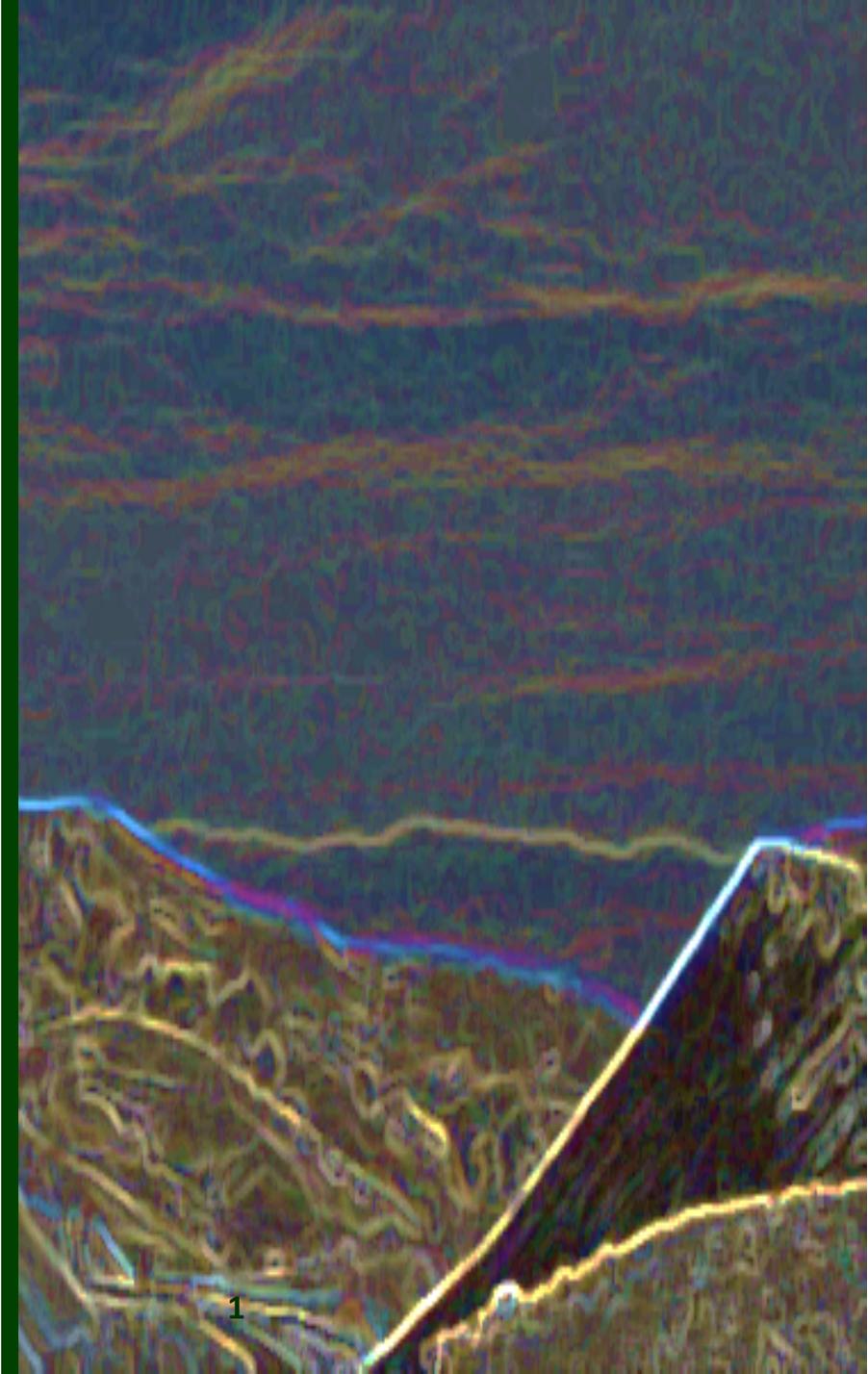
