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November 8, 2023

Governor Randall Vicente
Pueblo of Acoma
P.O. Box 309
Acoma Pueblo, NM 87034

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Permit Application to Update the Closure/Closeout Plan for the Continental Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Revision 23-1 Permit No. GR002RE

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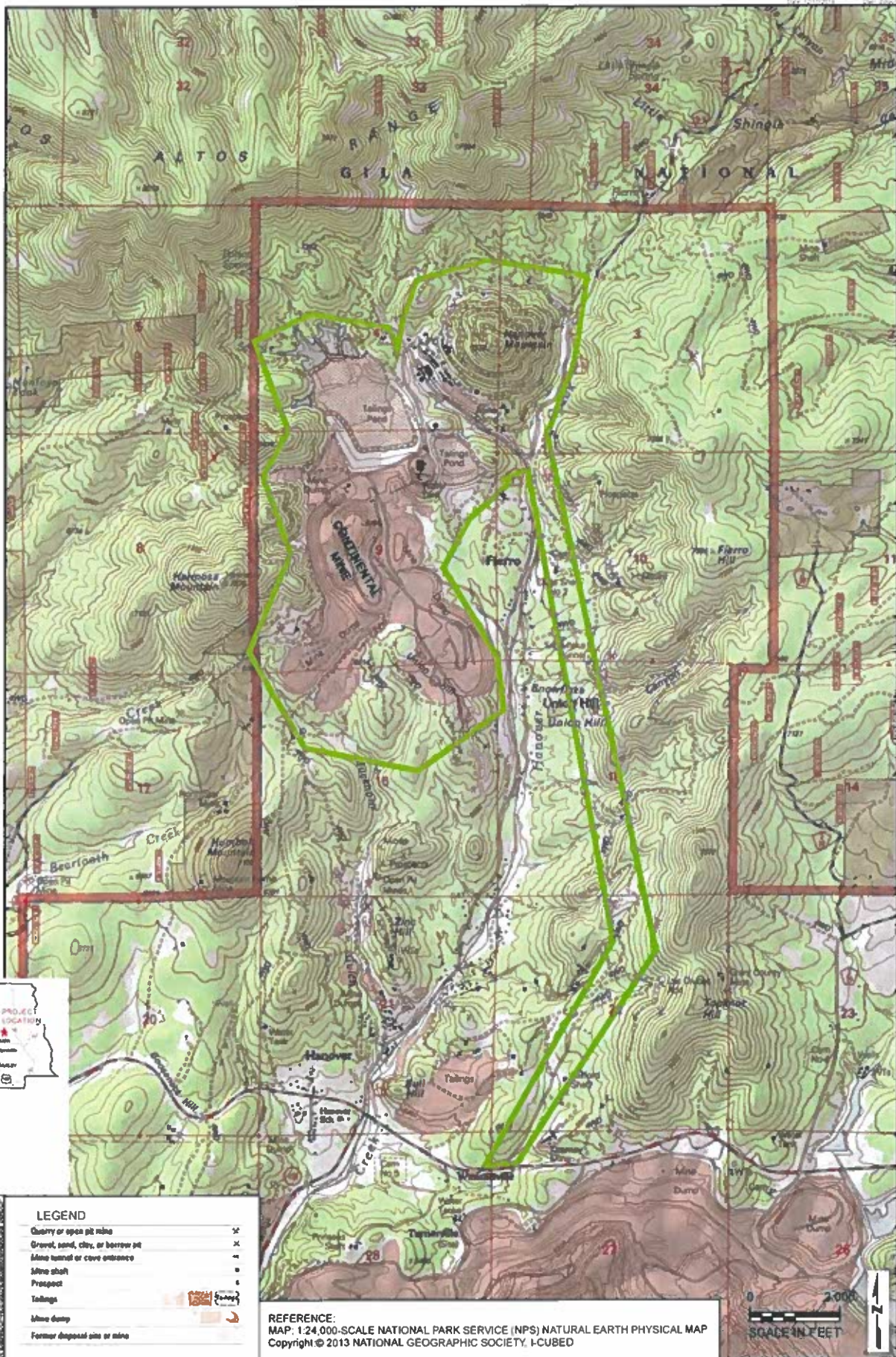
