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**CARLIN TREND**  
WITH DARK STAR AND PINION  
**GOLD RESOURCES**

**THE PRECIOUS METALS SUMMIT**  
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## GOLD STANDARD VENTURES

### Controls entire Railroad-Pinion District

- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest contiguous land package on Carlin Trend (115 Km<sup>2</sup>, ~30.4k acres)
- 3 established gold deposits

### Multiple oxide deposits with favorable heap leaching characteristics<sup>1</sup> – oxide gold resource estimates growing

- Pinion: 630k gold ounces indicated + 1,081k ounces inferred<sup>2</sup>
- Dark Star: 375k gold ounces inferred (not inclusive of the new discovery holes at North Dark Star)<sup>3</sup>

### Continue to explore and expand land package

- North Bullion high-grade open trends
- Bald Mountain and Central Railroad
- Unexplored Dark Star corridor

<sup>1</sup> To date Gold Standard has not performed any preliminary economic assessment or other study of the Pinion and Dark Star oxide gold deposits

<sup>2</sup> Indicated Mineral Resource of 31.61 million tonnes grading 0.62 grams per tonne (g/t) gold (Au), totaling 630,300 ounces of gold and an Inferred Resource of 61.08 million tonnes grading 0.55 g/t Au, totaling 1,081,300 ounces of gold, using a cut-off grade of 0.14 g/t Au. See press release dated March 15, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Inferred Resource of 23.11 million tonnes grading 0.51 g/t Au, totaling 375,000 ounces of gold, using a cut-off grade of 0.14 g/t Au. See press release dated March 3, 2016



## EXPLORATION AND PRE-DEVELOPMENT

Strong treasury to execute this year's strategy and beyond - cash and cash equivalents<sup>1</sup> of **~C\$42million** (Cash ~C\$29million)<sup>2</sup>

### EXPLORATION

**US \$13.4 million** program, **~43,000 m** of reverse-circulation (RC) & core drilling in **~100 holes**

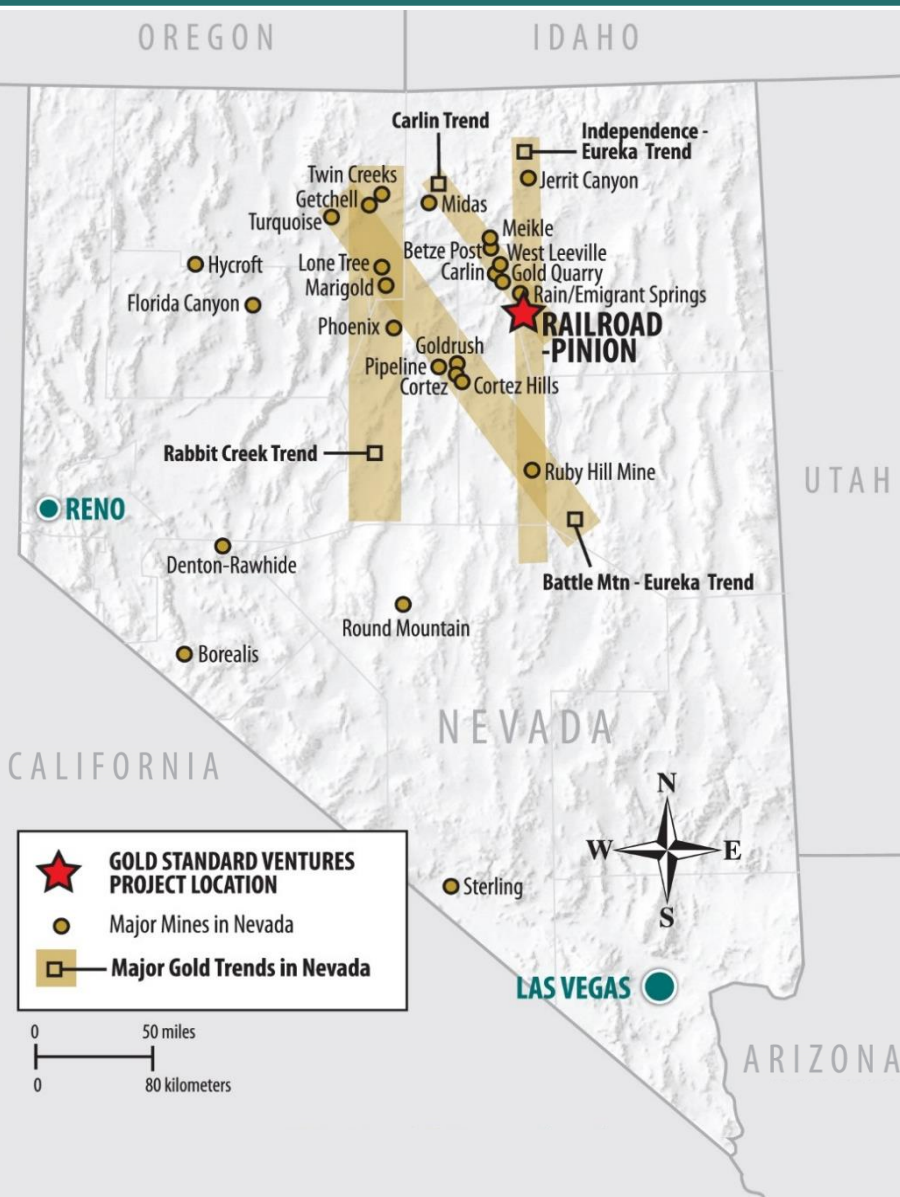
- **Dark Star & North Dark Star** – oxide gold resource and discovery expansion (~20,400m)
- **Pinion** - oxide gold resource expansion & new targets (Sentinel Breccia & Irene) (~14,200m)
- **North Bullion** high grade gold lower breccia zone target (~4,800m)
- **Bald Mountain** oxide gold targets (~3,600m)
- New exploration targets (~2,500m)

### PRE-DEVELOPMENT

- Complete bottle roll program and initiate column leach test at Pinion / Dark Star
- Initiate Pinion & Dark Star Plan of Operations (Environmental Assessment)
- Continued permitting

<sup>1</sup> Inclusive of strategic investment in Battle Mountain Gold Inc. (TSX.V:BMG), see press release dated June 16, 2016. (\$12.8mln – 16.6mln shares @ \$0.77 as of August 26, 2016 closing price)

<sup>2</sup> approximate figure as of August 26, 2016



## NEVADA

- **“Elephant Country”** - numerous >20M oz gold deposits within the Carlin and surrounding trends
- **4.94M oz of gold produced** in 2014 – ~75% of U.S. gold production
- ~194M oz of gold mined from 1835 to 2014
- Pro-mining environment
- Geopolitical stability
- Major infrastructure - over 22 processing facilities

