

Appendix B Photos of Road Conditions

22536 Swampside Trail--surface disturbance under count

This road was widened with Headwater Gold's Spring Peak Mineral Exploration Project from a 6' to 9' road bed with berms. The lower half of the road now measures 20 feet of disturbance from the bottom of the berm on the downhill side to the edge of the road on the uphill side.



Road 22536 before grading



Road 22536 after grading

22535 Connector Trail--no longer a road

Nature has recolonized this road. It no longer exists.

Photos below were taken from the northern end:



Moving from north to south



Photos below were taken from the southern end:



Hint of a two-track road and a metal post at the junction of 42758.



The two-track road scar disappears here. The road once curved to the right about here. The ruts are not the old road.



No sign of a road looking west across the landscape.



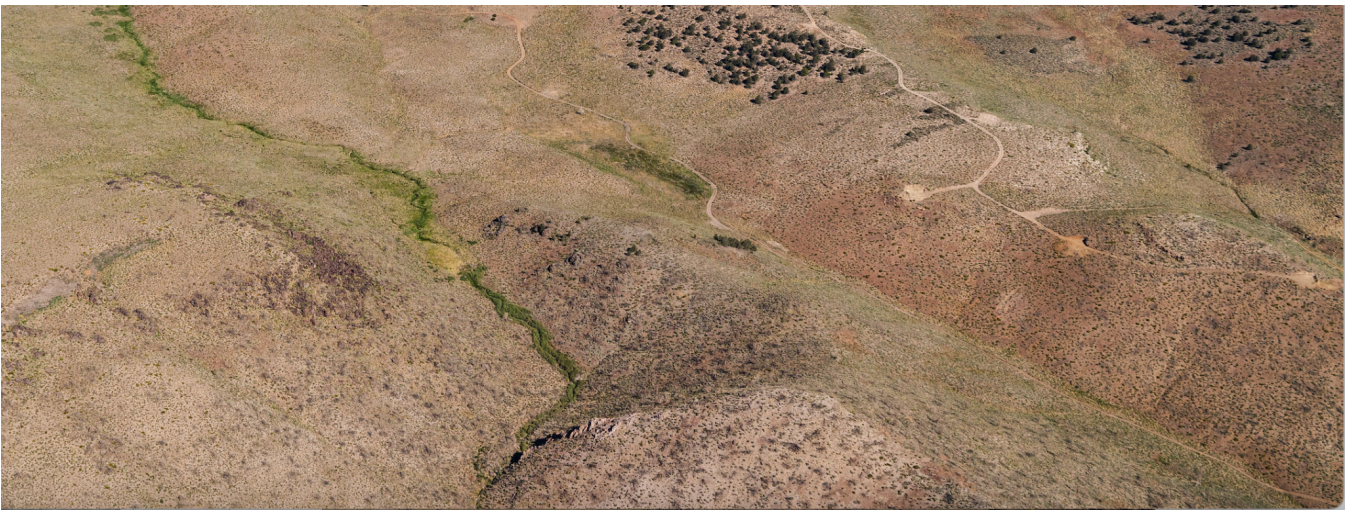
No sign of a road looking north across the landscape.

42759C Prospect Road C--no longer a road—Excelsior-Wassuks MVUM map is outdated

The aerial photos show no trace of the road and ground-truthing confirmed it.



Aerial view of the ridge in the middle of the photo. No sign of a road or road scar. Contrast that with the Spring Peak project's temporary roads in the upper part of the photo.



This view is looking more directly down on the ridge (between the two green wetland areas).



Here is a view looking down on the ridge from the northwest.



Here is a view looking down the ridge that faces west.



There is no road heading up to the top of the hill.