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Pueblo of Acoma - Acoma Historic Preservation Office
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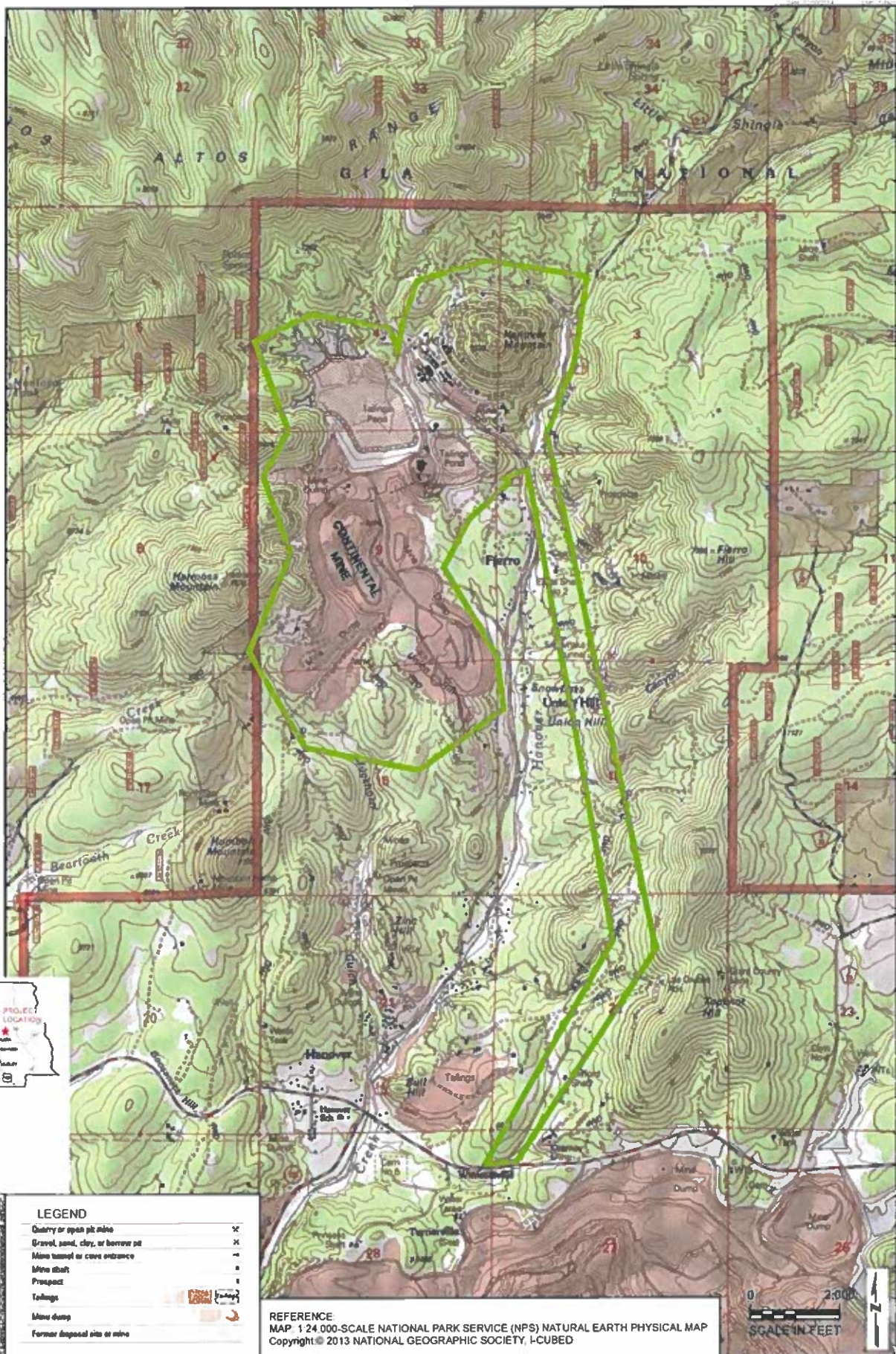
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Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
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Apache, OK 73006

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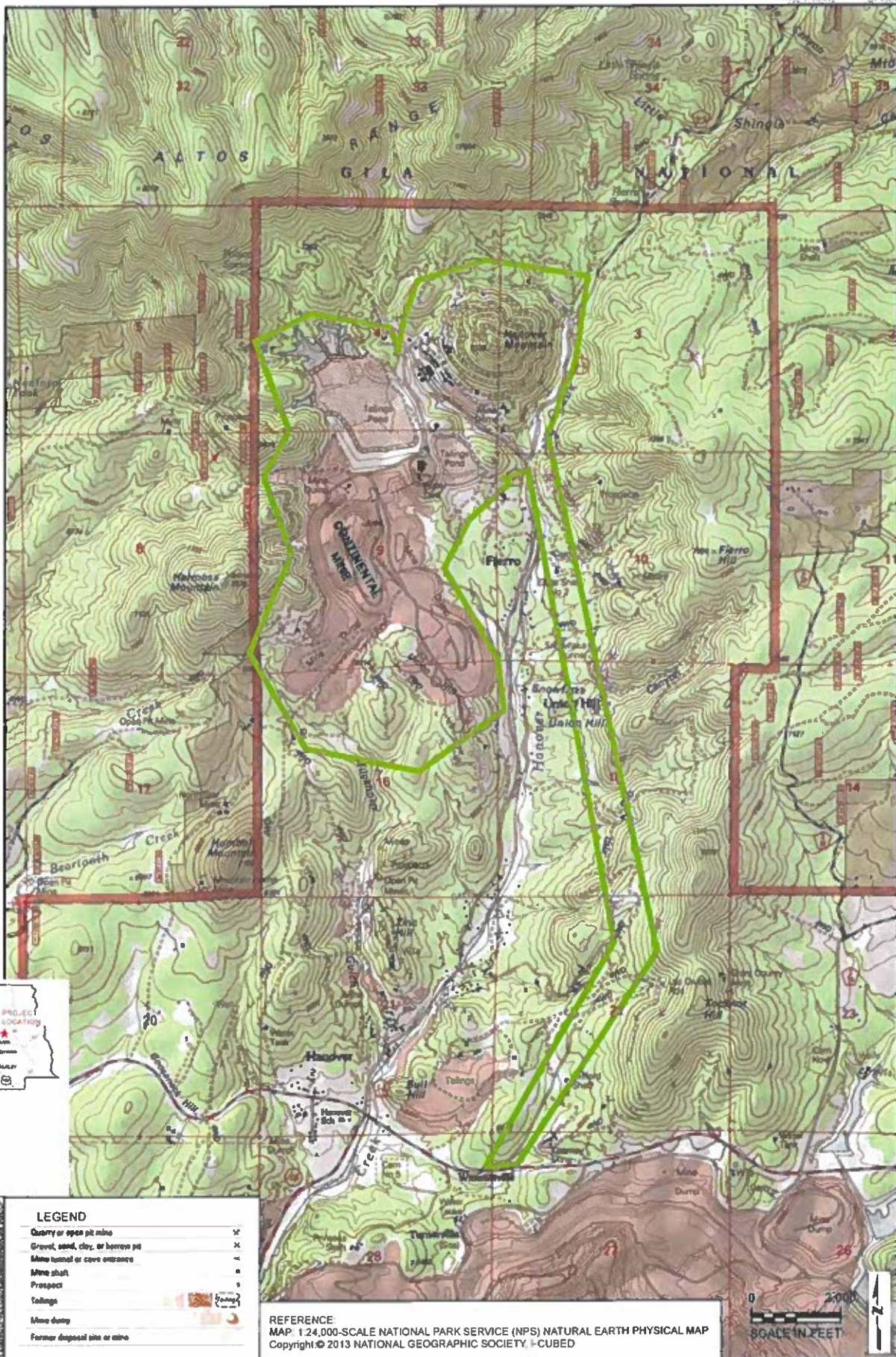