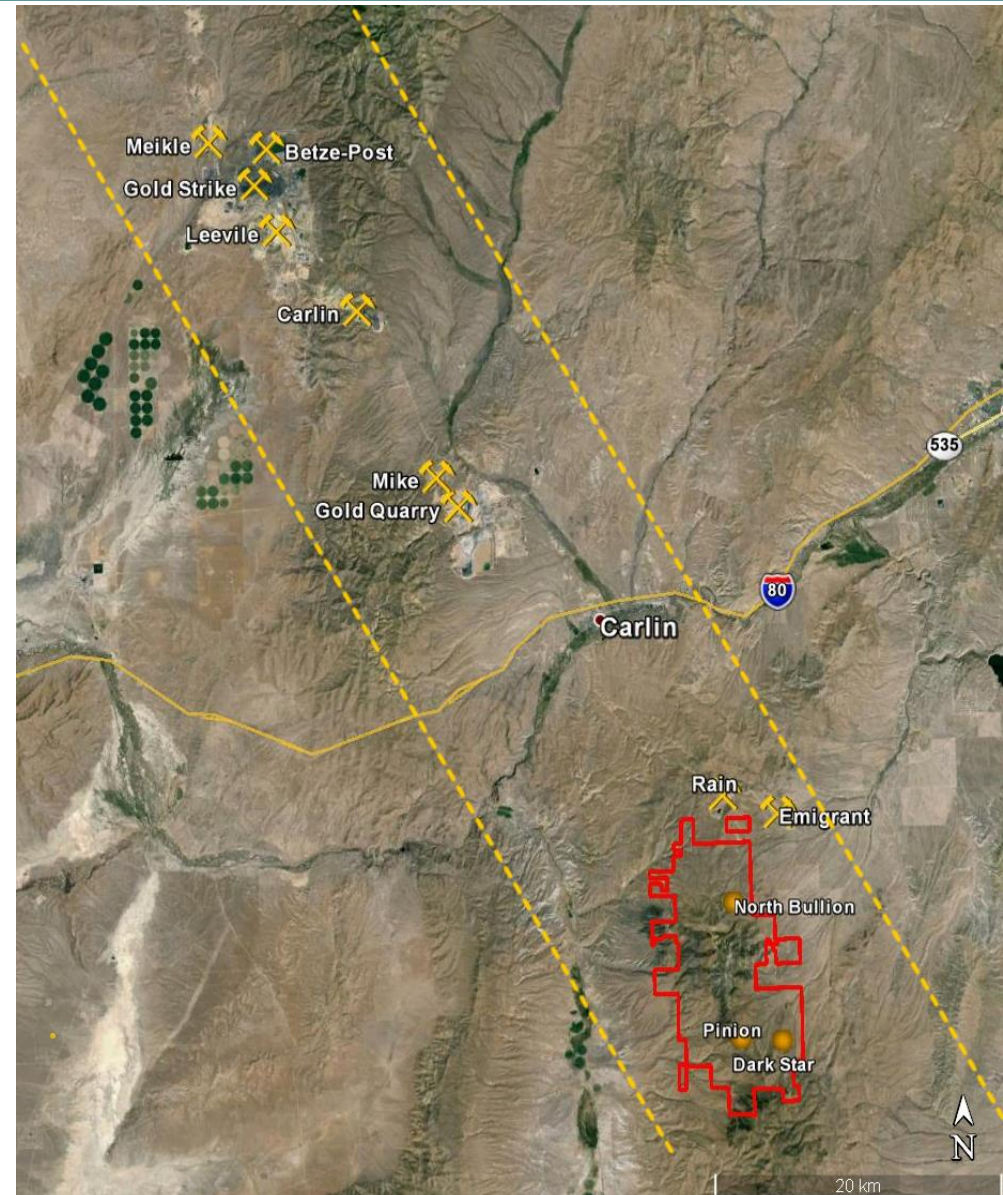


## THE CARLIN TREND

- Most prolific gold mining belt in the Western Hemisphere
- GSV's technical team, significant contributors to gold deposit discoveries on the Carlin Trend with Newmont, including:
  - ❖ Leeville
  - ❖ Turf
  - ❖ Mike
  - ❖ Gold Quarry
- *"No better place on earth to explore for gold – they are still finding more gold at the original Carlin mine, which was discovered over 50 years ago!"*

Steve Koehler, Senior Geologist, GSV

- Railroad-Pinion Project - last **under-explored district** on the Carlin Trend



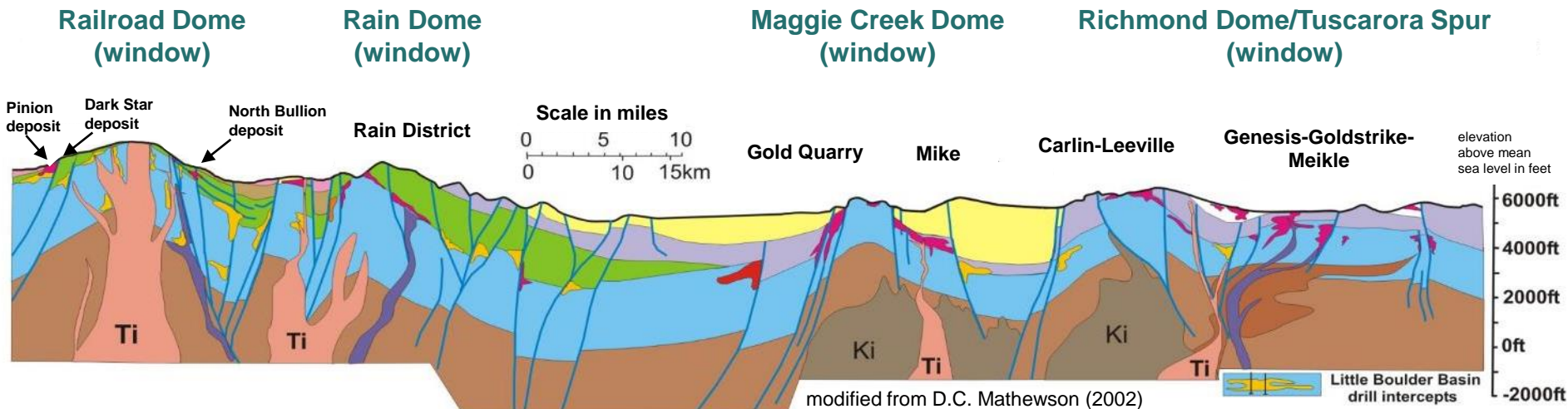
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## CARLIN GOLD TREND, NEVADA

### Longitudinal Section – The “Four Windows”

(looking southwestward)