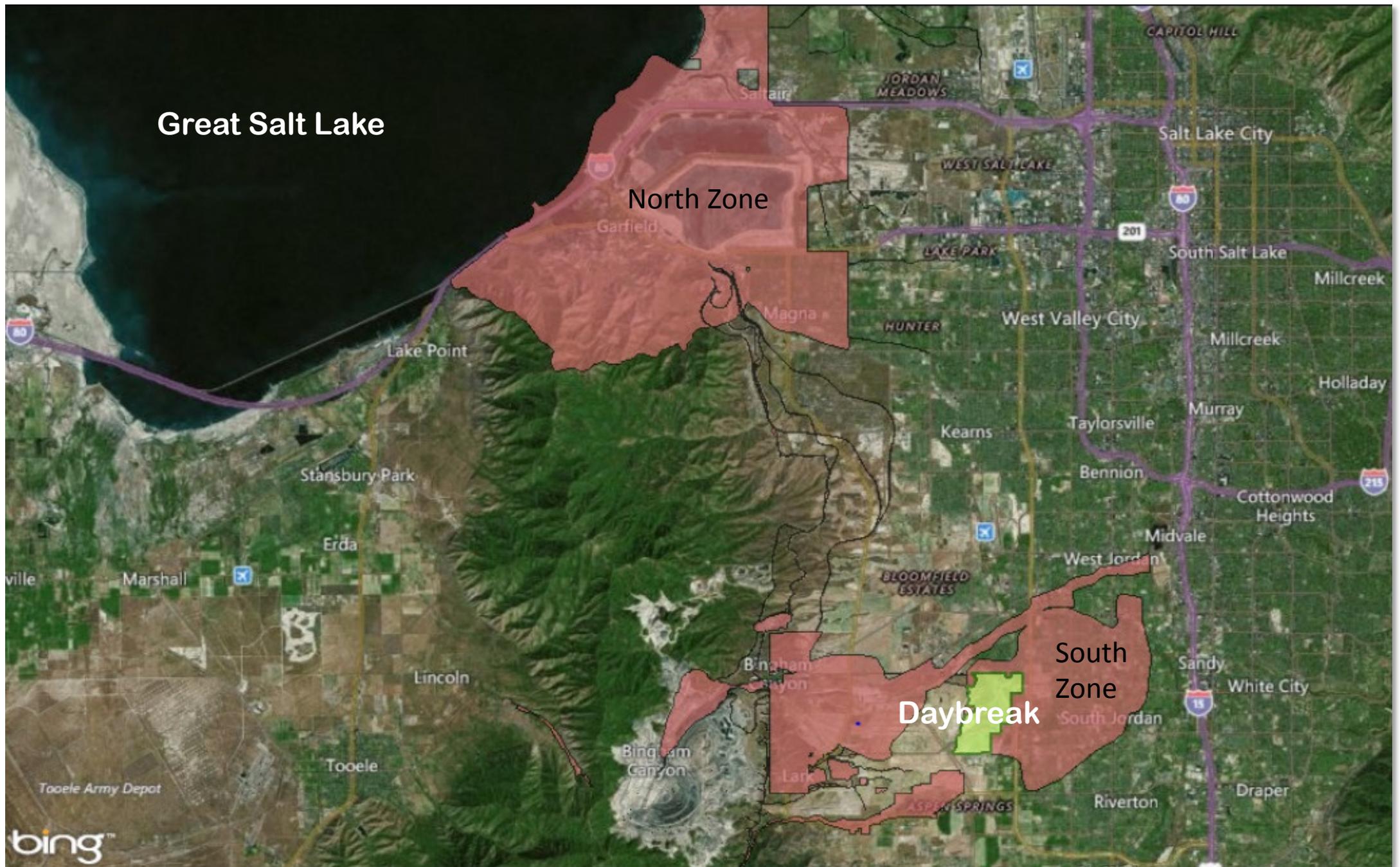