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Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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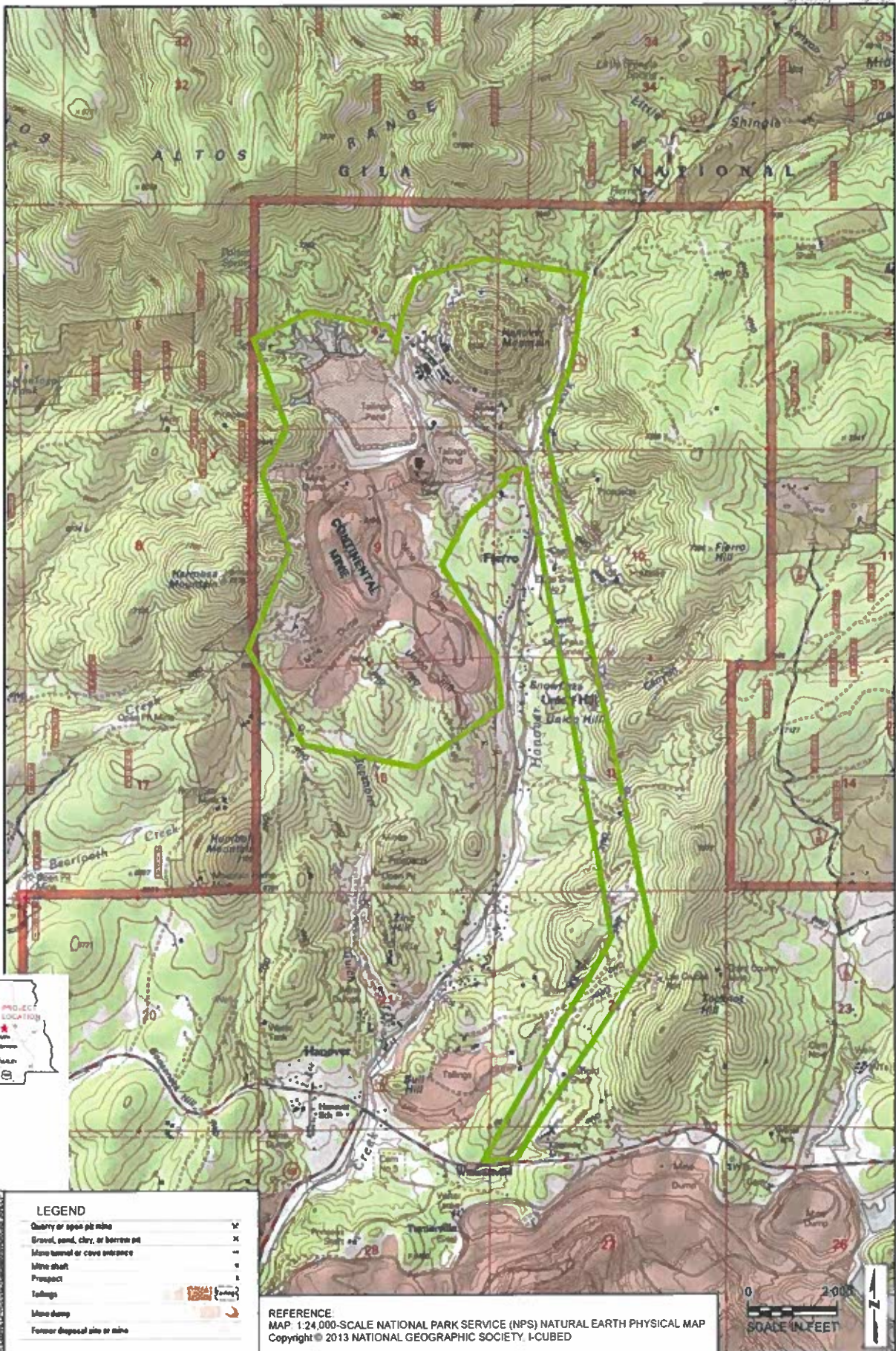
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Director Mr. Stewart Koyiyumptewa
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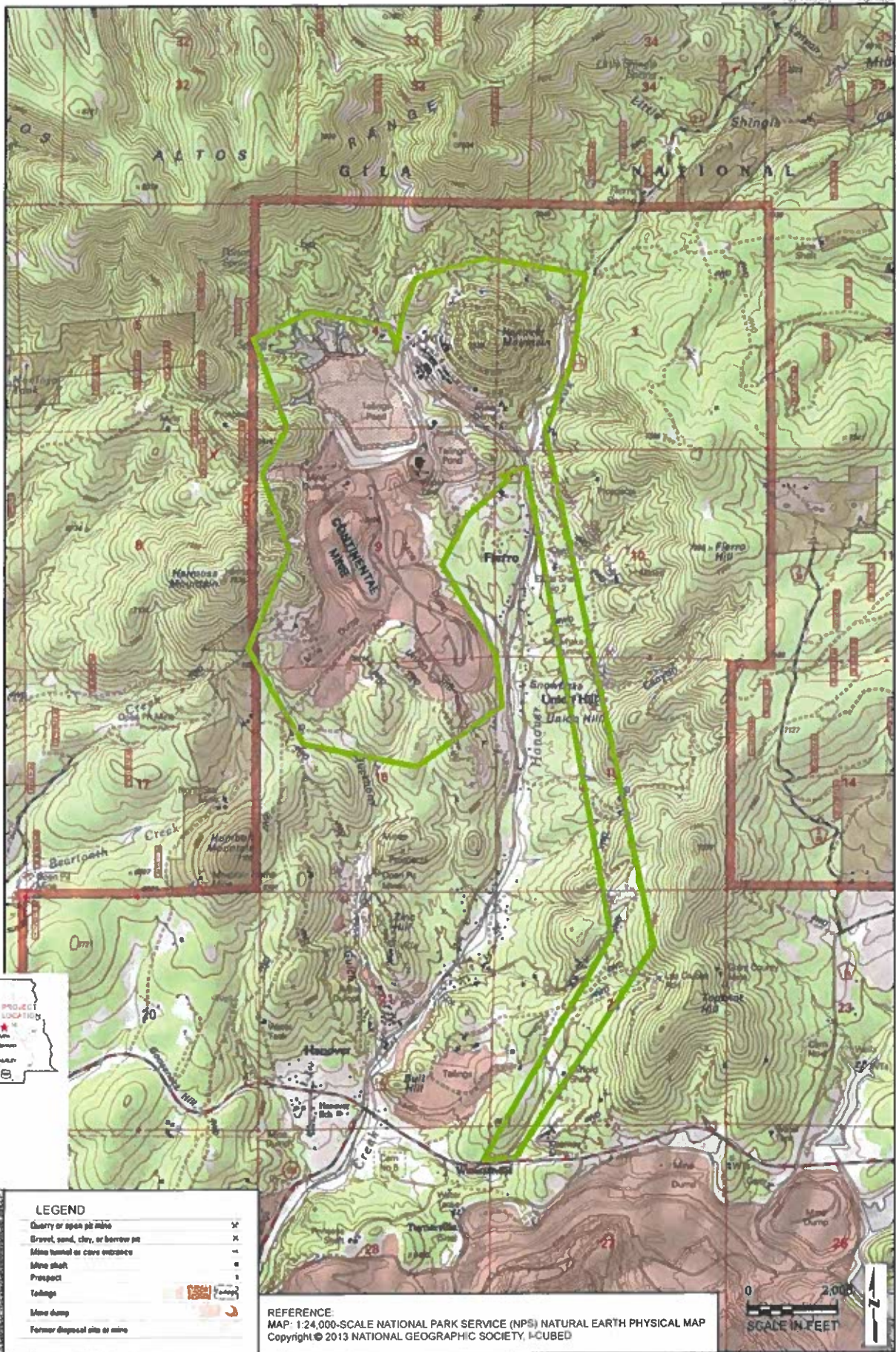
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Dr. Henry Walt
