



Exploring the Last Window  
on the Carlin Trend

April 2012

# Forward Looking Statements

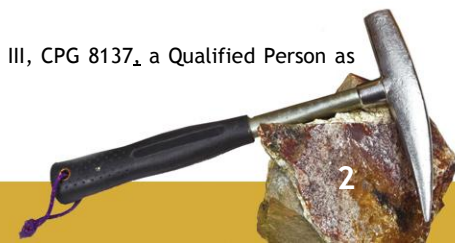
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# Why Gold Standard?

Everything is now in place for extraordinary success in the near term

- **The Right People**  
Proven gold finders led by V.P. Exploration Dave Mathewson who discovered several deposits in the Rain District adjacent to Gold Standard Ventures' Railroad project. Exceptional technical team focusing on gold discovery within North Central Nevada.
- **The Right Projects**  
Gold Standard's 100% owned Railroad gold project is the "fourth window" on the Carlin Trend. Permissive, gold-bearing, lower-plate rocks, host to major Carlin gold deposits are exposed at surface. Gold Standard Ventures discovered significant Carlin-style mineralization at Railroad in late 2010, and has had significant ongoing success.
- **The Right Tools**  
Model-driven exploration approach using effective advanced techniques developed and successfully employed by the majors, has resulted in our discoveries to date.
- **The Right Backing**  
Exploration funding in place for aggressive drilling in 2012. Senior management, board, advisors, and financial backers in place to ensure success.



## Board of Directors

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## Nevada Technical Team

**Dave Mathewson** - V.P.Exploration, Chief Geologist

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**Steve Moore** - Senior Geological Consultant

**Thomas Kilby** - East Camp Douglas Project Manager

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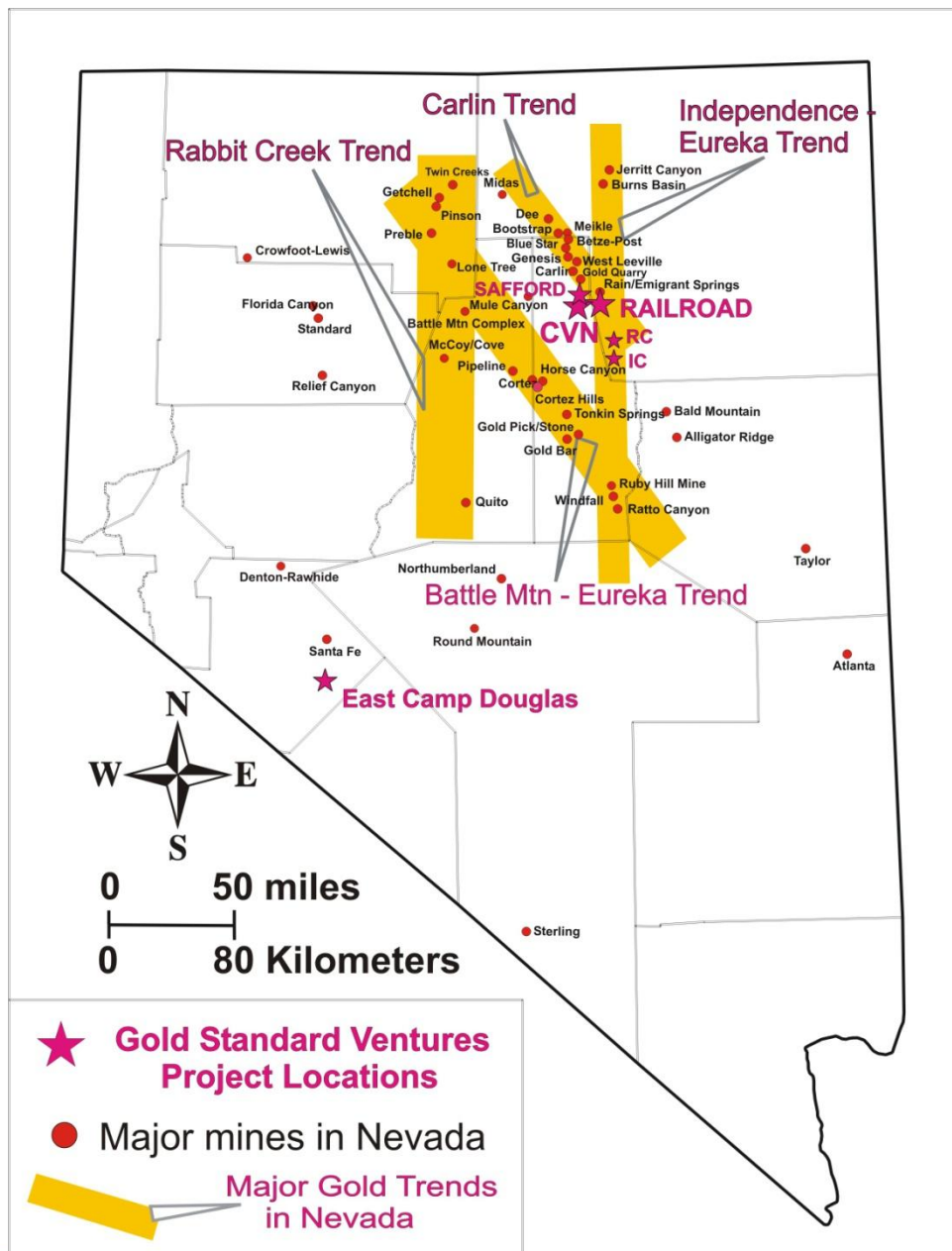
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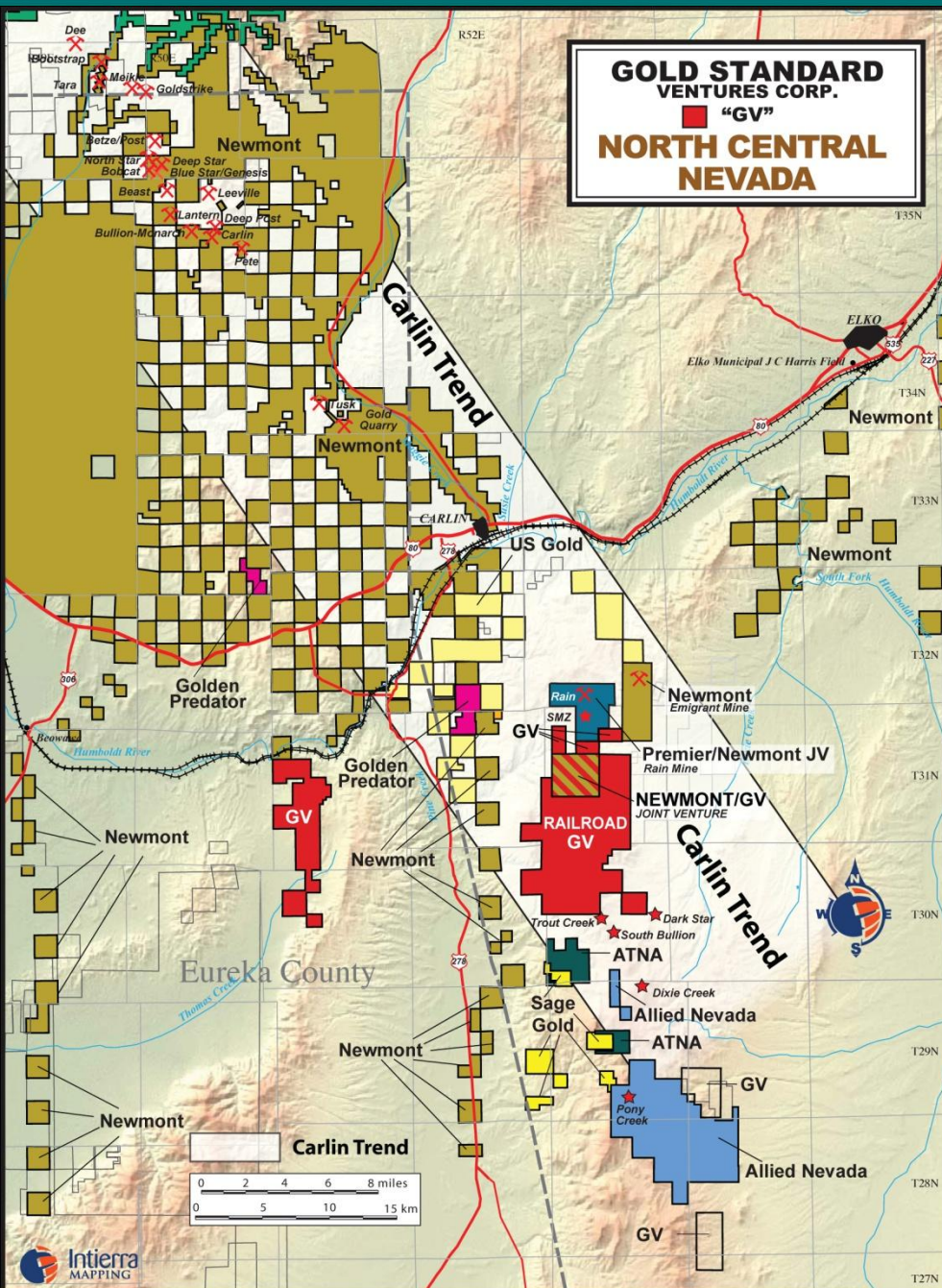