#### ROCK EXPLANATION

Quaternary alluvium	Mississippian thrust plate Devonian Woodruff and Ordovician Vinini clastics and Rodeo Creek	Early Tertiary intrusive (gold event)
Post-mineral volcanics	Devonian & Silurian permissive carbonates	Theorised localities for unknown deposits
Mississippian overlap (mollasse)	Silurian and Ordovician non-permissive carbonates and clastic rocks	Cretaceous intrusive
Mississippian clastics (flysch)	Jurassic and Tertiary mafic intrusive	Known gold deposits
Jurassic intrusive		



## STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITIONS

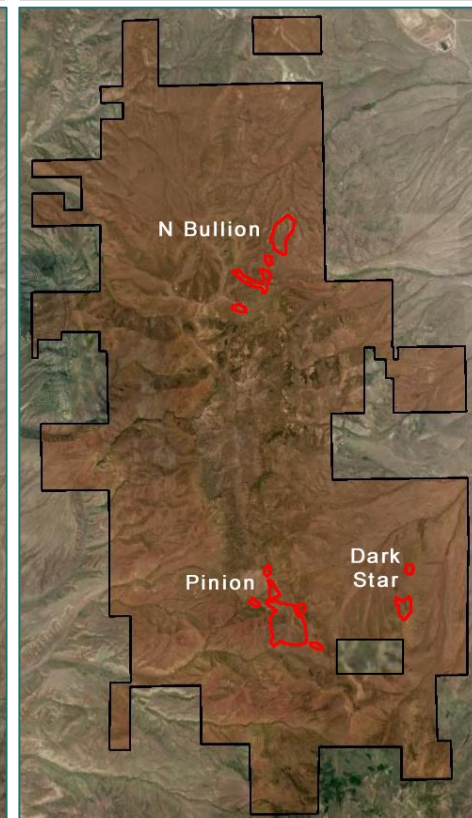
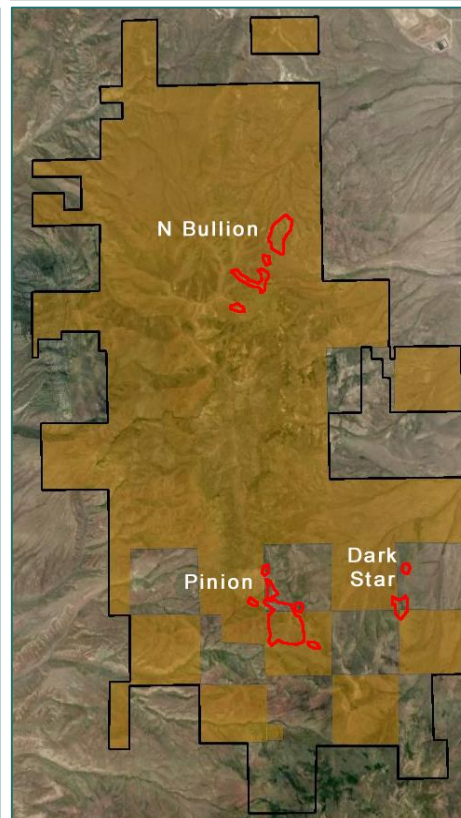
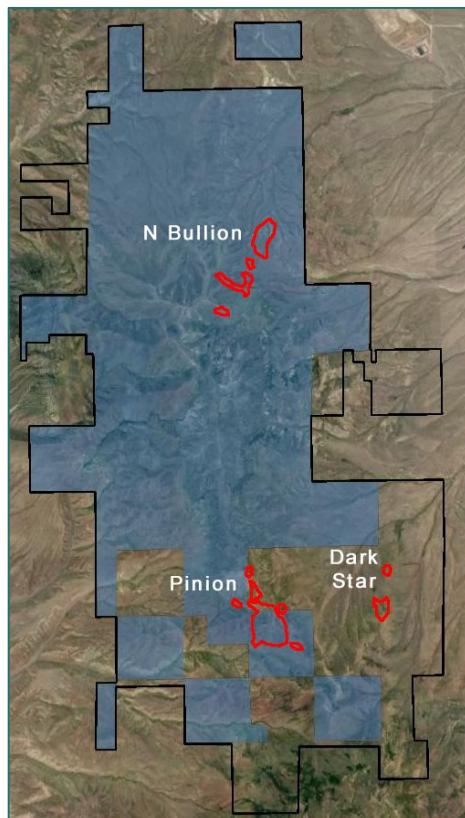
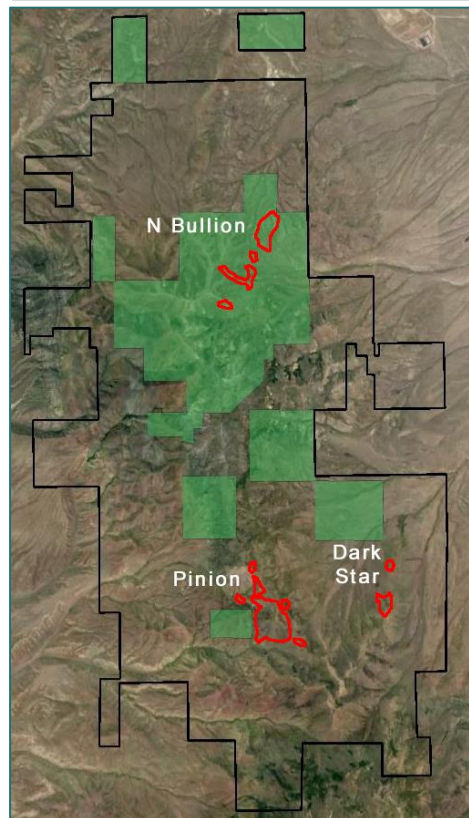
Two oxide gold deposits