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Dear Dr. Walt:

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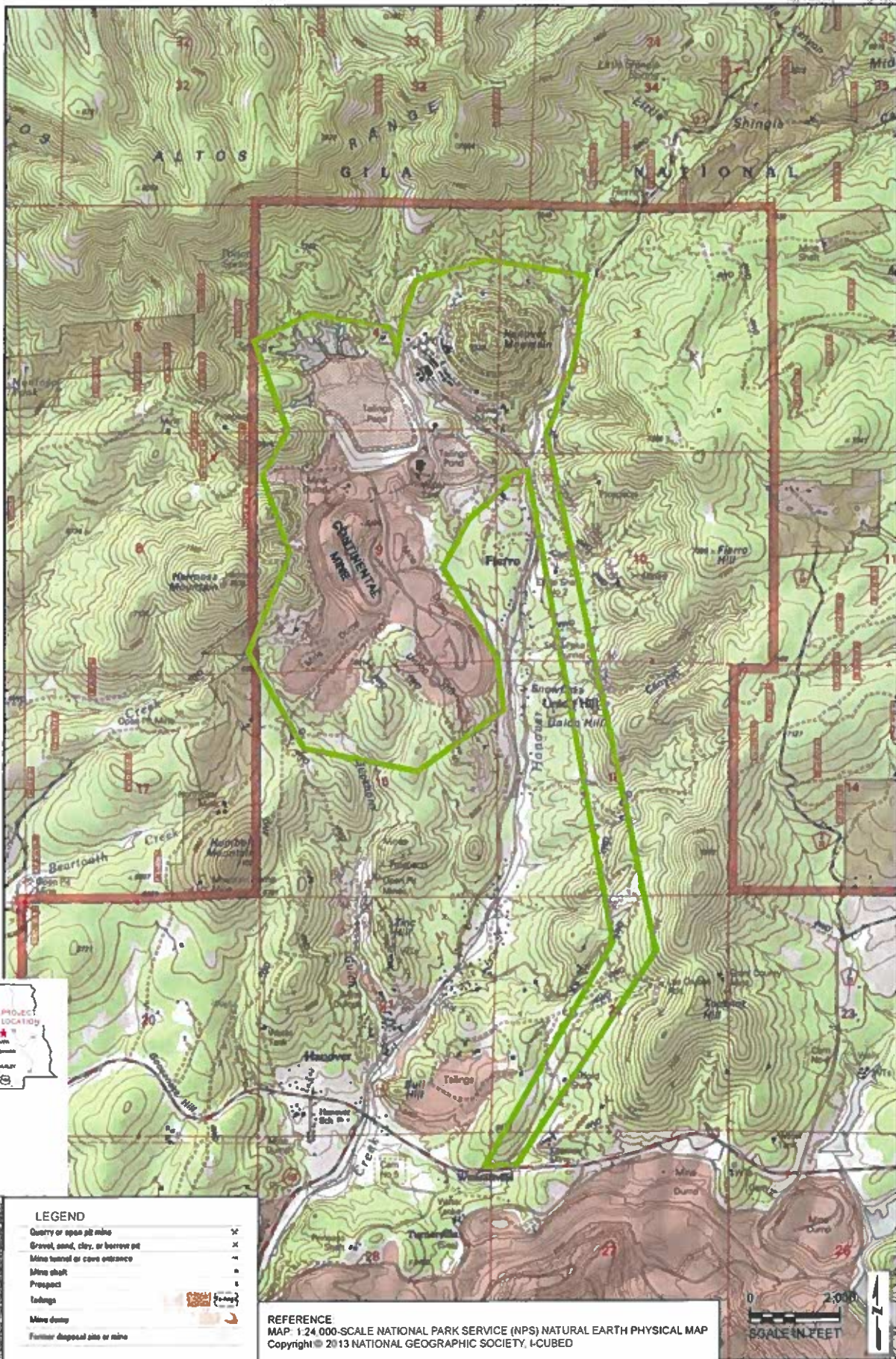
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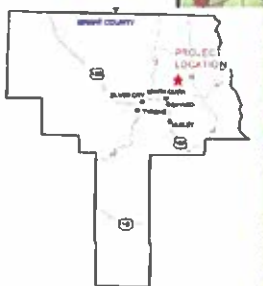
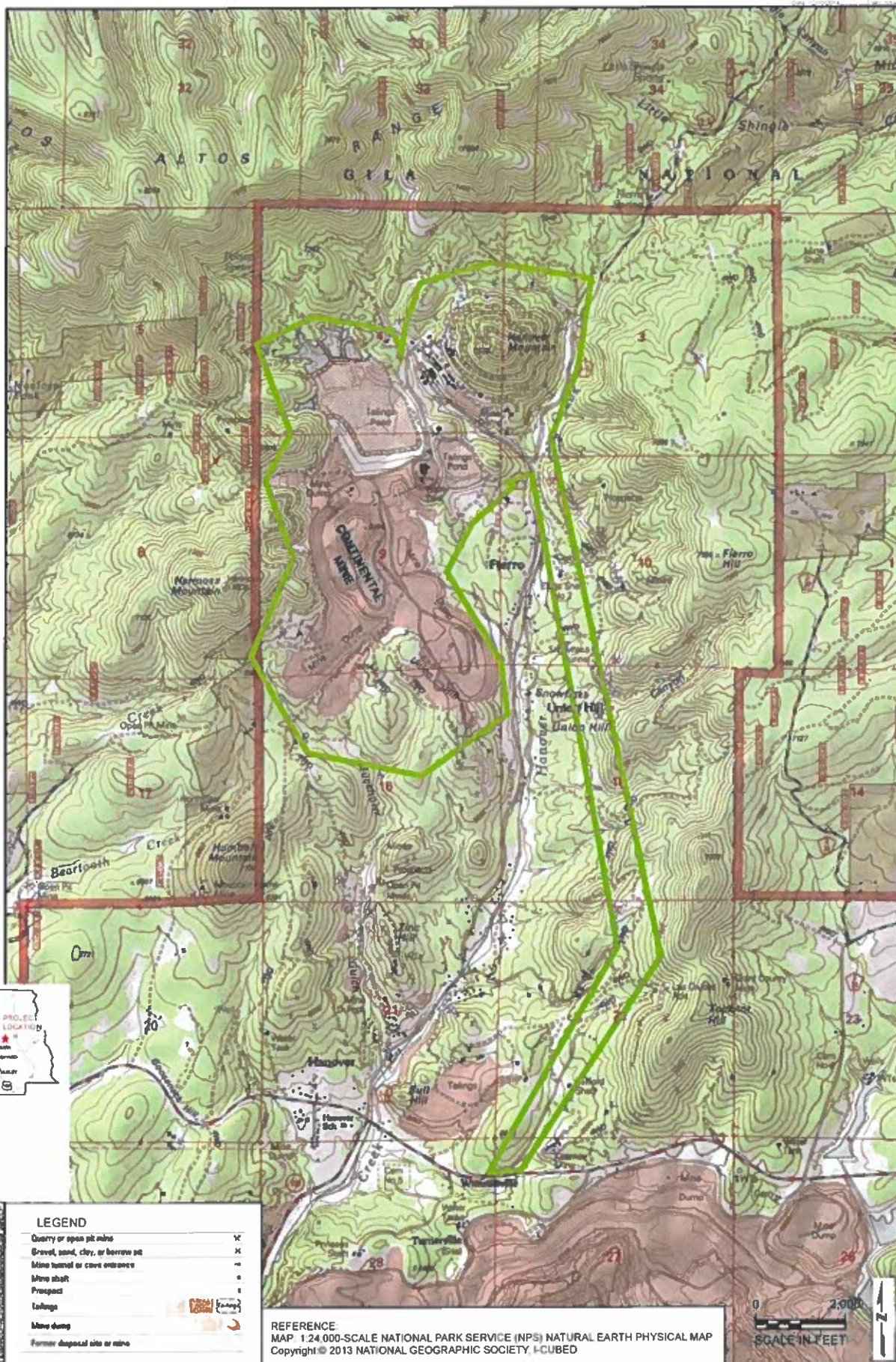
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Gravel, sand, clay, or borrow pit	X
Mine tunnel or cave entrance	-
Mine shaft	+
Prospect	!