## Why Explore Nevada?

- 6.1 Million ounces of gold produced in 2011...83% of US gold production. 152 Million ounces of gold mined from 1835 to 2008.
- 22 major processing facilities in the state, major infrastructure and very pro mining environment. Barrick and Newmont have invested + \$6b US in the state and growing.
- “Elephant Country”... Seven +20M oz gold deposits can be found
- Nevada gold ounces get a premium in the market. Recent M&A activity: Newmont paid \$575/oz of gold in the ground to acquire Frontier.





## Why the Carlin Trend?

- The Carlin Trend is host to several of Newmont's and Barrick's largest gold assets. It is the largest concentration of gold in the earth's crust.
- GV technical team responsible in the 1990's for significant gold discoveries within Newmont's adjacent Rain and Gold Quarry properties.
- GV's 100% owned Railroad represents the last significantly underexplored district on the Carlin Trend.



## The Four Windows

There are four Carlin Windows, each a Dome, where permissive lower-plate rocks are exposed at the surface.

**Richmond Dome: 100+M oz Au**  
2M oz Annual Production

- Goldstrike
- Carlin
- Leeville
- Meikle

**Maggie Creek Dome: 60+M oz Au**  
1 M oz Annual Production

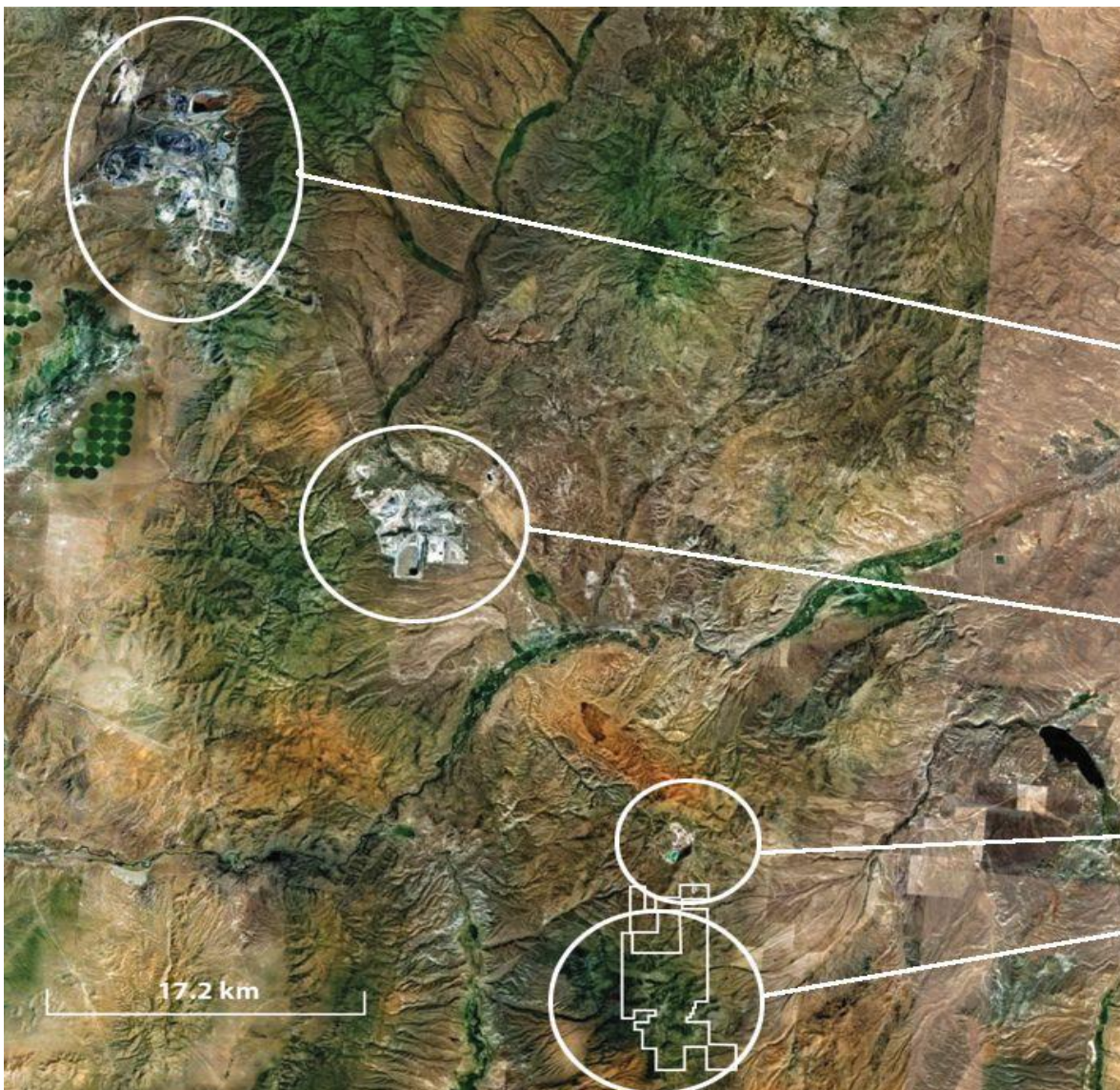
- Gold Quarry
- Tusk

**Rain Dome: 6+M oz Au**

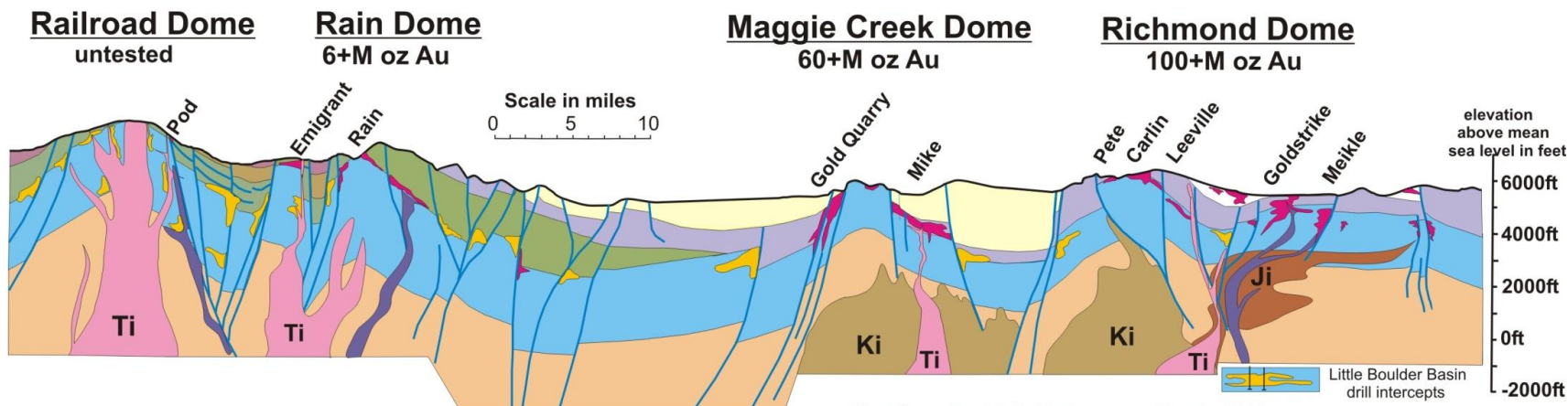
- Emigrant
- Rain/Northwest Extensions

**Railroad Dome:**

- Gold Standard commenced exploration, 2010







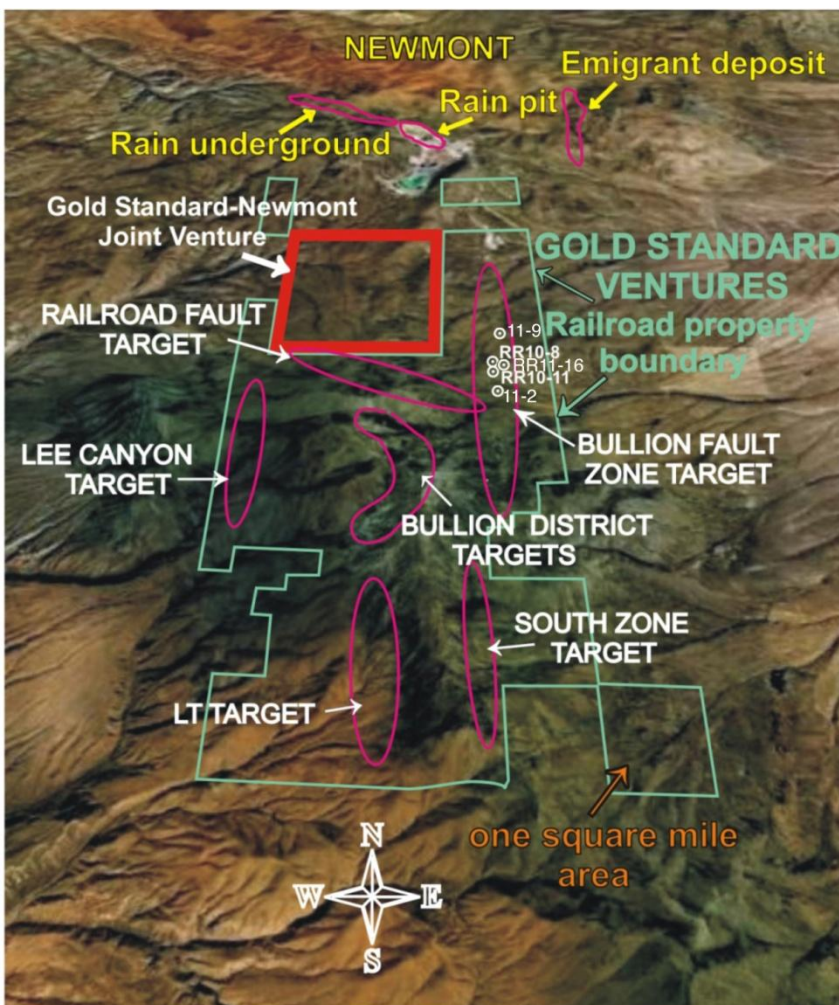
modified from David C. Mathewson March, 2002

**Rock Explanation**

<p>post-mineral cover</p> <p>Qal</p> <p>Tv</p>	<p>permissive Devonian &amp; Silurian limestones</p>	<p>known gold deposits</p>
<p>non-permissive Mississippian clastics</p>	<p>non-permissive carbonates and clastic rocks</p>	<p>possible gold deposit localities</p>
<p>non-permissive upper-plate clastics</p>	<p>Jurassic intrusive</p> <p>Ji</p> <p>Jurassic and Tertiary mafic intrusive</p>	<p>Cretaceous intrusive</p> <p>Ki</p> <p>Early Tertiary intrusive (gold event)</p> <p>Ti</p>



