

PROJECT NEWSLETTER



The Manh Choh Project is a gold exploration joint venture between subsidiaries of Kinross Gold Corporation and Contango ORE operating under a lease with the Tetlin Village. Kinross is the majority owner and operator.

Employee Spotlight

Tiffany Silas, Community Relations Coordinator



We are very pleased to share that Tiffany Silas has accepted the role as Community Relations Coordinator for our Manh Choh project, located on Tetlin tribal land near Tok. Tiffany is new to the Community Relations Department but is not new to the Project, previously working as a geotech. She is looking

forward to working with all of us as well as the surrounding communities and stakeholders.

Tiffany is a proud lifelong Alaskan raised on traditional native values such as respect, honesty, a strong work ethic, and spirituality during her upbringing in Tetlin, Tok, and Fairbanks. Tiffany's diverse career experience includes time as a medical travel coordinator for Tanana Chiefs Conference and as an assistant chief surveyor.

Her goal on the Project is to build and maintain solid relationships with individuals and organizations in the surrounding communities. She is excited to begin implementing community outreach programs, facilitating community investments, and developing public relations strategies that will

enhance our positive reputation and further build trust.

She enjoys annual snow machine rides to Last Tetlin (the traditional village) with her family and cites it as one of the best places to center yourself and enjoy time with loved ones.

Tiffany began working out of Fort Knox for the first month while training with our team. She is now based out of the Manh Choh office that is located in Tok. Tiffany welcomes visitors and encourages everyone to stop by or call to say hello and learn more about the Project and the Upper Tanana Athabascan region.

Welcome Tiffany!



Tiffany and other community relationship team members



Tetlin Community Meeting

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Community Relations Update

Over the spring and summer of 2021, our goal was to meaningfully connect with stakeholders and communities close to the Manh Choh Project. We strived to listen and adapt to the communities' interests and needs. We handed out information and bagged meals while presenting on our project timeline, trucking safety, future employment opportunities, reclamation, and changes made to the project design. We are very grateful to forge connections beyond what we could have planned!



Northway - After listening and making progress regarding hiring practices, the Tribal Administrator stated he would be happy to work with us moving forward, and several leaders were open to a future community-wide meeting.

Mentasta Lake - We spent time getting to know Tribal Chief Emmanuel Baker, meeting with community members, and distributing meals and kits.



Tanacross - A tragedy the morning of our lunch meeting, resulting in the loss of a younger tribal member, required us to reschedule the meeting. With council from Tribal Administrator

Jerry Isaac (former Chief and former TCC President), we brought items to serve to tribal members gathering at the mother's house, as is tradition when there is a loss. We were grateful to visit and be present with the tribe and the community.



Fairbanks - Chief PJ Simon of the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and his staff participated in a site tour of Fort Knox to highlight our local hire, environmental stewardship, and

successful reclamation; Chief Simon expressed his support for the project citing the benefits it would bring to the region.



Tok - We introduced three new Tetlin Village Council members to the legacy infrastructure projects and our hiring process. The Chief and Council toured the project site and provided feedback.

Virtual meetings - Included TCC Employment and Training department; Delta Junction Mayor, City Administrator, and City Council; Alaska Miners Association; and the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce.



June Community BBQs in Tok, Delta (coordinated with the City of Delta), and **Fox** (coordinated with the Fox Lion's Club)

- Kinross team members across departments gave presentations and took names of people interested in future employment opportunities and the quarterly newsletter. We gave door prizes of gift certificates for the local restaurant, coolers with life preservers, and geology activity books for kids.

Doyon Foundation Morris Thompson Memorial Golf Classic - Kinross sponsored and participated in this important event.



Environmental Update

It has continued to be a busy summer for the Environmental team! We have continued working towards a comprehensive environmental baseline, including climate, archaeological survey, air emissions assessment, groundwater, surface water, wetlands, fish, noise, visual and wildlife data. As the field season comes to a close, we wanted to share the following updates:

July - On July 22, the Tetlin Village Council and Chief Sam were briefed on the findings of the cultural and archeological survey.

Also, on July 22 and 23, the State of Alaska Large Mine Permitting Team and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers traveled to Tok for a tour of the site and updates on the ongoing environmental baseline work.

Mark Huffington of Kinross retired and was given a beautiful pair of beaded moccasins made by Yvonne John of Tetlin as a retirement gift. He loved them! He will be returning as a consultant to help with the project.

Keith Albert joined the environmental team as a bear guard. Keith has extensive bear guard and wilderness first aid credentials, and he has already worked with the environmental technicians performing collecting water samples for storm water inspections. Keith

will also accompany wetland scientists as they perform delineations. Lee Joe and Donovan Sam helped out with brush cutting.

August - On August 9, Doreen Mark led a group of wetland scientists on a windshield tour of the Tetlin road and village as they looked for wetland mitigation opportunities. Doreen answered questions about the village and its history, and Tiffany Silas also accompanied the group. Several potential opportunities were identified and will be listed for review and approval by the Tetlin Village Council and Chief Sam.

We are also starting to carry out noise and visibility surveys this August.