Lodging	
Mine dump	
Former disposal site or mine	

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FIGURE 10
GENERALIZED REGIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

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President Eddy Martinez
Mescalero Apache Tribe
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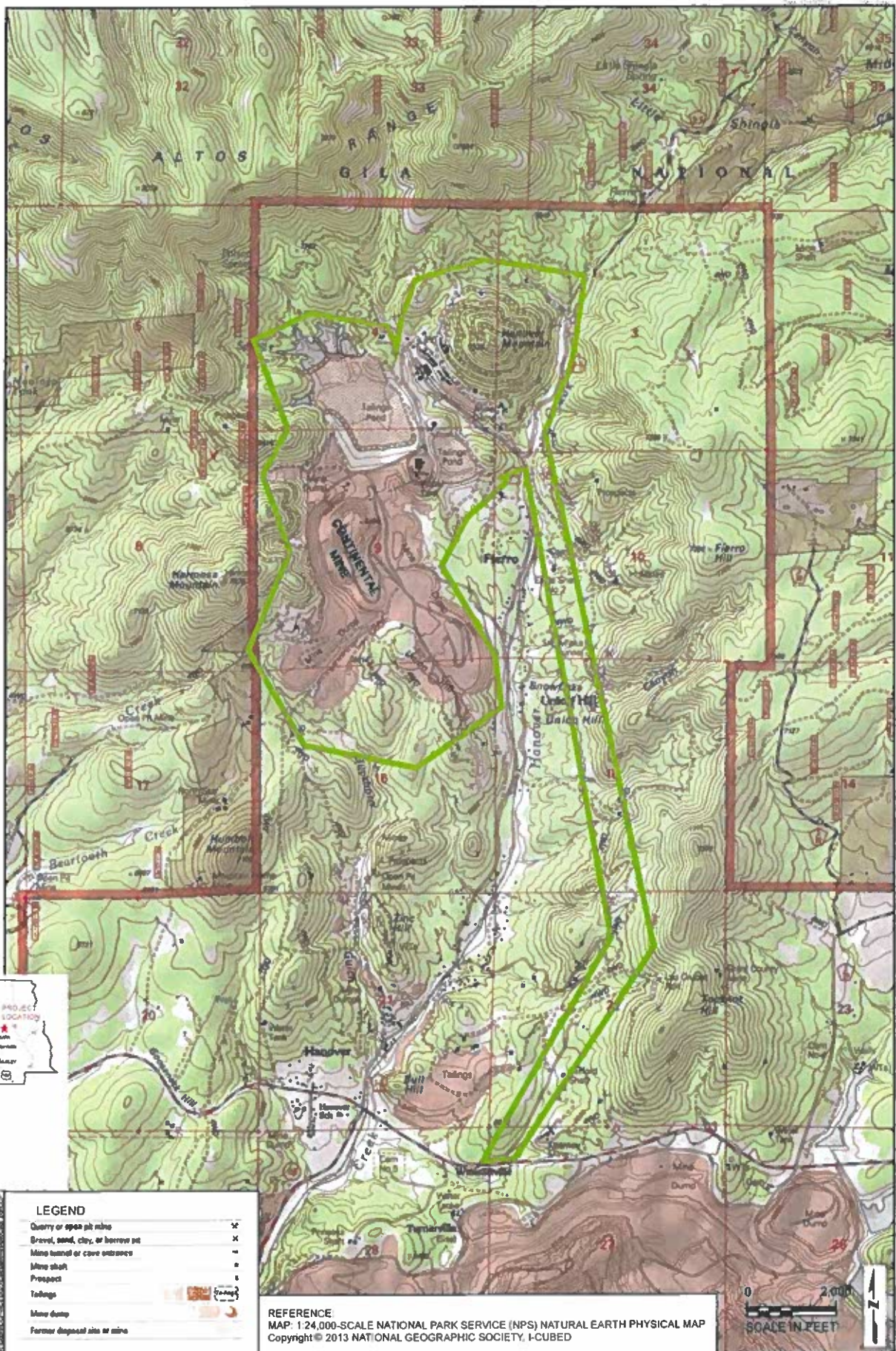