## Why Railroad

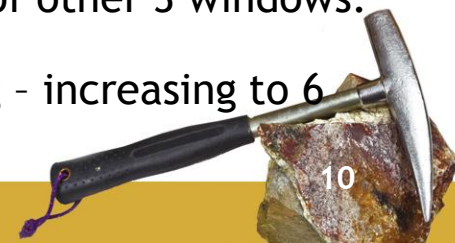


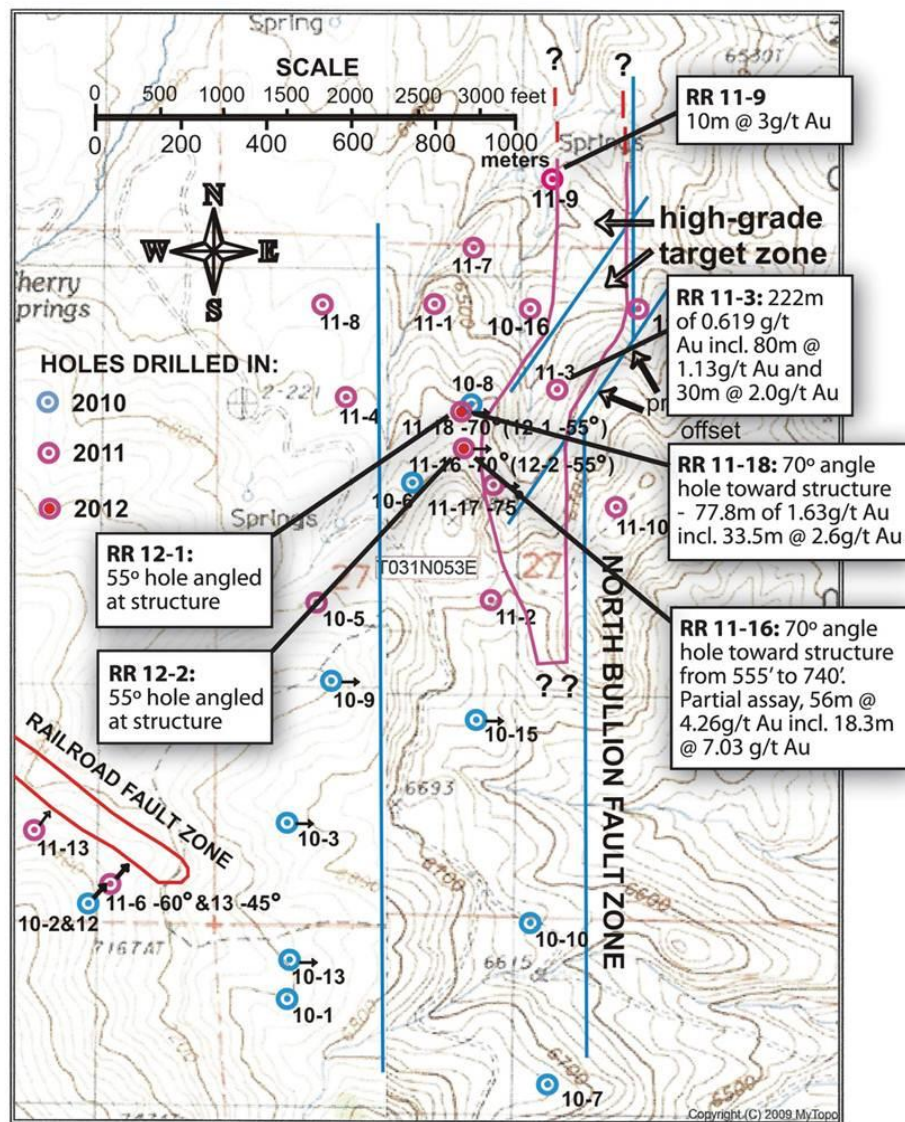
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### RAILROAD PROJECT TARGETS

with RR10-8 and 10-11 hole locations  
and Gold Standard-Newmont  
Joint Venture property

- The last unexplored window on the Carlin Trend, representing a district-scale opportunity.
- Significant gold discovery on Bullion Fault Zone
- 2010 drilling discovered gold-bearing collapse breccias in limestone (Devil's Gate) beneath barren to weakly mineralized, non-permissive rocks - a characteristic Carlin deposit model.
- 2011/12 program currently locating high-grade feeder conduits of the gold-bearing fluids in breccias ponded against impermeable mudstones.
- Structurally complex, target-rich environment. Large, robust gold-bearing mineral system similar to other systems on the Carlin Trend.
- Only non-major to control entire district, Barrick and Newmont control bulk of other 3 windows.
- 2 core rigs currently drilling - increasing to 6 late May/early June

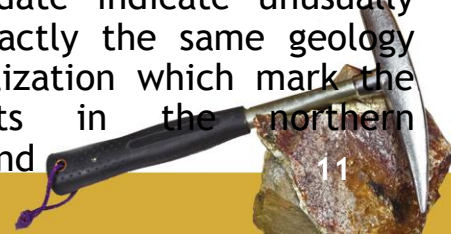




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## North Bullion Fault Drill Hole Plot Plan

- Significant new gold discovery found by Hole RR 11-16, 185' of 0.124opt Au (56.4 metres of 4.26 grams per tonne gold) from 555 to 740 feet, and hole RR 11-18, 255ft of 0.048opt Au (77.8m of 1.63 g/t Au) including 110ft of 0.075opt (33.5m of 2.58g/t Au)
- RR11-9 intercept of 32.5' @ 0.088 opt. The significance of this intercept indicates the mineralized trend 2000' north extension from hole RR11-16. This extension shows the potential for a huge gold deposit that we are just now beginning to realize. Holes RR10-6, 11 and 16 also intersecting significant gold.
- Hole RR10-8 contained over 400 feet of continuous gold mineralization within Chainman, Webb, and Devils Gate breccias.
- RR11-3 expanded on this significant discovery found in RR10-8. RR11-3 intercepted 730 feet of 0.018 OPT, including 265 ft of .033 OPT
- Drill intercepts to date indicate unusually thick sections of exactly the same geology and style of mineralization which mark the best gold deposits in the northern part of the Carlin Trend



