SPECIAL NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby notifies potential bidders that information to assist in preparing bids is available. Interested bidders are encouraged to visit the project site prior to the onset of winter conditions, as the access is unmaintained.

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Project Name: Vitro Pit Highwall Reclamation Project
Project Number: 13956-1

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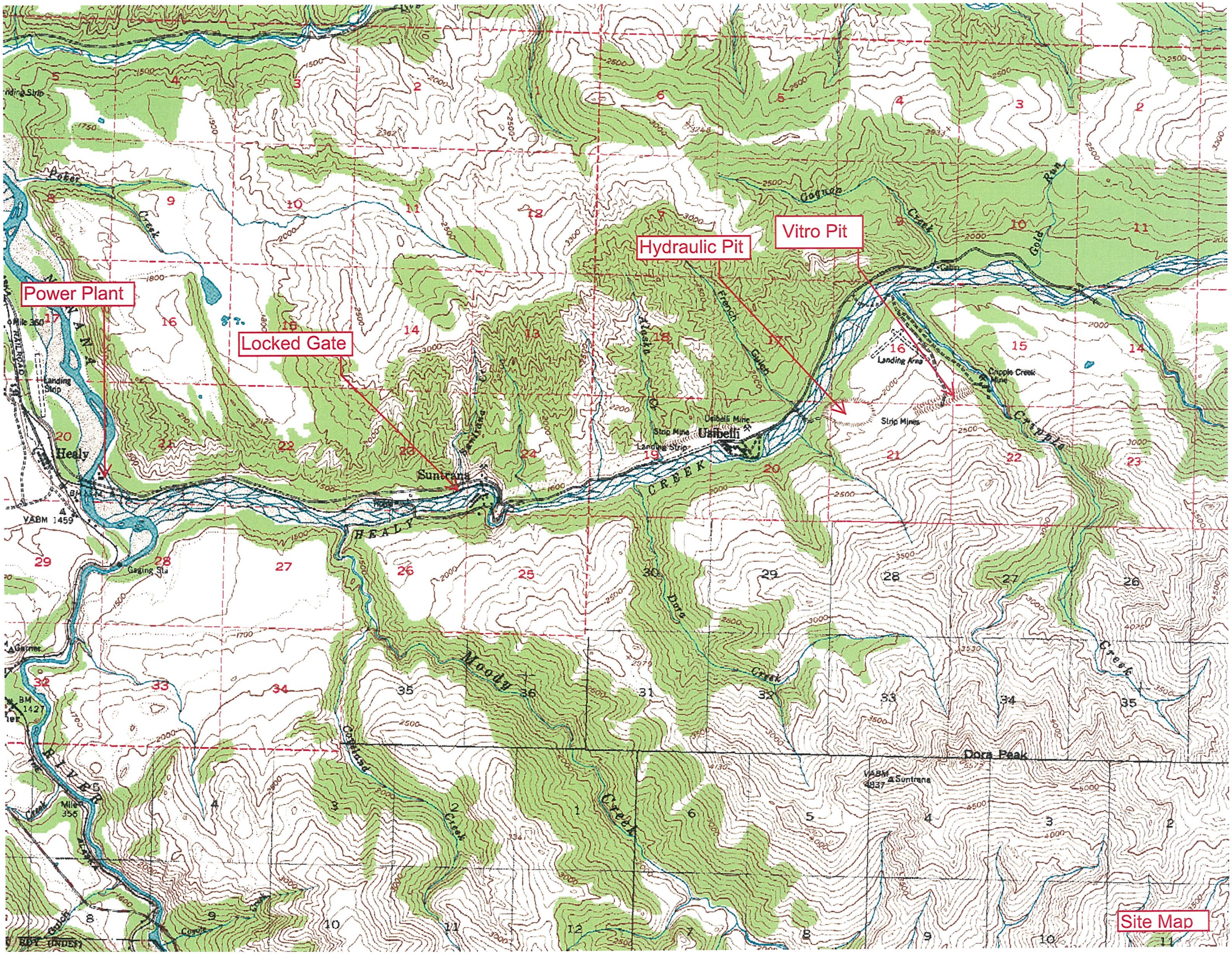
Location and Access: The Vitro Pit is located approximately 6 ½ miles east of Healy, AK along Healy Creek Road (see attached map). The road is unmaintained but passable by regular 2-wheel drive vehicles. Continue along the dirt road until crossing a small bridge and arriving at a locked gate near Suntrana Creek. Arrangements for a gate key can be made by contacting Usibelli Coal Mine's front office, (907) 683-2226. Follow the main dirt road for additional 2 ½ miles past Suntrana Creek until arriving at the large bridge which crosses Healy Creek. Cross the bridge and drive approximately ¼ mile until arriving at the Hydraulic Pit. The Vitro Pit is located just east of the Hydraulic Pit.

Timeline for Bidding and Construction: The project will be put out to bid in early February with bid openings in mid-March. Construction may begin once the low bidder is selected and all bid documents and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) have been submitted and accepted by the DNR. Given the short construction season in interior Alaska this project may require two field seasons to complete.

Scope of Project: This reclamation project will re-slope a vertical highwall which is 120 to 140 vertical feet (see attached photos). The entire highwall is approximately 2500 feet long. A final design is not yet complete but in general the vegetation and topsoil from above the highwall will be cleared and grubbed and stockpiled for future use. The highwall will be laid back using a technique called geomorphic reclamation. Bidders are encouraged to study the principles of geomorphic reclamation prior to submitting bids. It may be necessary for dozers and other large equipment to be equipped with GPS for highly accurate grade control. It will also be necessary to channelize a series of groundwater seeps and surface flows in to rock lined drainage channels and underdrains to minimize erosion potential. Once final grade has been achieved, the slopes will need to be revegetated using the salvaged topsoil. A grass seed mixture will need to be applied by hand, aerial, or hydroseed method to achieve a 70% ground cover as required by the SWPPP.


Power Plant
Locked Gate
Hydraulic Pit
Vitro Pit
Site Map
Healy
Suntrana
Usibelli
Usibelli Mine
Strip Mine
Strip Mines
Landing Strip
Landing Area
Cripple Creek Mine
Cabin
HEALY CREEK
Moody Creek
Dora Creek
Dora Peak
Copeland Creek
Poker Creek
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Gold Run
French Gulch
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Vitro Pit –Aerial view looking to the NE. Photo taken in May of 2007

Vitro Pit – View from pit floor looking to the NE. Photo taken in May of 2007