Re-imagining Mining Sites: Kennecott North and South Zones

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Great Salt Lake

North Zone

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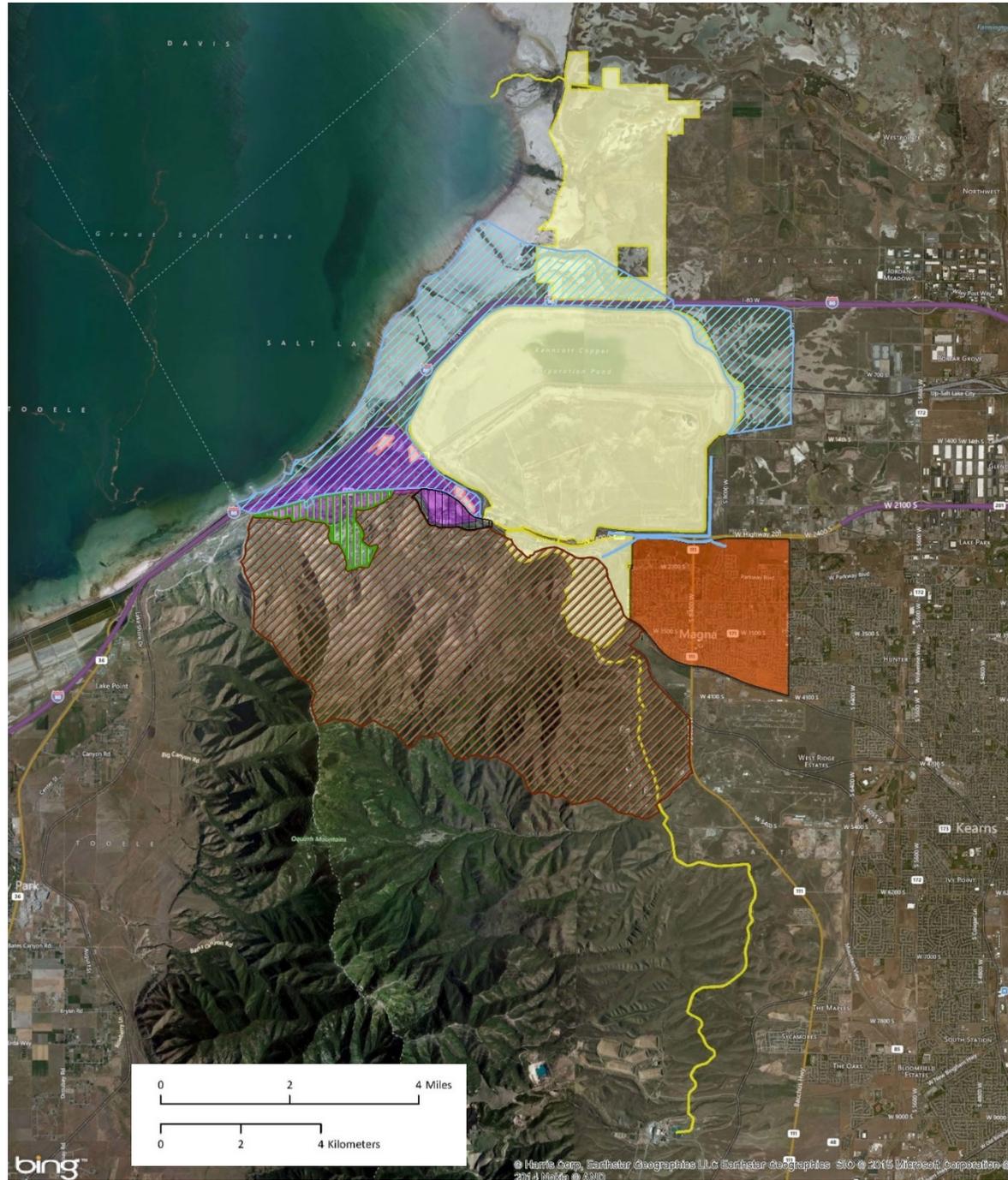
Kennecott Utah Copper: NPL areas of interest and surrounding areas.

Kennecott North Zone Background

- Smelter processed metal-bearing ores.
- Activities related to mining contaminated soils, sludge, surface water and groundwater.
- The Kennecott North Zone was proposed for NPL listing in 1994.
- Cleanup as well as active mining operations are ongoing.



Kennecott North Zone (Source: EPA)