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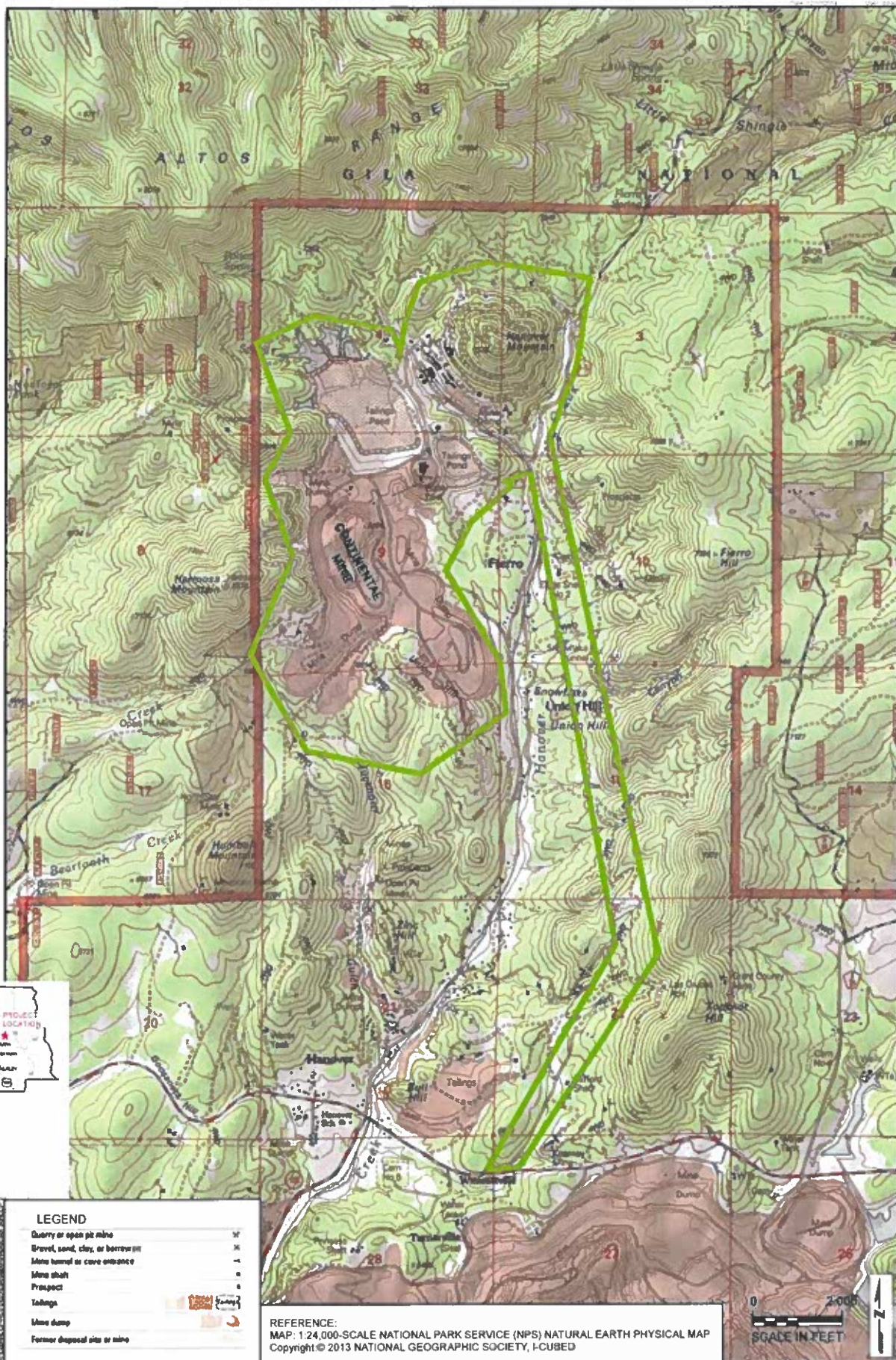
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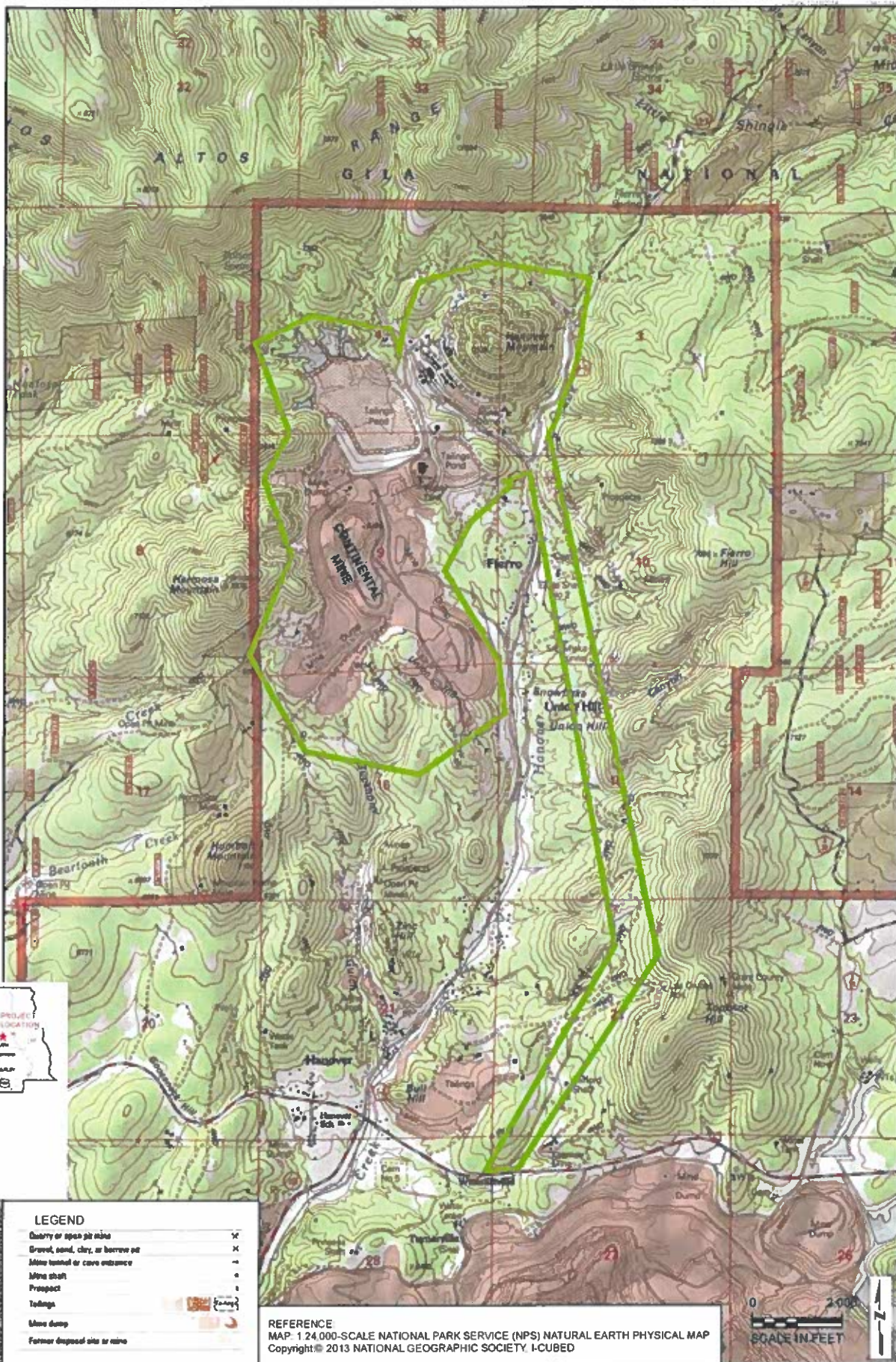
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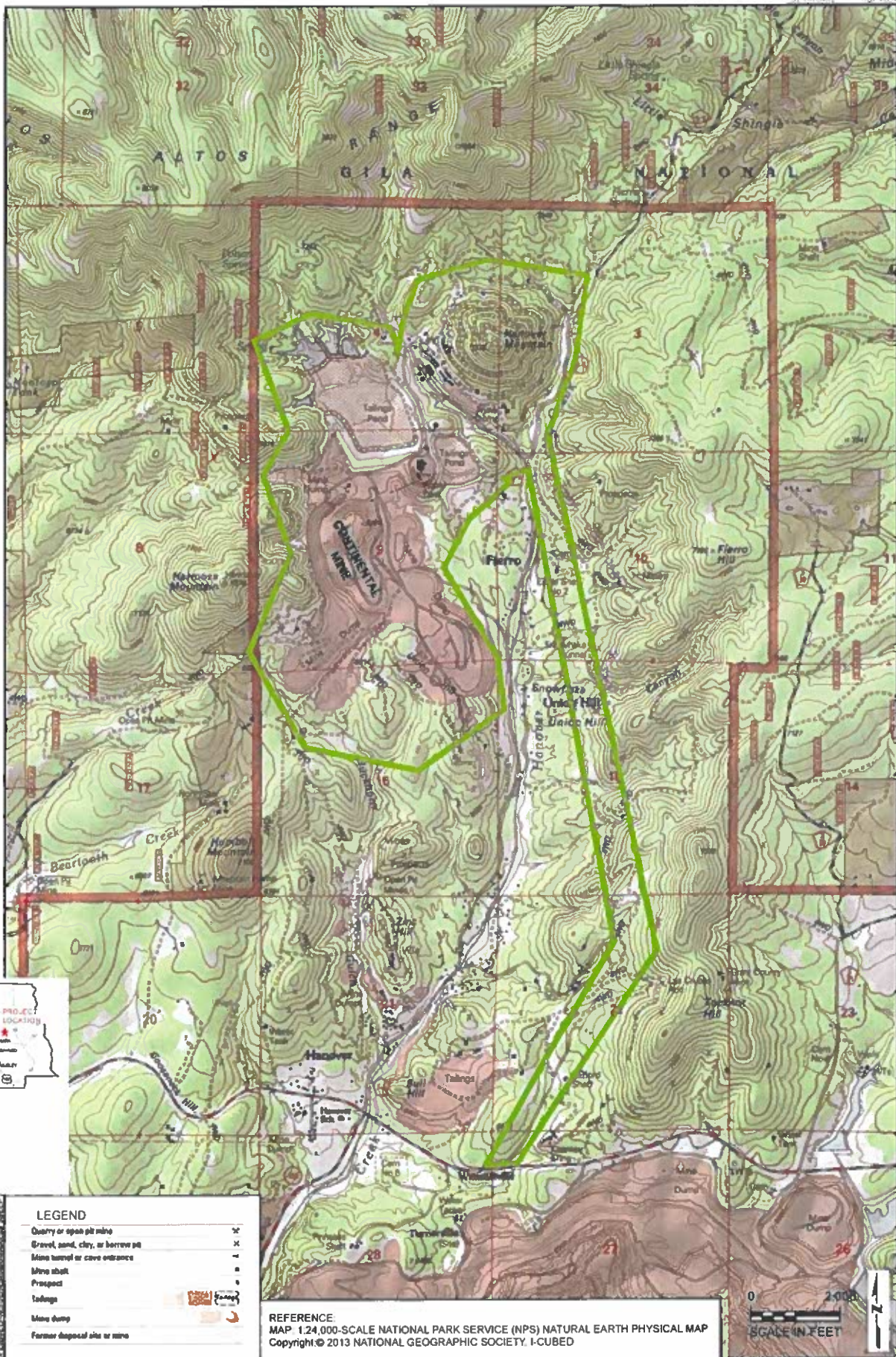
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Sincerely,

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Mr. Mark Altaha