## Significance of Holes RR 11-9 and RR 11-16 + 11-18

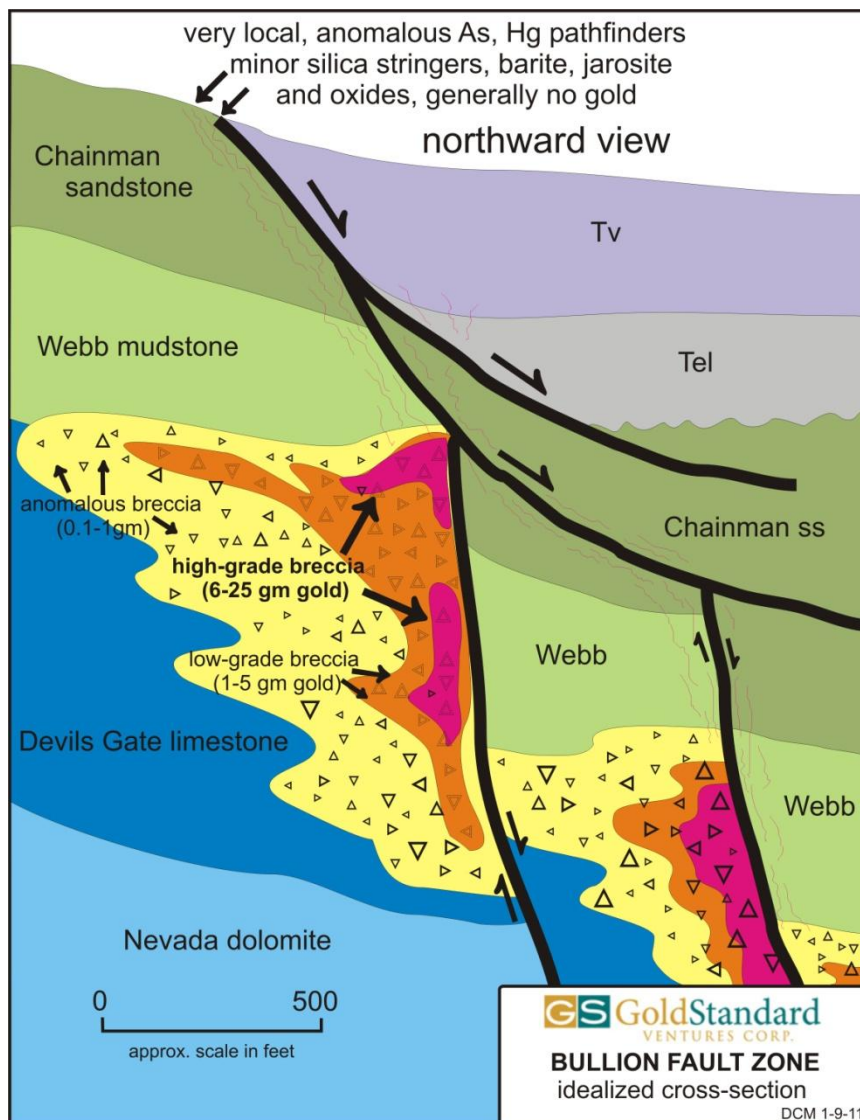
- Shallow near surface gold mineralization over significant width
- Hole 16 and 18 confirm further the model within NBFZ and most importantly, the high grade portion of the model
- Encouraging to encounter mineralization of this thickness and grade outside of anticipated high grade feeders
- Hole 9 extends the NBFZ by almost 2,000 ft to the north
- Holes 11-9, 11-16 and 11-18 are pivotal to Railroad. Robust, powerful mineral system much more akin to the large minerals systems in the northern portion of the Carlin

## Ongoing vectoring drilling in North Bullion Fault Zone

- Core holes were originally vectored at between minus 70 and 75 degrees towards North South trending North Bullion Fault (NBFZ)
- Drill holes RR11-16 and 11-18 were drilled at an angle of minus 70 degrees eastward into a north-south-trending target within the NBFZ.
- Drill holes RR12-1 and RR12-2 are being drilled from drill sites of RR11-18 and RR11-16 (respectively) at an angle of -50 degrees.
- Drill holes RR 12-1 and RR 12-2 are 50 degree angle holes fan drilled from drill sites RR 11-16 and RR 11-18 (respectively) -- currently underway

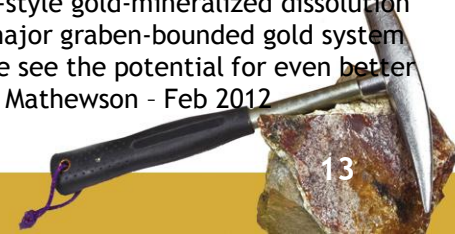


# Railroad/Rain Geological Cross Section Model



- High-grade gold mineralization exists predominantly in brecciated zones within the Webb Mudstone and Devils Gate limestone.
- Deposits typically align along flanks of feeder structures.
  - Locating feeder structures requires advanced geological and geophysical exploration techniques.
- GV is utilizing advanced model-driven exploration techniques on its Railroad Project.
- Permissive Devils Gate limestone has never previously been tested at Railroad.

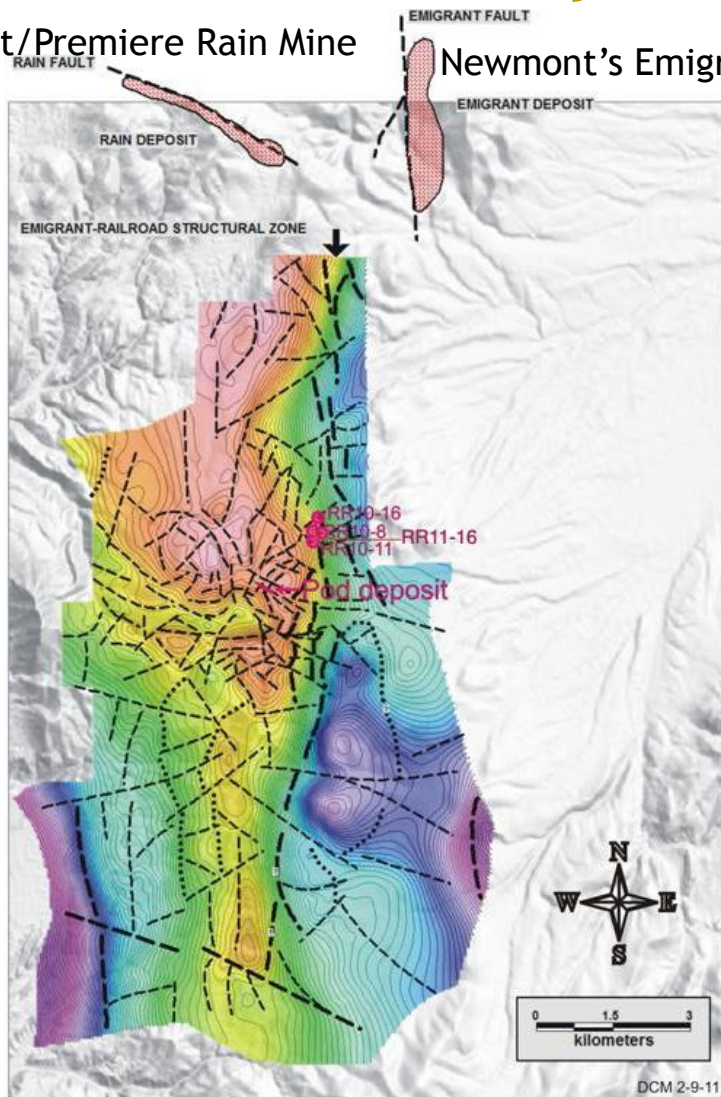
"Our exploration model of large, Carlin-style gold-mineralized dissolution collapse breccias in the footwall of a major graben-bounded gold system has held up very well, and we therefore see the potential for even better results as the drilling continues," David Mathewson - Feb 2012