 **OU 8** Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sludge Ponds

 **OU 9** Magna Soils

 **OU 13** Smelter and Acid Plants

 **OU 14** Refinery

 **OU 15** Mills and Tailings Pond

 **OU 19** Smelter Fallout

 **OU 22** Great Salt Lake Wetlands

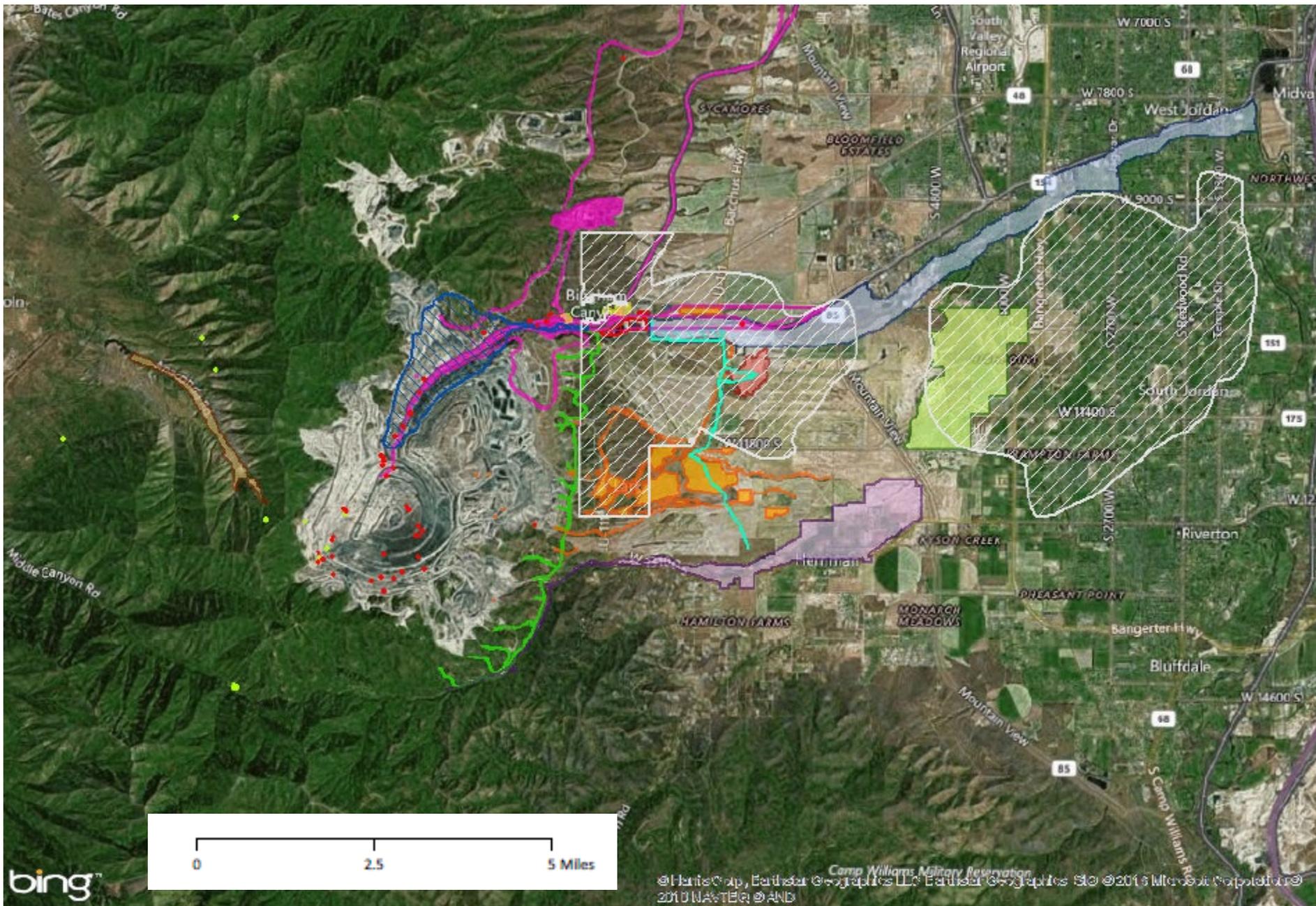
 **OU 23** North End Groundwater

Kennecott South Zone Background

- Mining activities began in the 1860s.
- Operations produced copper, molybdenum, gold and silver ores.
- Rio Tinto Kennecott Copper currently operates the mine.



Bingham Canyon Mine (Source: Rio Tinto)



-  **OU 1** Bingham Creek
-  **OU 2** Southwest Jordan River Valley Ground Water Plumes
-  **OU 3** Butterfield Canyon and Herriman
-  **OU 4** Bingham Reservoirs
-  **OU 5** Arco Tailings
-  **OU 6** Lark Waste Rock and Tailings
-  **OU 7** South Jordan Evaporation Ponds
-  **OU 10** Copperton Soils
-  **OU 11** Kennecott Historic Sites
-  **OU 12** Water Collection System
-  **OU 16** Bingham Canyon Underflow
-  **OU 17** Bastian Sink
-  **OU 18** Mine Drainage Tooele County
-  **OU 20** Pine Canyon
-  **OU 24** Precipitation Plant

Kennecott South Zone Background (cont.)

- Mining operations led to widespread contamination of soil and groundwater.
- In 1994, EPA proposed the site for inclusion on the NPL.