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Fort Apache, AZ 85926

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Permit Application to Update the Closure/Closeout Plan for the Continental Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Revision 23-1 Permit No. GR002RE

Dear Mr. Altaha:

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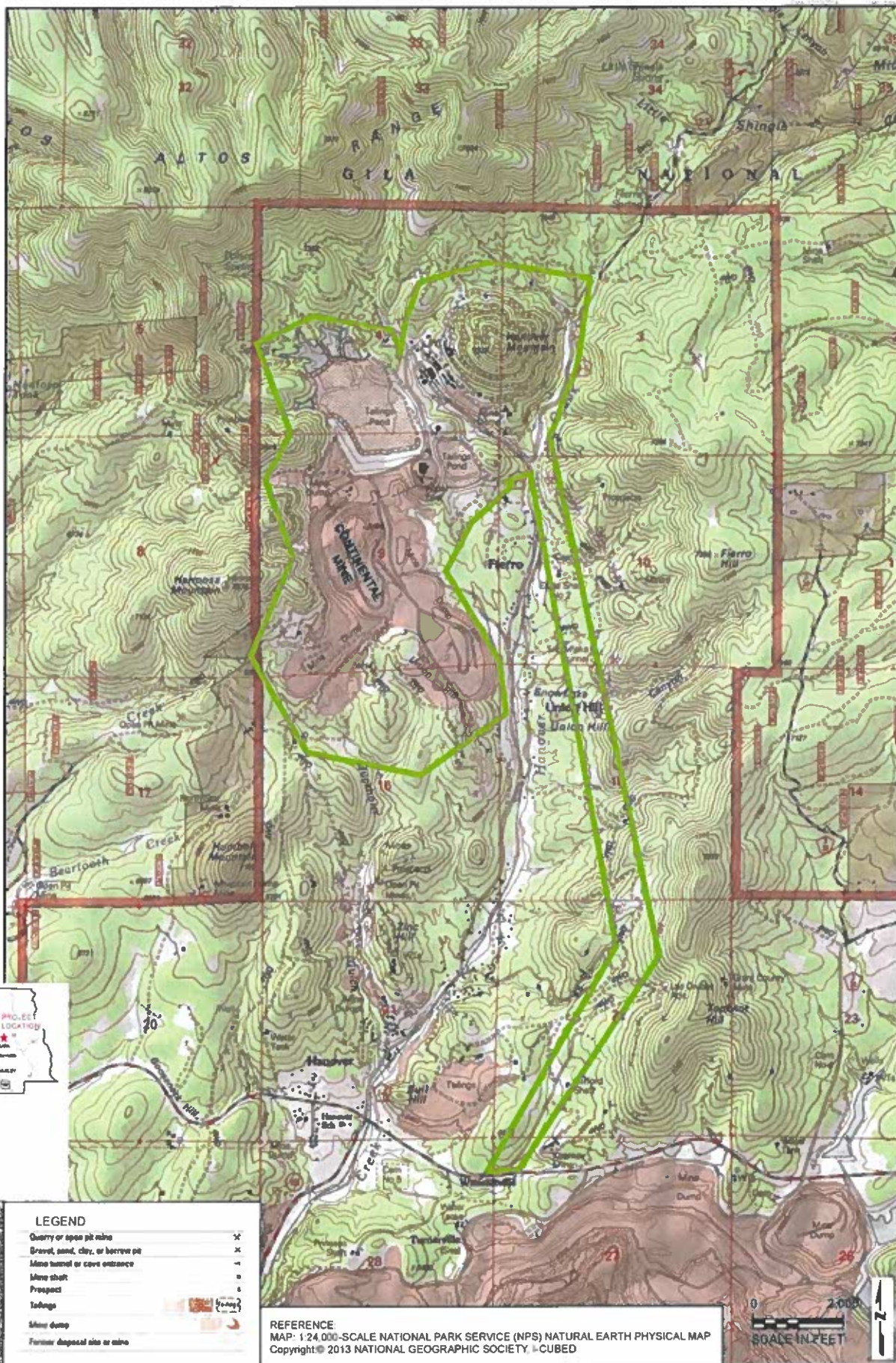