Original Property  
Position

2011 Property  
Position

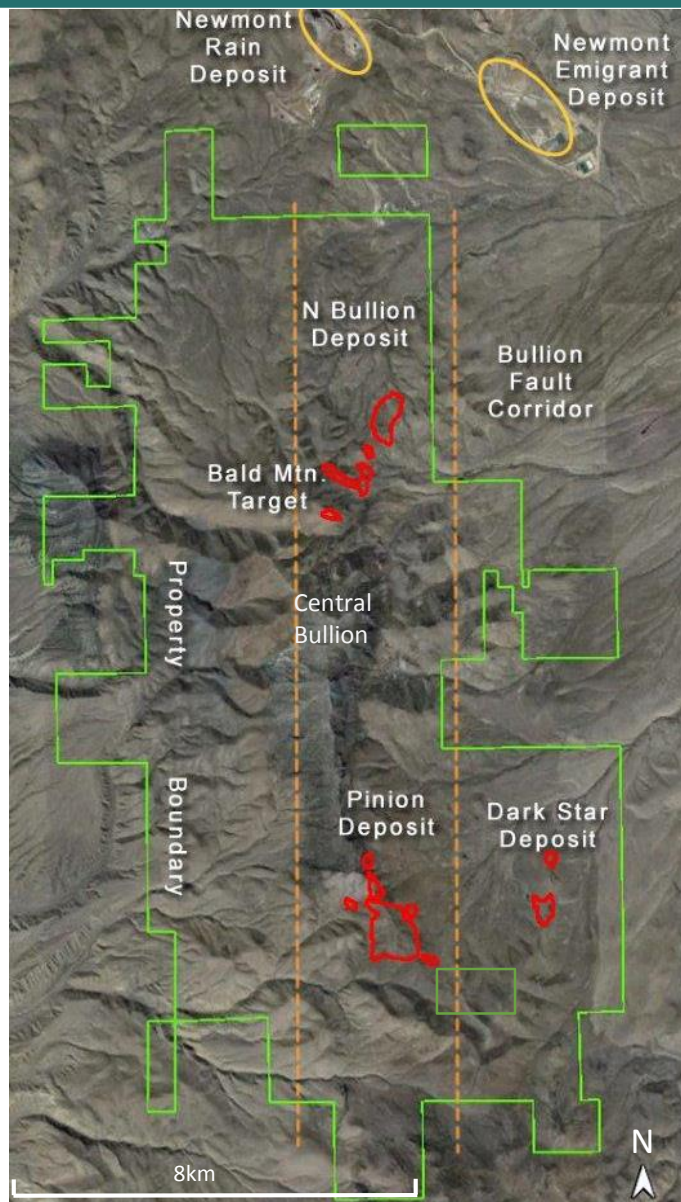
2013 Property  
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Current Property  
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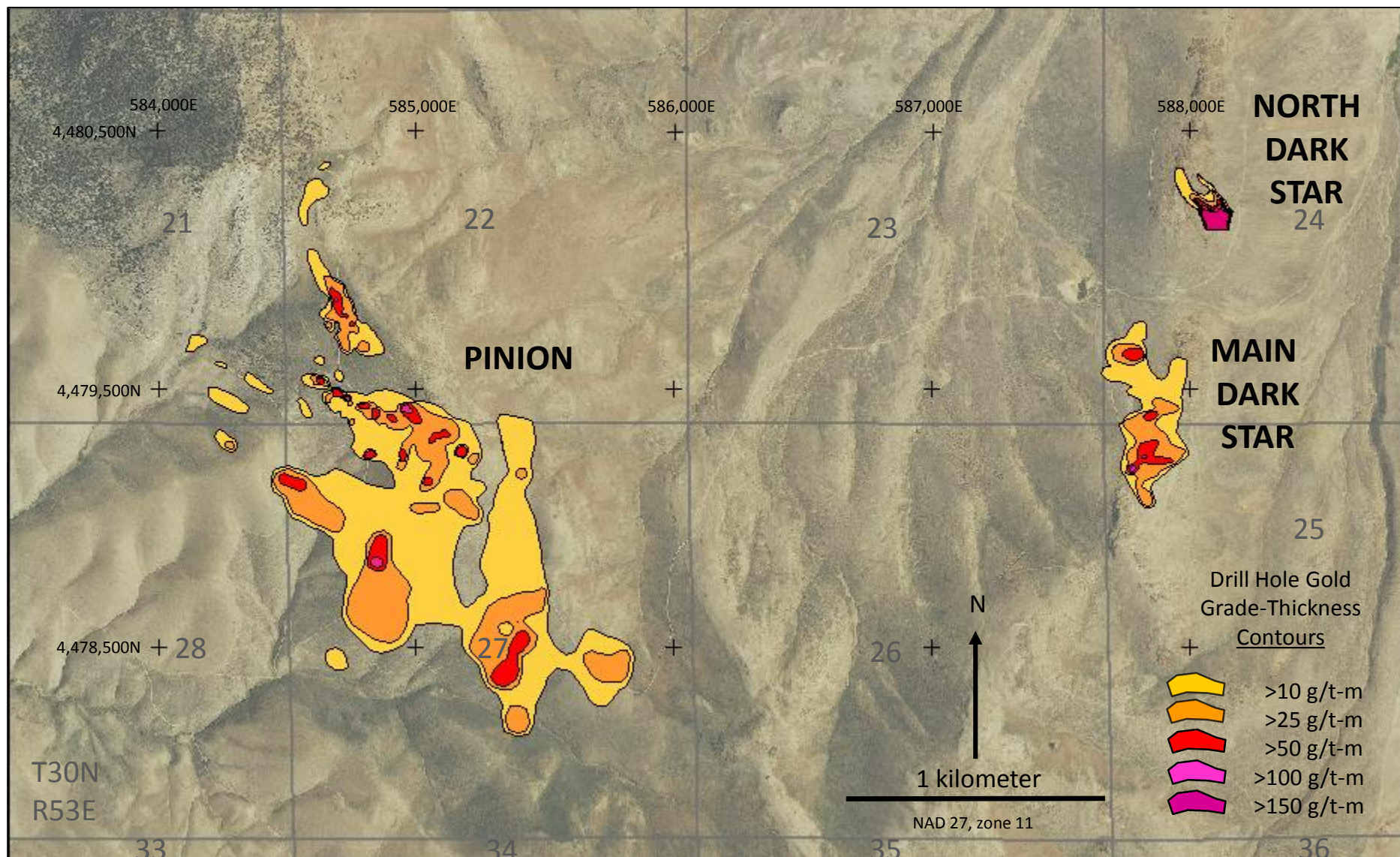