# Railroad Gravity: “Structural Complexity”

Newmont/Premiere Rain Mine

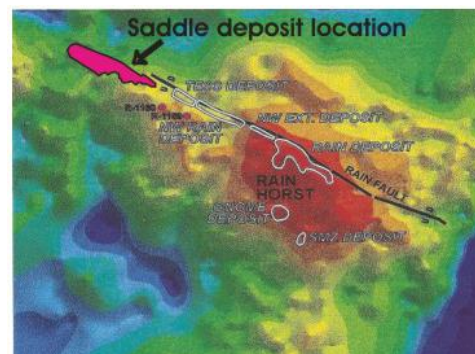
EMIGRANT FAULT  
Newmont's Emigrant Mine



Railroad District Gravity with Interpreted Structures

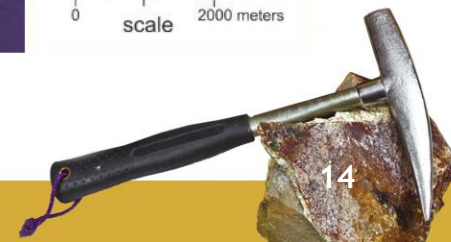
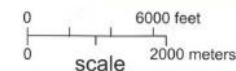


- Newmont's Emigrant Springs now in production. Railroad's adjoining Rain District now Newmont/Premier Gold Mines joint venture, contains approximately 6M+ oz/Au and growing.
- The geological similarities to Rain and structural similarities of Railroad to Meikle offer excellent potential to discover similar deposits.
- The lateral dimension of the gravity high at Railroad is nearly 3x Rain.



Rain gravity

2 million ounce  
@ 0.5 ozAu/st Saddle  
deposit template



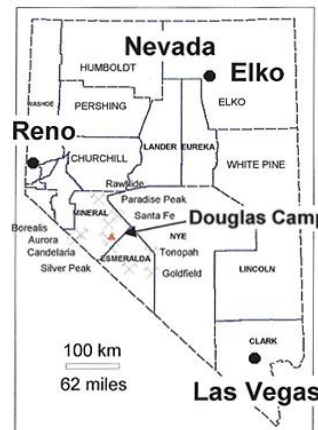
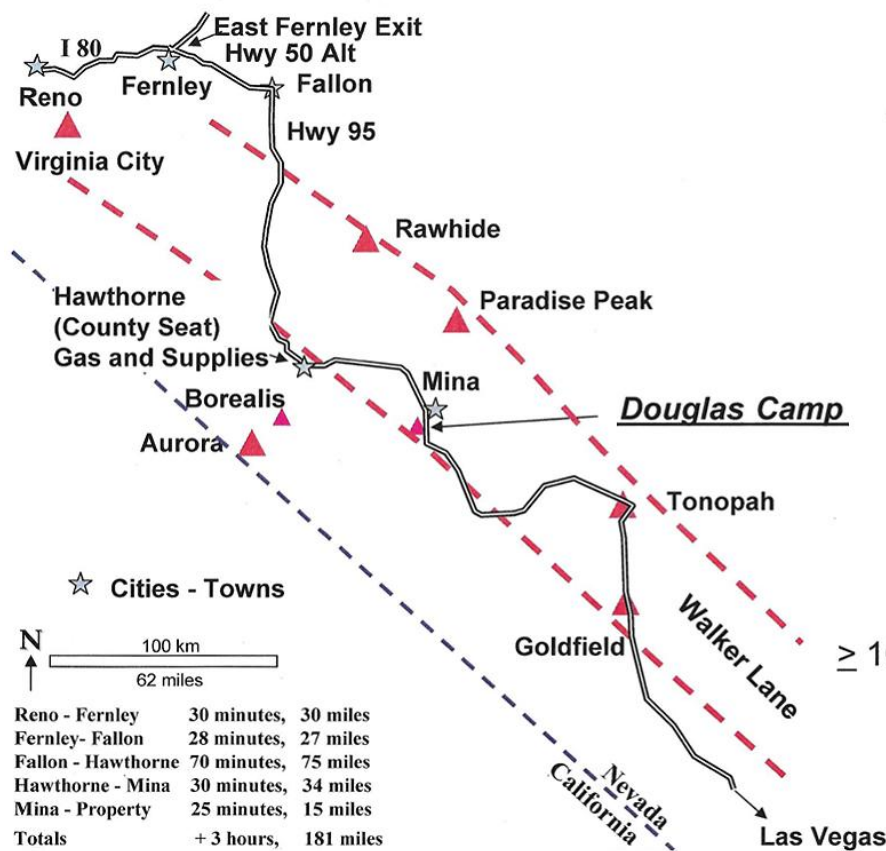
# Budget 2011 and 1<sup>st</sup> Q 12

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>#HOLES</b>	<b>TOTAL FT</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Railroad	20-25	36,000	\$7.0M
Douglas Camp	6	4,000	\$0.8M
Safford	3	3,000	\$0.45M
Robinson	3	3,600	\$0.25M
Other	ND		\$0.5M
G & A			\$2.0M
<b>Totals</b>	<b>37-42</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>\$11M</b>



# East Camp Douglas Gold Project

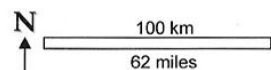
## Douglas Camp Project



### Epithermal Volcanic Hosted Deposits

> 1 Moz Au ± Ag Deposits

≥ 100,000 oz Au ± Ag Deposits



Reno - Fernley	30 minutes,	30 miles
Fernley- Fallon	28 minutes,	27 miles
Fallon - Hawthorne	70 minutes,	75 miles
Hawthorne - Mina	30 minutes,	34 miles
Mina - Property	25 minutes,	15 miles
Totals	+ 3 hours,	181 miles