Project tour for the Interior Legislative Delegation in July

Field Work Update

The 2021 Field Program started early with a goal of completing a significant portion of the drilling while the ground was still frozen, which would allow for better access. With improved safety plans and efficiency, just the exploration drilling remained to be completed since the Summer 2021 update. All field work was completed by July 12, when the drilling campaign wrapped up.

The test pitting program was completed on July 16, with all items on schedule or ahead of schedule. The test pitting program investigated the geotechnical condition of bedrock and its suitability for construction materials. This will inform how roads are constructed and where waste rock hauled away as part of the construction process can be stored.

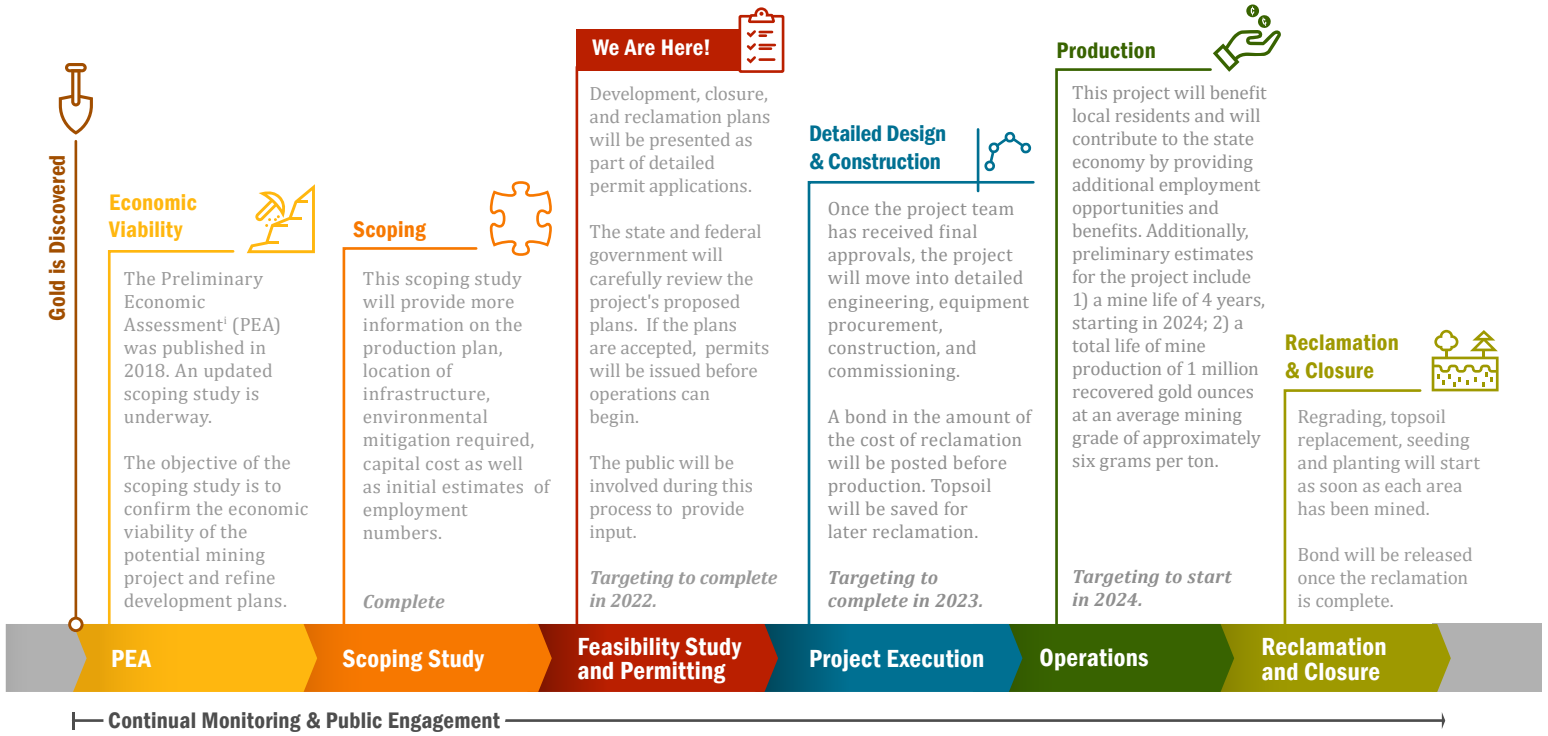
Next, we are waiting for assaying results from the lab – they will examine drill samples collected this year to determine the metals content. Samples will be cut in half and analyzed for gold and 41 different trace elements and will also undergo some other environmental tests. Lab results will be put into a resource model so we can try to figure out how much gold is there. A resource model update is expected at the end of Quarter 3, and there will be ongoing updates as different data streams feed in.

Thank you to those who worked on and contributed to the success of the 2021 field program, it would not have been possible without the involvement of the local communities and people. In addition, we are grateful for those who took the opportunity to continue working on the drilling campaign at the Fort Knox Mine.

PROJECT TIMELINE

Manh Choh Project

Community engagement, environmental baseline studies, and exploration field work like drilling are on-going and consistent through the project's timeline.



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Stop the Spread

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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