## RAILROAD-PINION PROJECT

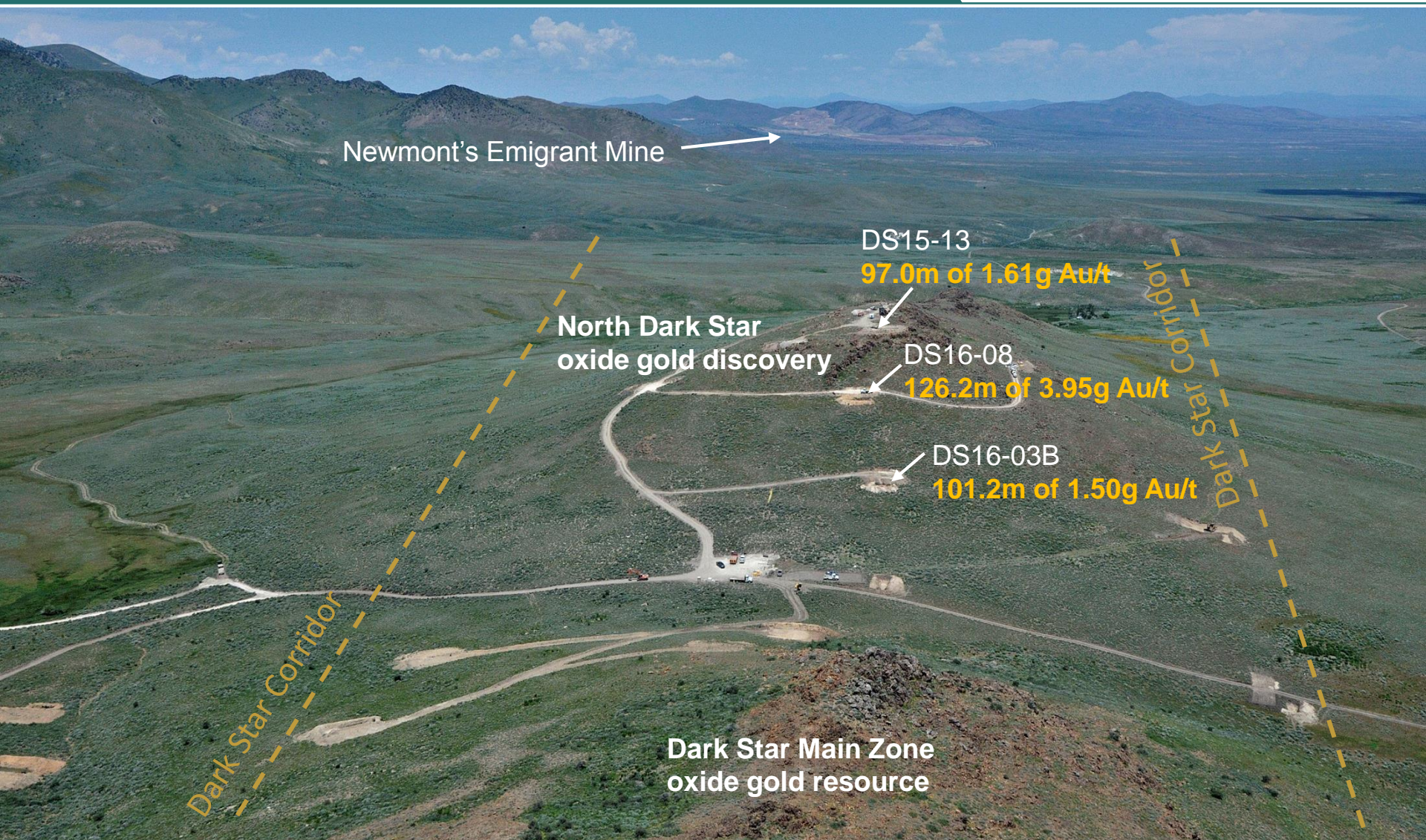
- Previously not systematically explored (fractured ownership) - close to 100% ownership/control of ~115 km<sup>2</sup> (~30,404 acres)
- **Oxide-gold resources at Pinion and Dark Star**, continued expansion of resources including **North Dark Star** discovery
- **North Bullion deposit**, the first significant gold discovery made by GSV – high grade refractory gold
- **Bald Mountain target**, additional **oxide-gold discovery** situated near the Bullion Intrusion, Central Railroad
- All deposits and discoveries are **open** to expansion and are **currently being drilled**

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# Oxide gold deposits at South Railroad-Pinion / Dark Star Property