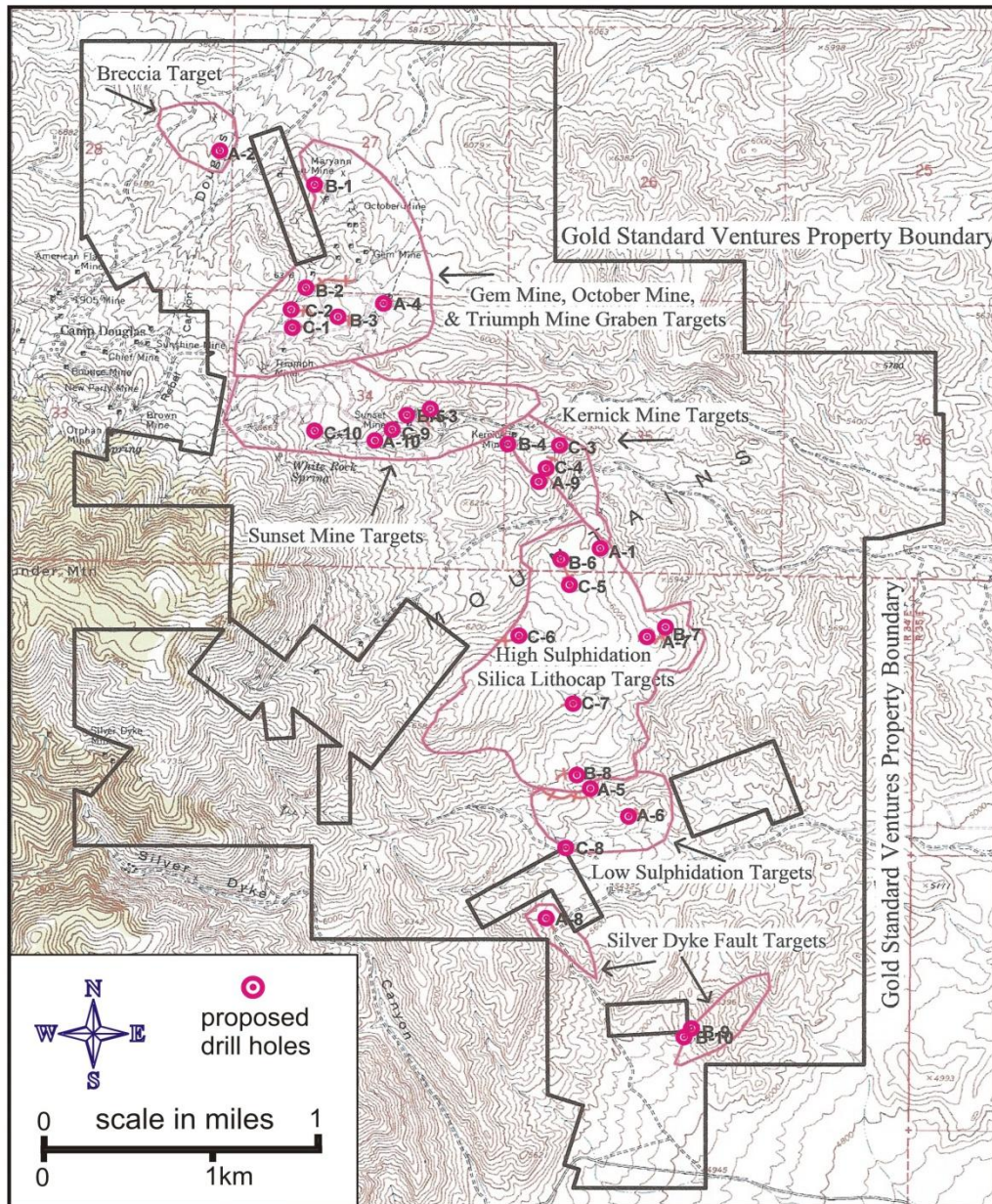




# East Camp Douglas Project

- Drilling commenced February 2012, utilizing core drilling.
- Gold occurs as both high sulfidation-style within lithic tuffs similar to the Borealis and Round Mountain gold deposits, and also bonanza-style veins similar to Comstock and Goldfields.
- **Known shallow gold mineralization including;**
  - 55ft of 0.51opt from 30 to 85 feet in sulphides
  - 70ft of .062 opt (2.12g/t) from 0 to 70 feet in oxides
- Land package comprised of 277 claims Plus 80 acres patented land, has been assembled over a number of years by GV consultants. This is the first opportunity to conduct a large-scale, district-wide exploration effort on the project.
- BLM land and patent land, Approx 5500 acres, i.e 8.6 sq mi. Low lease and work commitments, year round access and close to infrastructure





## East Camp Douglas Drill Program

- Two rigs currently drilling
- Testing both low sulphidation and high sulphidation targets previously recognized in historical drilling
- High potential for significant gold mineralized system to be encountered
- Approx 5500 acres, 8.6 sq mi



# FCMI Investment

## Ranked #1 Hedge fund by Fortune in 2011

- On March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011, Gold Standard closed its C\$12.0M private placement at \$.95c with no warrant.
- FCMI Parent Co. ("FCMI") subscribed for 11.0M of the 12.6M common shares placed.
  - FCMI is a private investment corporation controlled by Albert Friedberg
  - Pro forma, FCMI is a 19.9% shareholder of Gold Standard
    - Right to participate, on a pro rata basis, in future equity financings
    - Right to nominate one member to the Board - Bill Threlkeld (March 17, 2011)
- FCMI has a proven track record of success.
  - 35% investor in Arizona Star - sold to Barrick for \$800M in October 2007
  - 21% shareholder of Seabridge Gold
  - 13% shareholder of Paramount Gold & Silver

### Offering Summary

Announce Date:	February 24, 2011
Close Date:	March 3, 2011
Structure:	Common Shares
Common Shares:	12,578,947
Offering Price:	C\$0.95/share
Premium to 20-day VWAP:	9.4%
Gross Proceeds:	C\$11,950,000
Primary Investor:	FCMI Parent Co.
Subscription Amount:	C\$10,450,000
Pro Forma Ownership:	19.9%



# Share Structure

<b>Shares outstanding</b>	67.8 million
<b>Options outstanding</b>	4.9 million
<b>Warrants outstanding</b>	6.2 million
<b>Fully diluted</b>	78.9 million
<b>Approx. cash on hand</b>	\$11.0 million
<b>Options &amp; warrants if exercised</b>	\$10.0 million
<b>Inside ownership</b>	27%
<b>Institutional ownership</b>	50%
- FCMI	19.9%
- Gilder	10%
- Richmond Capital	8%
- Phoenix Gold Fund	5%
<b>Research Coverage</b>	
- Adam Graf, Dahlman Rose & Company, LLC	



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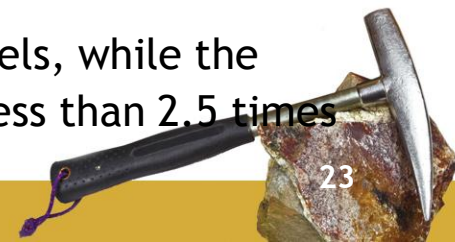
# Why Gold Standard?

1. 100% ownership of district scale gold project with a significant new gold discovery, located on the Carlin Trend. Massive premiums paid for discoveries in this part of the world due to excessive mining depletion and access to milling infrastructure.
2. Fourth window on the Carlin Trend, where permissive lower plate host rocks and favorable contacts are exposed at the surface and extend to depths flanking the window. Three other windows, Richmond Dome (Goldstrike & Meikle -Barrick), Maggie Creek (Gold Quarry & Mike -Newmont) and Rain (Newmont) & Saddle (Premier Gold) host some of the largest deposits mines in the world.
3. Significant gold discoveries at NBFZ at Railroad
4. Target rich, structurally complex, powerful gold system. Previously no modern day exploration techniques applied to it and all historical drilling very shallow.
5. World class Nevada exploration team led by Dave Mathewson. New director Bill Threlkeld is a proven ore finder. Newly-hired Mac Jackson discovered Leeville, parts of Twin Creeks. Outstanding Board and Advisory team.
6. Canadian billionaire investor Albert Friedberg took a 19.9% stake through one of his holding companies, FCMI. Has made 4 investments into resource in 12 years (Arizona Star, Seabridge Gold, Paramount Gold and Silver and Gold Standard Ventures).
7. Treasury of approximately \$11.7M (growing from warrant exercise) CDN, no debt. Large management ownership.



