

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

Doreen Mark, Environmental Technician In-Training



Doreen is an Environmental Technician In-Training and works on the Manh Choh project. She collects water samples at 17 sites, along with maintaining the weather stations.

She enjoys her job and has been able to do many new things, like ride in a helicopter and hike up to the weather stations to view Tetlin Lake and the Tok flats, something she's never seen before. Doreen really likes the people she is working with and going up to Fort Knox for training. She had been waiting for a job opportunity like this for a long time and very happy for it. Her knowledge

had been sitting on the shelf for a long time and she is happy that she is now able to use her knowledge from her years in college and experience working on exploration projects.

Doreen studied very hard and recently received her Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) certification and Visible Emissions Method 9 Certification.

"I've had a rough start in my early years, but I had made up my mind to do good and complete my goals.

1. change my life,
2. have God in my life,
3. be clean and sober,
4. own a house,
5. have a family, and
6. have a full time job and work.

The full time job with Kinross completed my long term goals, which I have made In 1998."

We look forward to the safe and responsible development of the project and the positive benefits it is expected to generate for our community,"

- Village of Tetlin Chief, Michael Sam



Top: Doreen in front of Manh Choh
Bottom: Geology Technicians: Donny Waechter, Andrew Forward, Nick Lock and Andrew Via



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Community Relations Update



Michael Sam, Village of Tetlin Chief, and Jeremy Brans, Vice-President and General Manager, Fort Knox, at the Manh Choh renaming announcement.

Number of Scheduled Stakeholder Meetings	21
Unscheduled Informal Stakeholder Meetings	32
Total Number of Stakeholders Engaged With	132

First Quarter Engagements

During a meeting with the Tetlin Village Council in February, we were ecstatic to learn that they had finalized the new name of the project Manh Choh, meaning “big lake” in Upper Tanana Athabascan, which refers to the Tetlin Lake, a beloved landmark and source of local pride in Tetlin. Our goal is that our neighbors and friends in the Upper Tanana region feel just as proud of this project in the future. The other exciting news is that we hired seven tribal members and one local resident for year-round and field-related positions with two more in the process of getting hired. Kinross could not be happier to welcome local expertise and talent. We awarded local contracts to eight local businesses as well.

We also provided \$7,500 in community donations for the Tok Dog Mushers Association, Tok Youth Hockey, and the Tok Wolverine Trap (to support youth trap club) in addition to community support funding programs for the Tetlin community.

Over the last few months we have continued engaging with key stakeholders in the Upper Tanana sub-region, as well regional and local entities. We held a series of meetings in Tok in February and had in-depth conversations with the Superintendent of the Alaska Gateway School District, Tetlin Refuge leadership, Alaska Departments of Public Safety and Transportation and Public Facilities local representatives, UAF Tok Campus leadership, Tok Chamber of Commerce leadership, Tanacross tribal leadership and our team got a tour of the beautiful new Upper Tanana Health Center, as well as the biomass facility. We also met in Fairbanks with Chief PJ Simon from Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) and held virtual meetings with the TCC Employment and Training department, and the Delta Junction Mayor and City Administrator. We presented to the Delta Junction City Council using a virtual platform as well.

We are in the process of scheduling meetings in the Upper Tanana communities, depending on their comfort with in-person local meetings. We are eager to meet with people face-to-face and safety is our number one priority. Please stay tuned for more information on upcoming meetings, both virtual and in-person. We recently acquired office space in Tok, and look forward to inviting the community for an open house & barbecue this summer.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Please join us for a socially distanced community meeting / BBQ near you.



- Tok – June 14, 5-7pm
- Delta Junction – June 15, 5-7pm
- Fox – June 16, 5-7 pm



Meeting with TCC Chief / Chairman “PJ” Pollack B. Simon, Jr. – March 2021



Tok Hockey Tournament – March 2021

Regulatory Update

The team is continuing with data collection and is currently focused on generating comprehensive baseline database.

With summer field work fast approaching the team is getting ready to complete the following tasks this field season:

- Set up a local office to store samples and equipment
- Complete the installation of wells for sampling
- Conduct cultural and historic surveys
- Conduct wildlife and bird surveys
- Clear a location for the helicopter landing pad
- Additional wetlands delineation surveys
- Construct storm water runoff controls



Kinross Environmental Department Staff photo



Sunset on the Tok River

Field Work Update

After concluding the 2020 drilling program in late December, the Kinross team began contracting the 2021 field program with the goal of an early start to complete a significant portion of the drilling while the ground is frozen for better access. The team was successful with a quick turnaround for contracting, hiring field personnel, and final planning. Going into the 2021 program lessons learned from the abbreviated 2020 program were applied to help improve the COVID management strategy and workplace safety at the core shack and in the field.