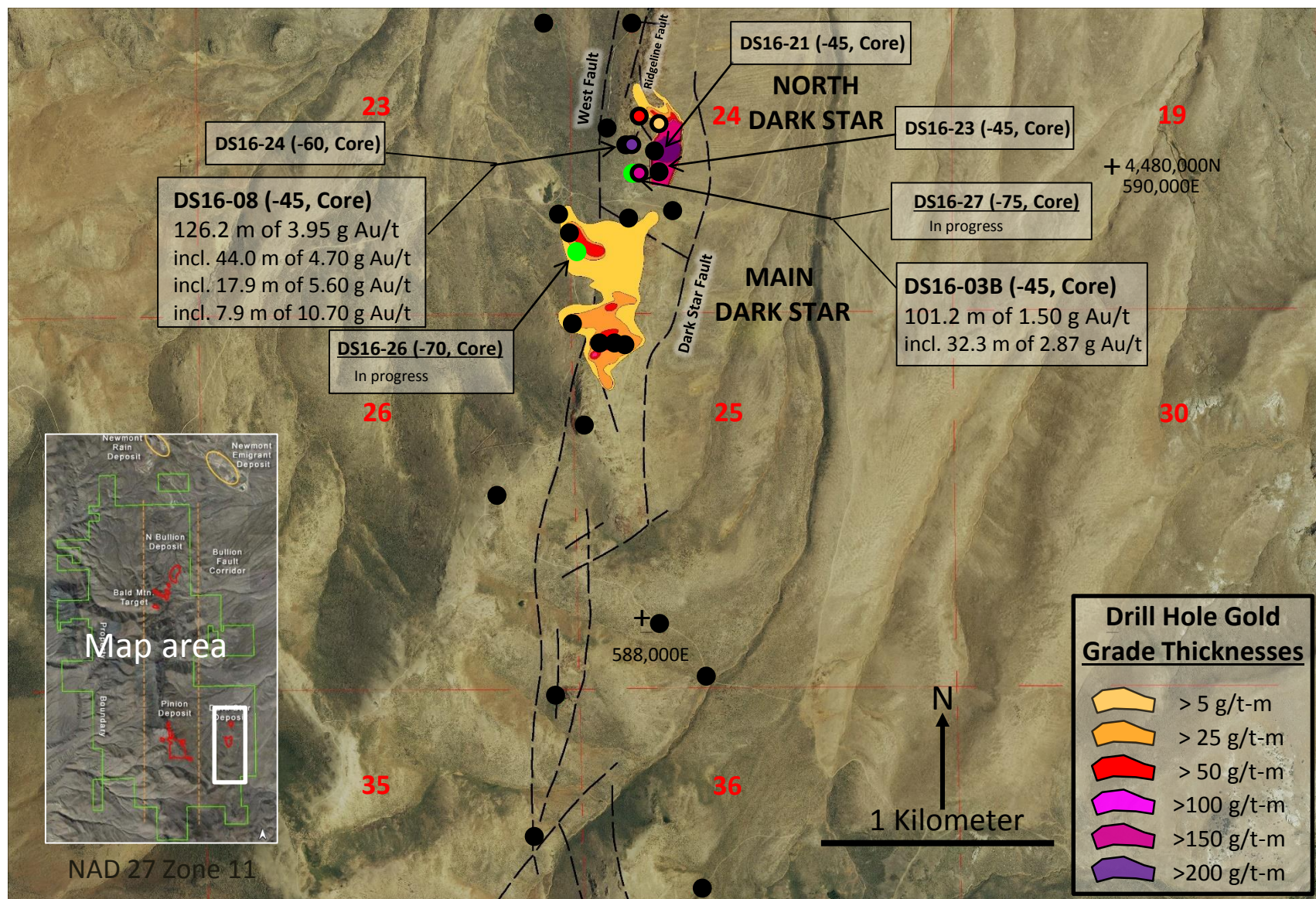




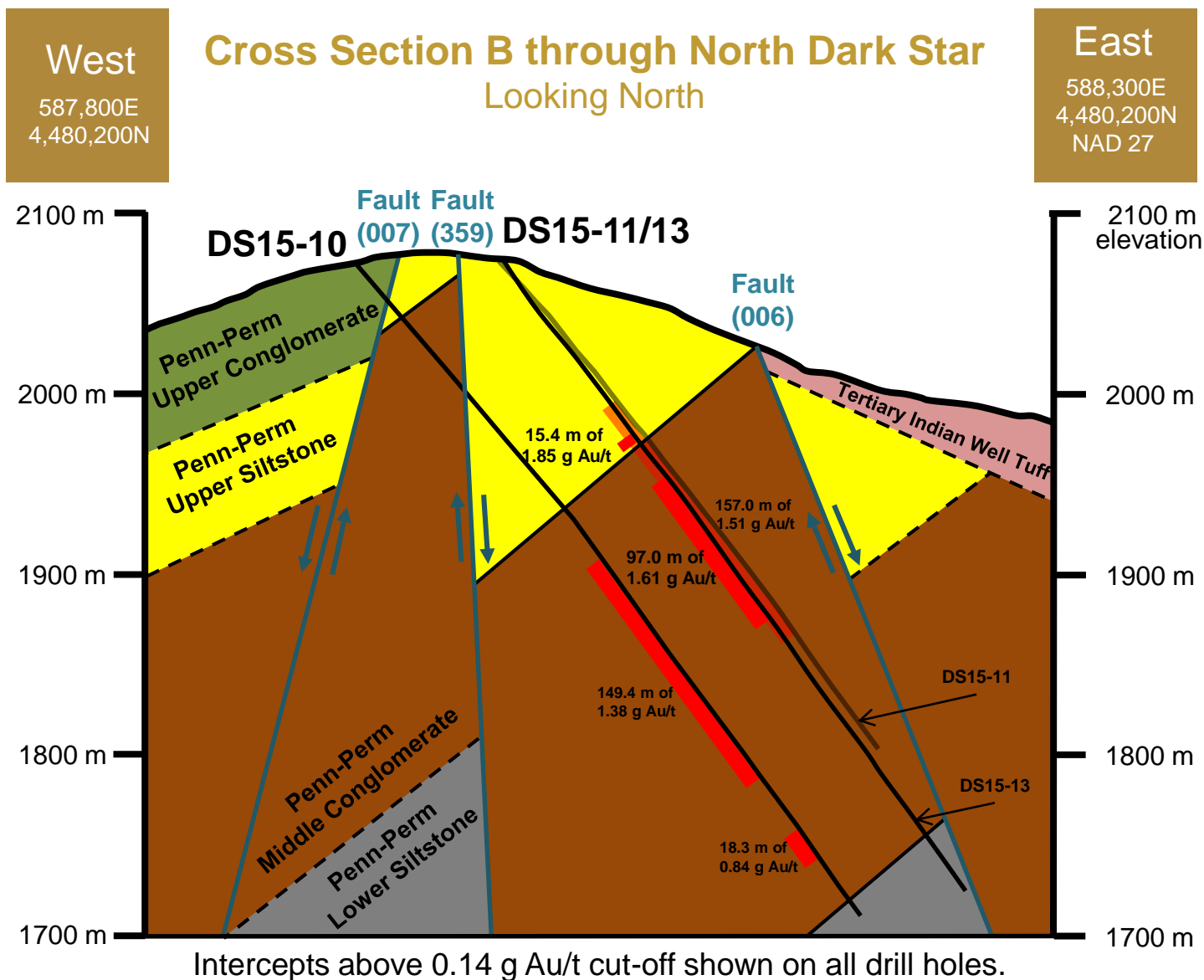


Main Dark Star & North Dark Star, photo viewing North. Dark Star Main Zone to the Emigrant Mine ~16km.

