



Hardrock Mining Timeline: Before Production

Concept to Discovery 10 Years

Prospecting

- Claim staking & permitting
- Identifying indicator minerals
- Mapping & bedrock analysis

Exploration

- Community involvement
- Surface mapping & field sampling
- Geophysical & geochemical surveying
- Evaluating historical maps & data

Analysis

- Drilling & extracting rock samples
- Core logging & analysis
- Assay testing: testing for metal ore
- Creating a drill program



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Permitting 7-10 Years

Environmental Analysis

Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

- Purpose & Need
- Proposed Action Alternatives
- Affected Environment
- Environmental Consequences
- Cumulative Effects
- Complete other Chapters and Appendices
- Prepare Notice of Availability

Publish NOA

DEIS Public Comment Period

Prepare Final EIS

- Review & Respond to Public Comment on DEIS
- Update EIS w/Public Comments Addressed
- Incorporate New Data
- Finalize & Analyze Mitigation Measures

Publish NOA

Final EIS Circulation

Draft USFS ROD Circulation

USFS Response to Objection, BLM Prepares ROD

RODs Published (BLM & USFS)

Appeal Period

* Legal Challenges

Project Development