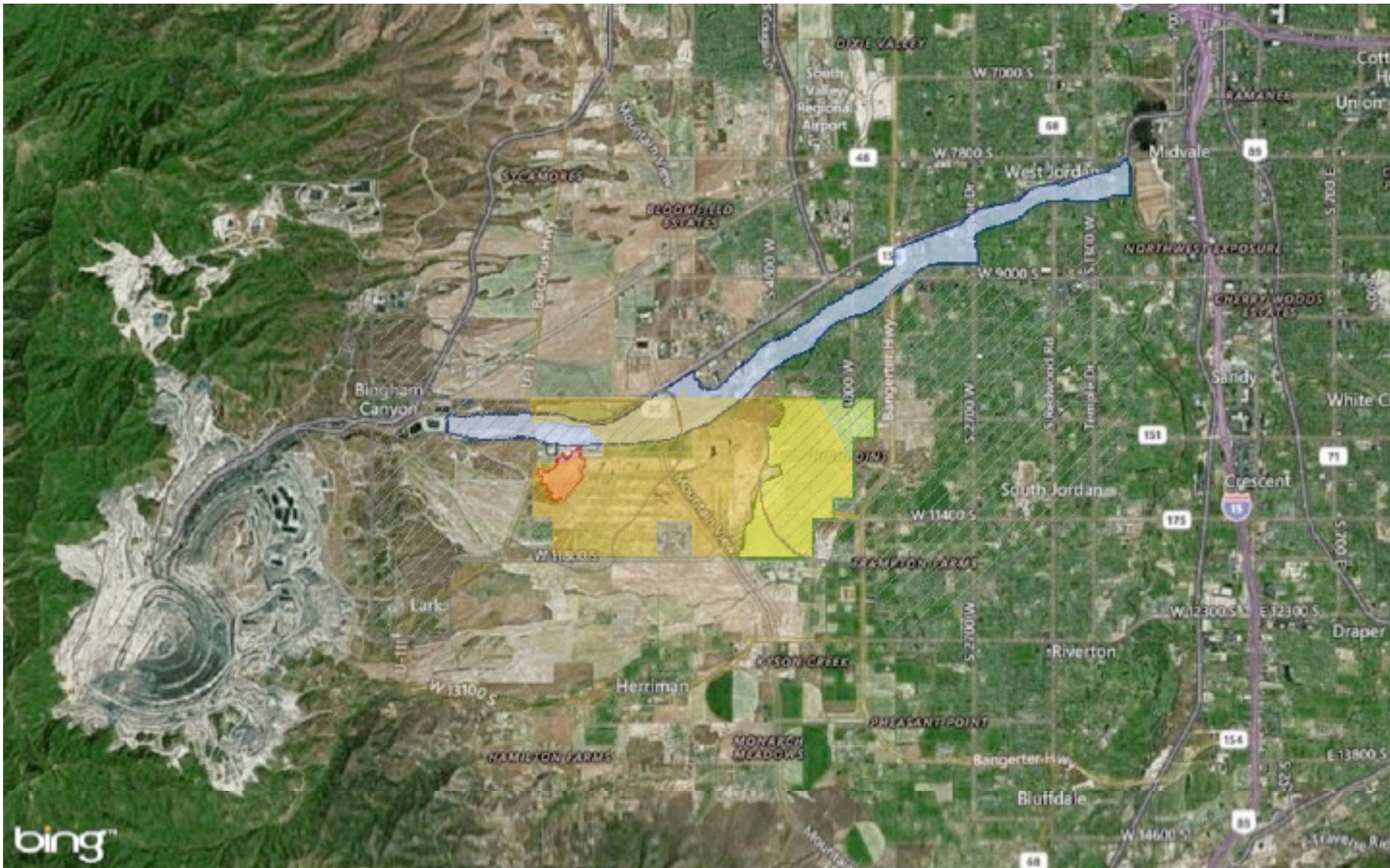
Bingham Canyon, Kennecott South Zone (Source: EPA)

Kennecott Paves the Way

- EPA, UDEQ, and Kennecott initiated a process to address implementation of remedial efforts for quicker cleanup.
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – 1995
- Leads to the Superfund Alternative Approach



Kennecott reclaimed land. (Source: EPA)



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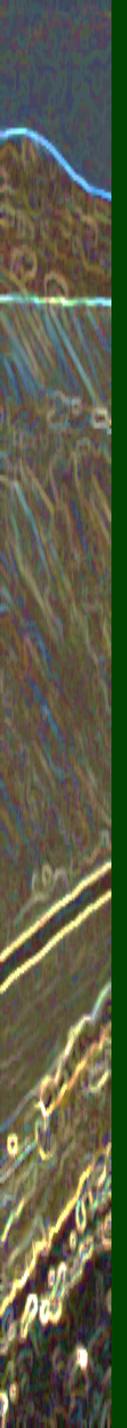


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