# Why Gold? Drivers for Gold

- Mining depletion of gold - particularly in Nevada - has grossly outpaced replacement by exploration for many years
- Drastic expansion of money supply and fiscal irresponsibility have debased the world's major currencies and created an unsustainable debt load worldwide.
- A low interest rate environment for the foreseeable future promised by the Federal Reserve—negative real interest rates drive money into gold—transitioning into a period of price inflation.
- European Union will require massive money printing to prevent a complete collapse of its over-leveraged banking system.
- Renewed Central Bank buying includes Mexico, China, Vietnam, Indonesia and India up... 26% year over year. Gold is now the preferred reserve asset.
- Gold is money and offers a way to preserve and protect wealth from currency devaluation, inflation and loss of purchasing power.
- Gold is underpriced...it represents just over 1% of worldwide financial assets vs, 25% in 1980. It currently requires roughly 7 ounces of gold to buy the Dow, down from 44 in 1999. In 1980, the ratio reached 1 to 1.
- Current gross US federal debt of \$14.3 trillion is 17 times 1980 levels, while the S&P 500 is nearly 11 times 1980 levels. Gold currently trades for less than 2.5 times 1980 levels.



# Gold Standard Core Shack



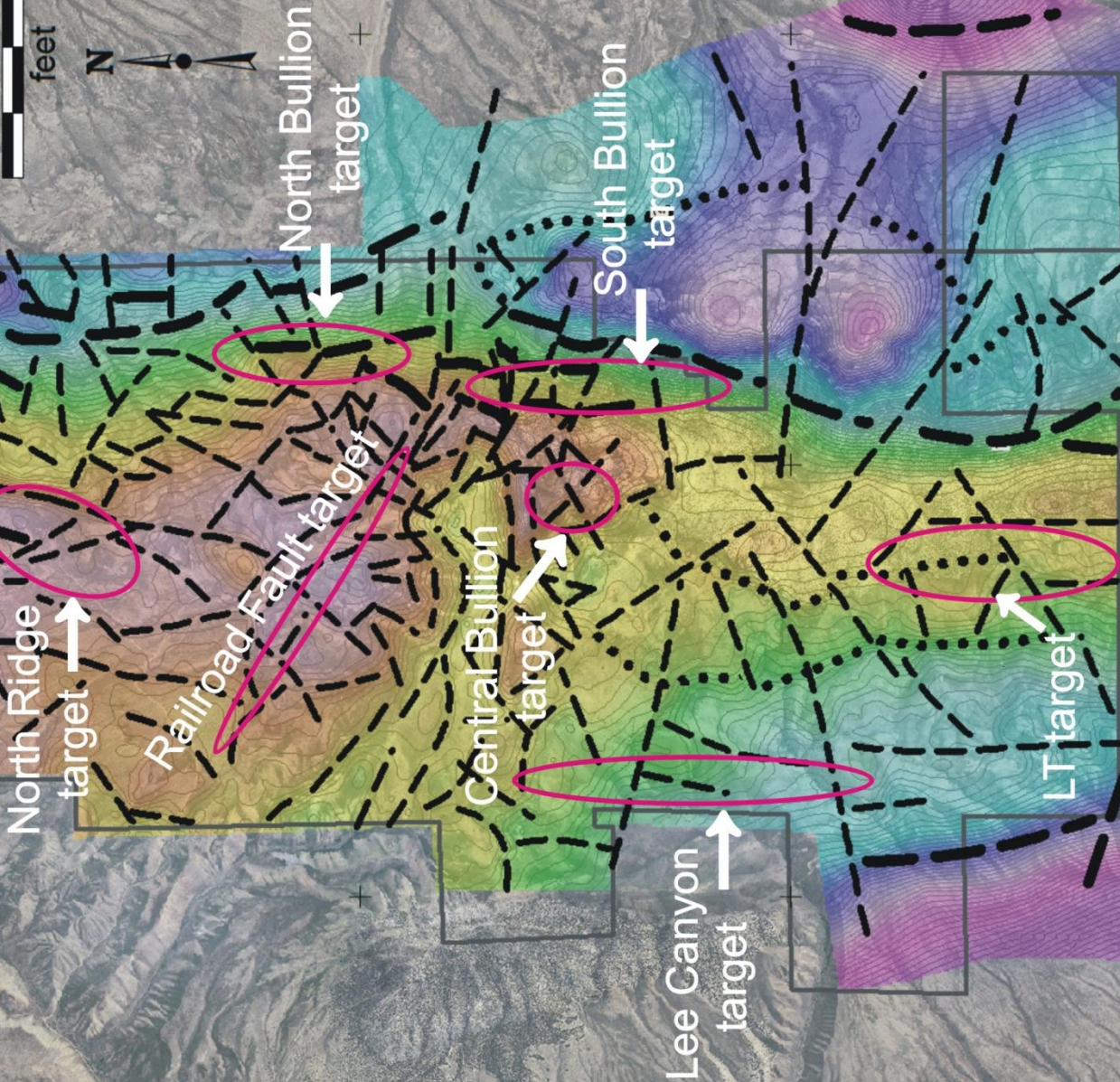


North Bullion Fault Zone RR 11-16 and RR 11-18



**GRAVITY INTERPRETATION**  
(by Wright Geophysics)

- FAULT-MAJOR/CERTAIN** (thick dashed line)
- FAULT-MINOR/LESS CERTAIN** (thin dashed line)
- CONTACTS** (dotted line)
- GSV PROPERTY OUTLINE** (solid line)



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**Railroad Project**  
targets on gravity

# Exposure to Gold - How to Invest

1. **Bullion:** Expensive to store securely, but risk free
2. **ETFs:** Easy to buy, storage provided, most require redemption or sale for cash
3. **Seniors (producers):** Poor performance, low dividends, currently undervalued
4. **Juniors:** More operational and financial risks but more upside
5. **Explorers:** Most risk but most upside...huge leverage for the right investment



*"The North Bullion fault zone (NBFZ) hosts a very large, mineralized breccia body that we discovered in late 2010 and explored through 2011. We believe this breccia was mineralized by multiple high-grade gold feeder zones which are blind targets within the more dispersed lower-grade portions of the breccias. Over the last year, we have narrowed down the search, obtaining increasingly better drill results while defining a major north-south-trending fault complex. RR11-16 is located in the footwall of this complex, angled toward a major east-flanking graben-bounded structure. The character of the rock we see suggests that we may not yet be in a feeder zone ... we may have encountered mineralization which is on the flank, or possibly above, a feeder zone. We therefore expect to continue this hole through the graben-bounded structure and into tertiary rocks which mark the edge of the zone of interest," Dave Mathewson, RR 11-16, February 22, 2012*

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