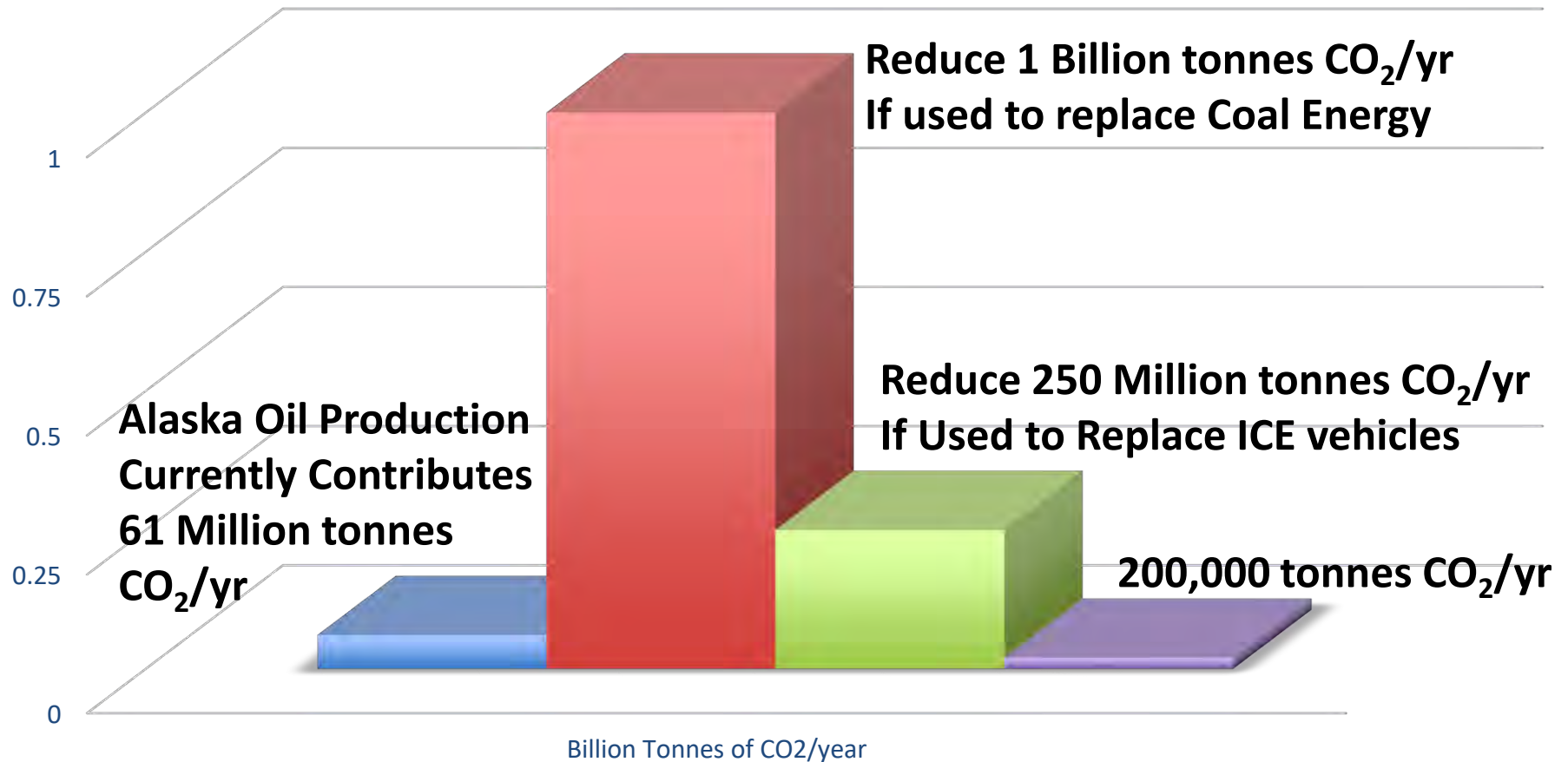
**Battery Storage**

**➔ Require HUGE amounts of Copper and other metals**



# Another Inconvenient Truth

## CO<sub>2</sub> Contributions to the Atmosphere Comparisons Ambler Mining District Copper Deposits



■ Alaska's current oil production CO<sub>2</sub> contribution ■ Ambler Cu used for alternative energy

■ Ambler Cu used for electric vehicles

■ CO<sub>2</sub> produced from Ambler Mining District

# Remarkable, Irreplaceable and Infinitely Recyclable



Copper plays a significant role in transition to a low-carbon economy



More and More... **copper**



**80%**  
**Recycled**

Think **Green** Think **Copper**

Plus Zinc and Precious Metals



Taikuu!