Safety for the field program involved improving field communications by modifying the radios previously used, including external antennas for vehicles and multiple repeaters to reduce blind spots on the road. Significant effort was also placed into road maintenance and keeping the road in the best condition possible during winter and thaw. At the core shack more work was done improving the ergonomics of the work area and correcting hazards in and around the building.

The program officially kicked off with the heavy equipment for drill pad construction mobilizing to site on February 18th. Two core drills contracted

through Ruen Drilling arrived the following week on February 24th with the first hole of the 2021 season collared on February 27th.

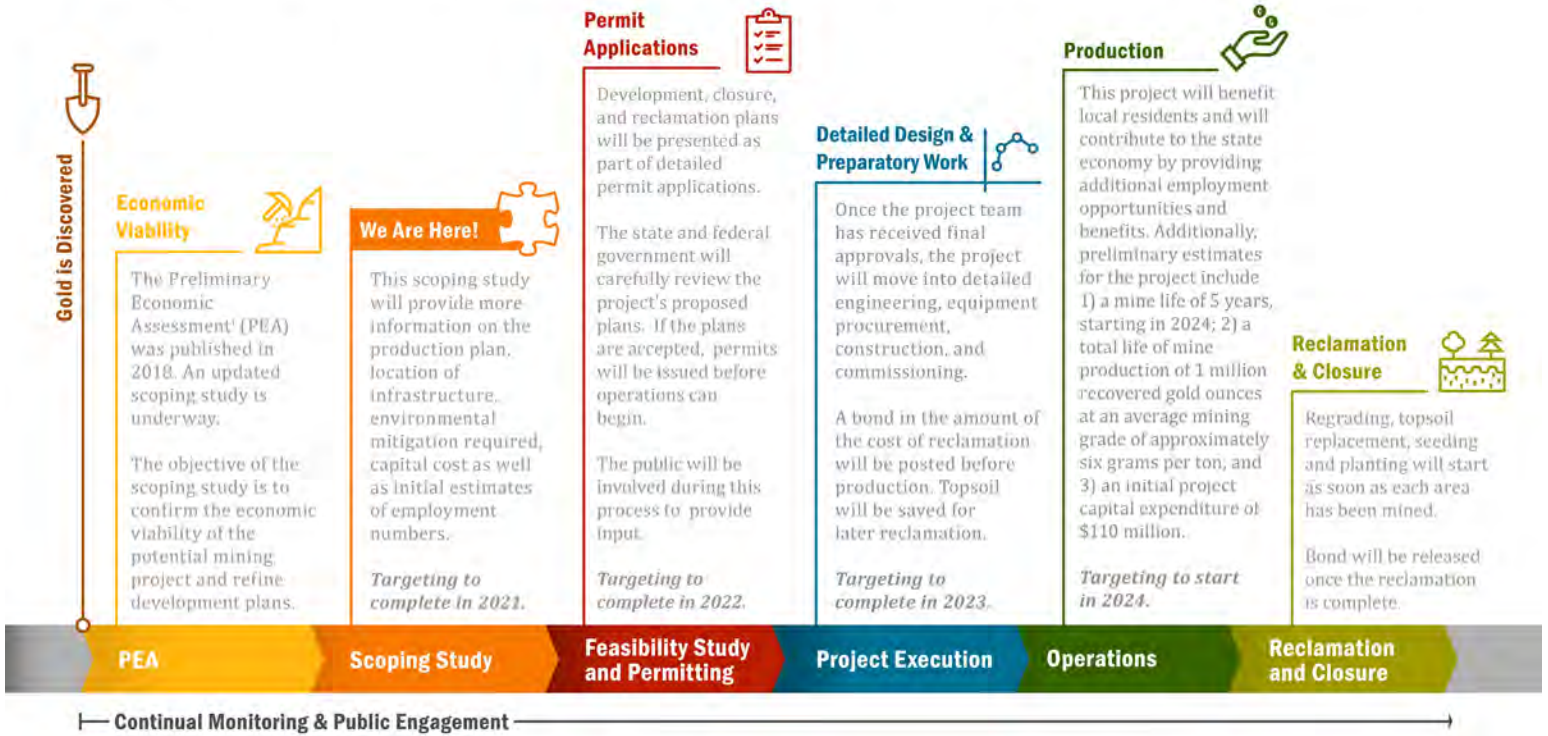
The 2021 program includes drilling for multiple disciplines to collect the data to complete engineering designs, resource modeling, and permitting. The geotechnical pit slope drilling is to understand key faults and rock strength for engineering parameters. Infill drilling to further refine the geologic model, mineralization, and other key mining parameters. Ground water monitoring well to collect water geochemistry samples. Infrastructure geotechnical work to ensure roads, buildings, and waste dump areas are built safely in suitable areas. Finally, exploration drilling will be completed.

By the end of April, 20,000 feet of drilling in 54 drillholes has been completed. Work will continue through Q2, drilling additional holes, processing the core for analytical testing, completing reclamation of disturbance.

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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