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Governor Arden Kucate
Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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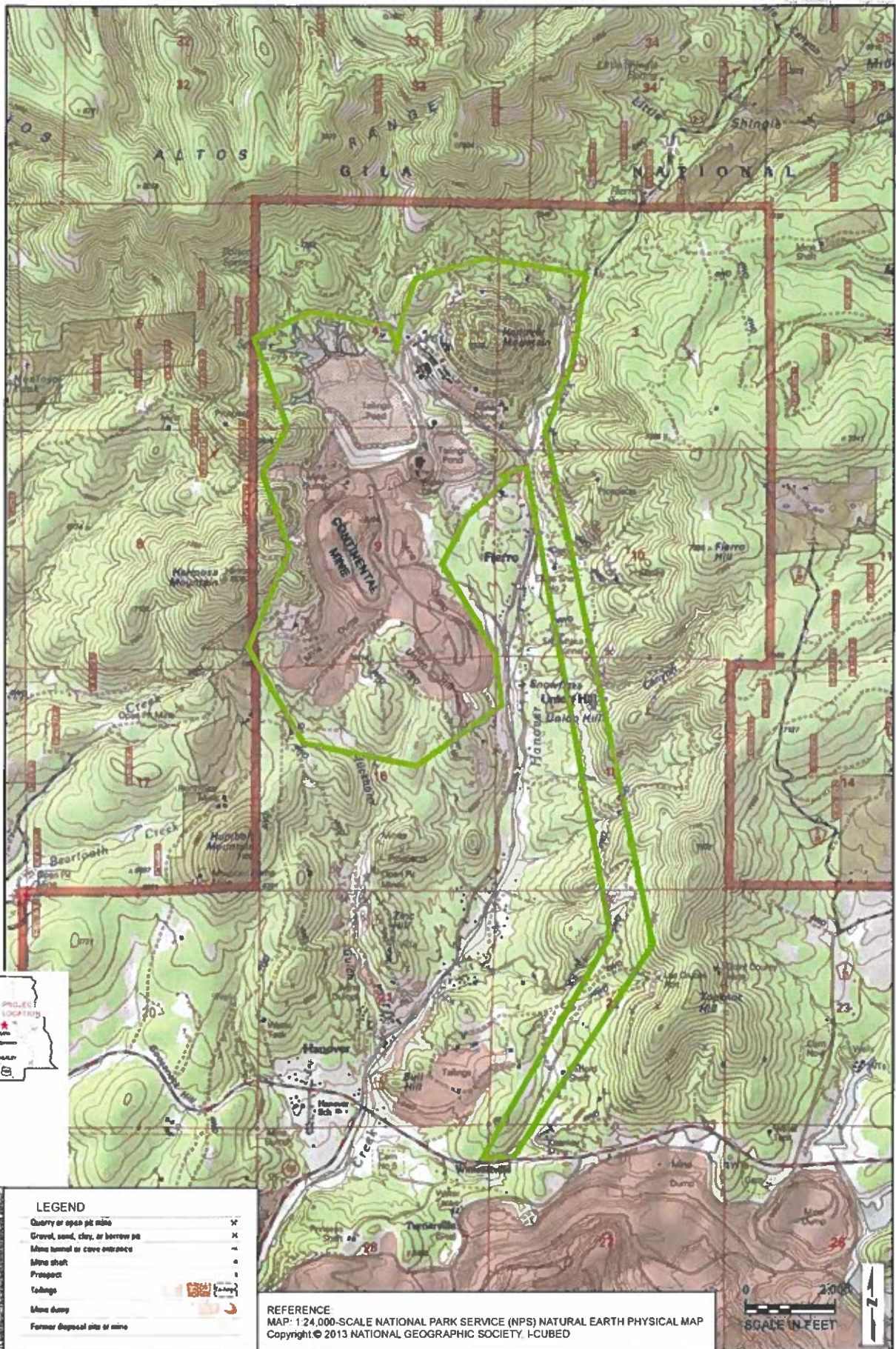
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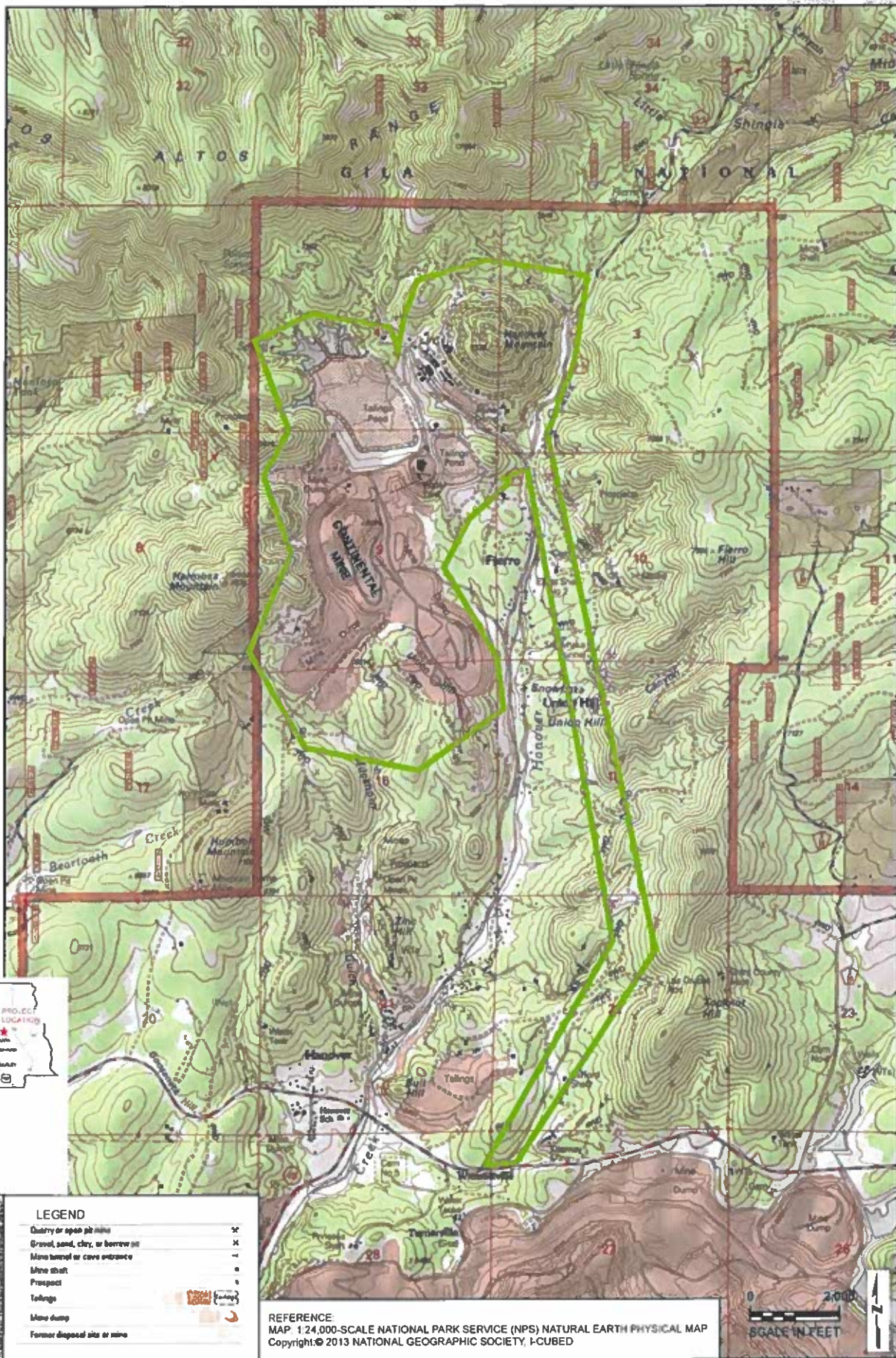
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