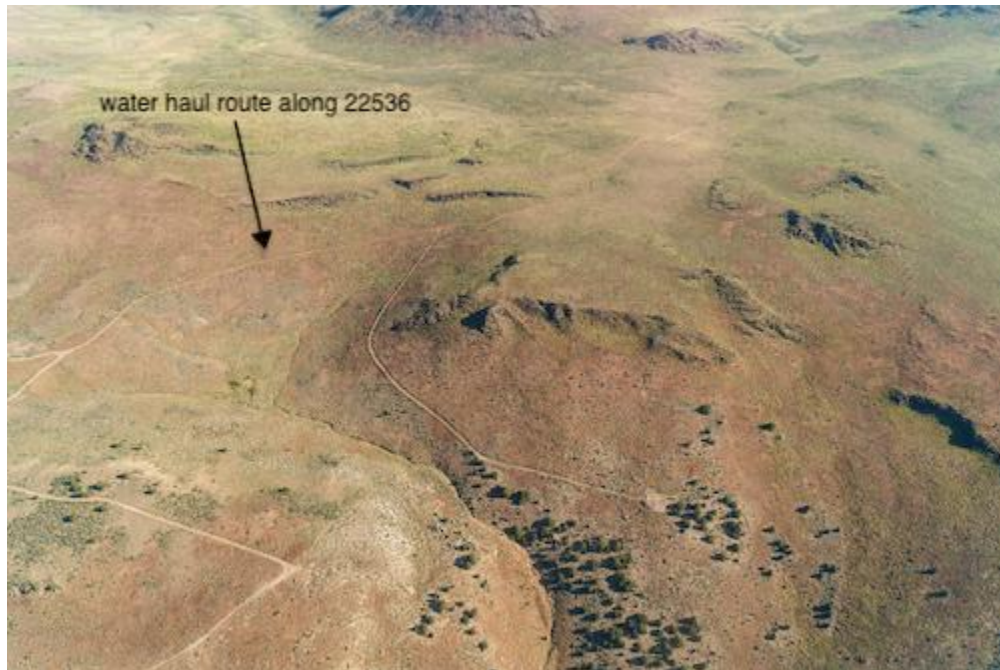
All that's left of the road 42759 at junction w/ 42759C

22377 Loop Trail--no longer a road

This two-track use road has also been naturally revegetated and is no longer visible from the ground.



There is no sign of the Loop Trail below the Swampside Trail road in any of the three photos.



There is only one road and no road below the water haul route.

42758 South Aurora Road east of 22536--surface disturbance under count

The South Aurora Peak Road 42758 was widened from the transmission line road to the junction of the Swampsite Trail 22536 from 6-feet wide to 8-10 feet wide; wider if one counts the berms.



42758 before being graded



42758 after being graded



Note the wide berm



At the junction with the transmission line, the road was widened to about 10'

42758 South Aurora Road west of 22536--surface disturbance under count
This road was widened from 6-feet to 9-feet with the Spring Peak project.



Damage done by the water truck traffic.



The road was then washed out.



Road now in 2026—9' wide, eroded on slopes, less so on level ground.

42759 Aurora Road

Widening the road to 20' means removing hundreds of trees and cutting into the uphill slope that looks like it is steeper than 9.9 percent.



Forested section of 42759



Hilly section of 42759

Aurora Road 42759-west of Swampside Trail, Widened?

This road is only 7 feet wide, has vegetation down the middle and is deeply rutted in places and will be used to get to drill sites 55, 78, and 79.



Mt Hicks 42757, 42757A, 42757B, 42757J Roads–Widened?

These primitive roads are 7-10 feet wide and if graded, will be widened.



Short Cut Road L 42754L-Widened?

The Short Cut Road is about 8-9 feet wide and likely graded and widened to 14 feet wide



Transmission Line Road 42754-Widened?

The road bed is still only 12-feet wide. The Burnt Rock project needs roads to be 14-feet wide at a minimum. Then the transmission line road be need to be widened.

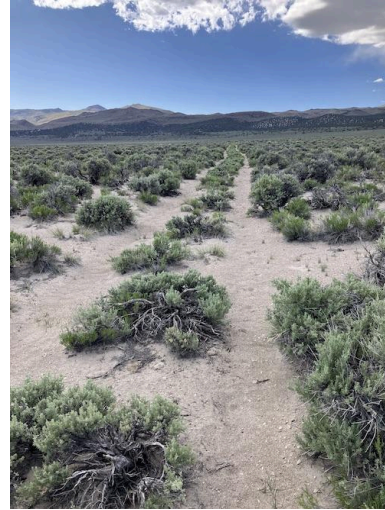


Looking south from Laydown Area 1 on 42754



42754 was graded for the Spring Peak project

Airstrip Road 42760-Widened?



42760 is only 8' wide

42759 Routed on north side of wetland now—Excelsior-Wassuks MVUM map is outdated

Forest Service road 42759 between drill sites 206 and 127 doesn't have that loop in it anymore. The road goes straight across.

Temporary Roads Crossing Streams/Through Meadows

The roads to drill sites 5, 6, 184 will cross through an ephemeral stream and meadow.



Stream to cross to drill sites 6, 184 and those to near them



The wetland between and south of drill sites 127 and 206.

The road from drill site 67 to drill site 194 will cross through an ephemeral stream and meadow in this area.