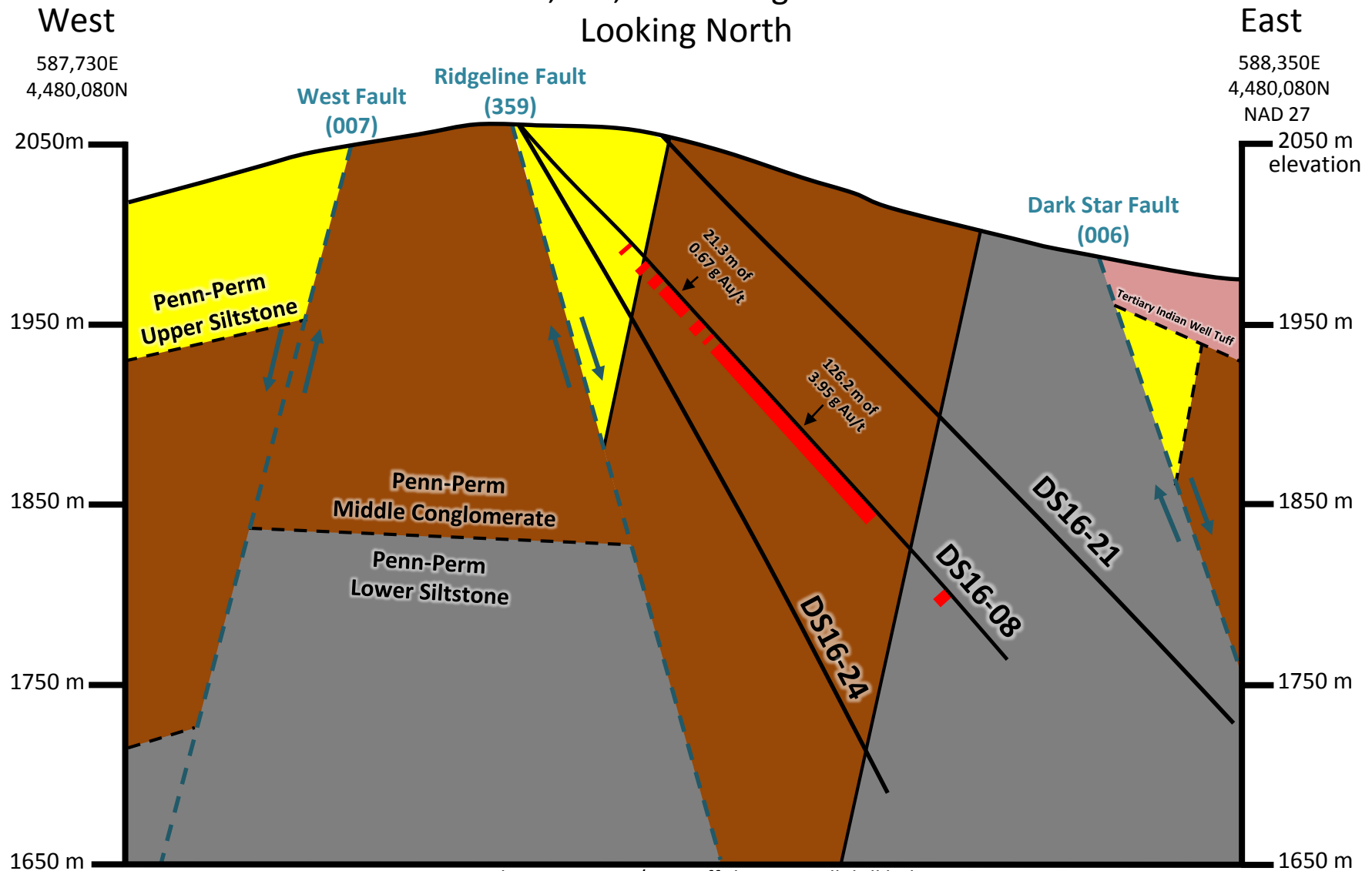




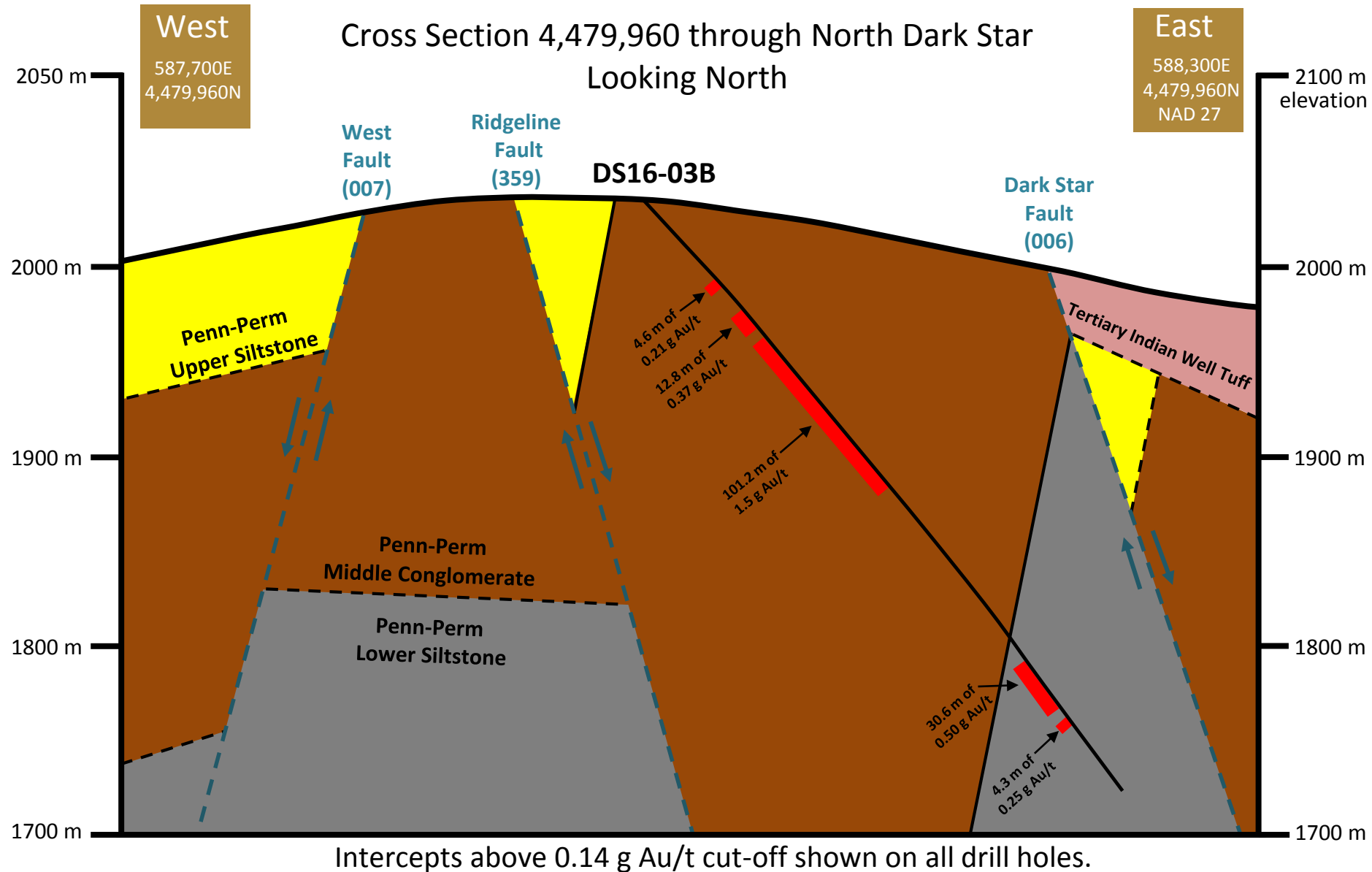




## Cross Section 4,480,080 through North Dark Star Looking North

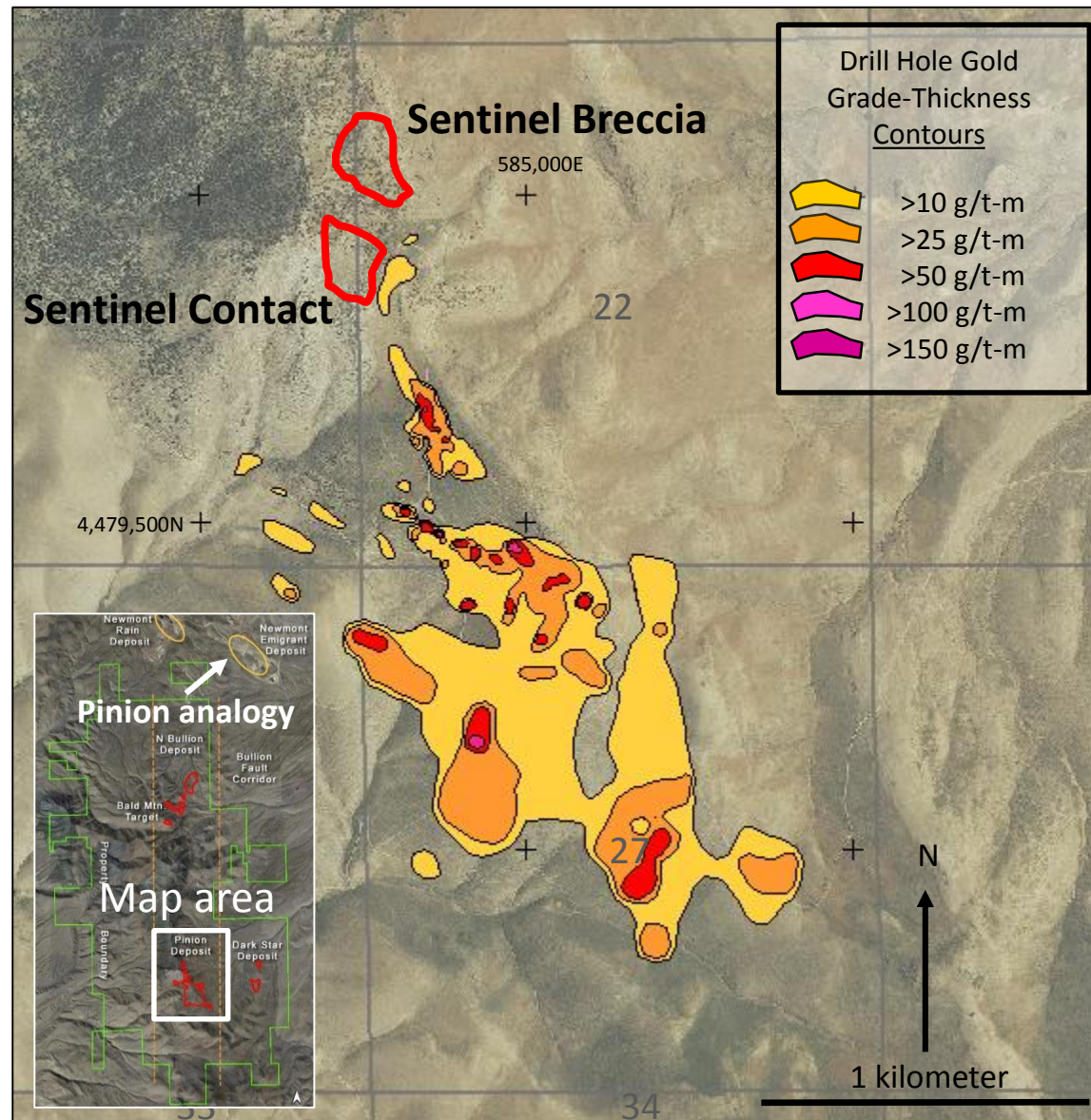






## THE PINION DEPOSIT

- Pinion is similar in character to Newmont's Emigrant heap-leach gold mine
- Oxidized, near-surface gold mineralization - very predictable lateral continuity.
- Encouraging initial metallurgy tests: Bottle roll tests yield weighted-average gold recoveries of 69.2% (10 mesh size material) and 80.3% recoveries (finer 200 mesh size material).
- Mineralization remains open in multiple directions – currently drilling areas of interest

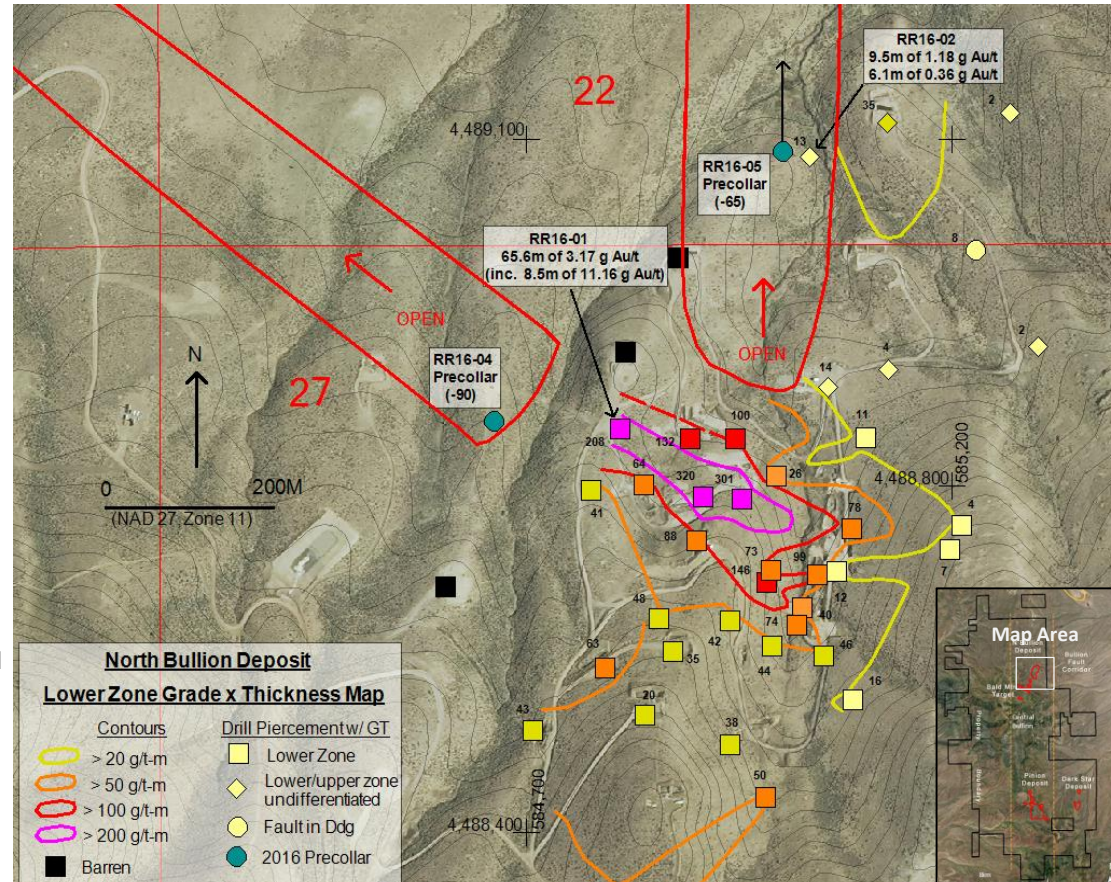




## NORTH BULLION DEPOSIT

- Highlight drill intercepts include;
  - RR 11-16, 56.4m of 4.26 g/t incl. 18.3m of 7.03 g/t
  - RR 12-01, 164m of 3.38 g/t incl. 42.7m of 9.40 g/t
  - RR 12-10, 124m of 4.05 g/t incl. 16.5m of 15.1 g/t
  - RR 13-08, 73.5m of 3.7 g/t incl. 7.6m of 12.1 g/t
  - RR 13-11, 98.1m of 3.26 g/t incl. 17.1m of 9.98 g/t
  - RR 16-01, 65.6m of 3.17g/t incl. 8.5m of 11.16 g/t
- Greater than **3g Au/t** zone strikes west-northwest:  
**150m wide x 250m+ long**
- Greater than **1 g Au/t** zone strikes north-south:  
**300m wide x 1,000m+ long**
- Both remain **open in multiple directions**<sup>1</sup>
- Met tests of North Bullion indicate the mineralization is conducive to roaster processing – gold recoveries were 79% - 90%<sup>2</sup>

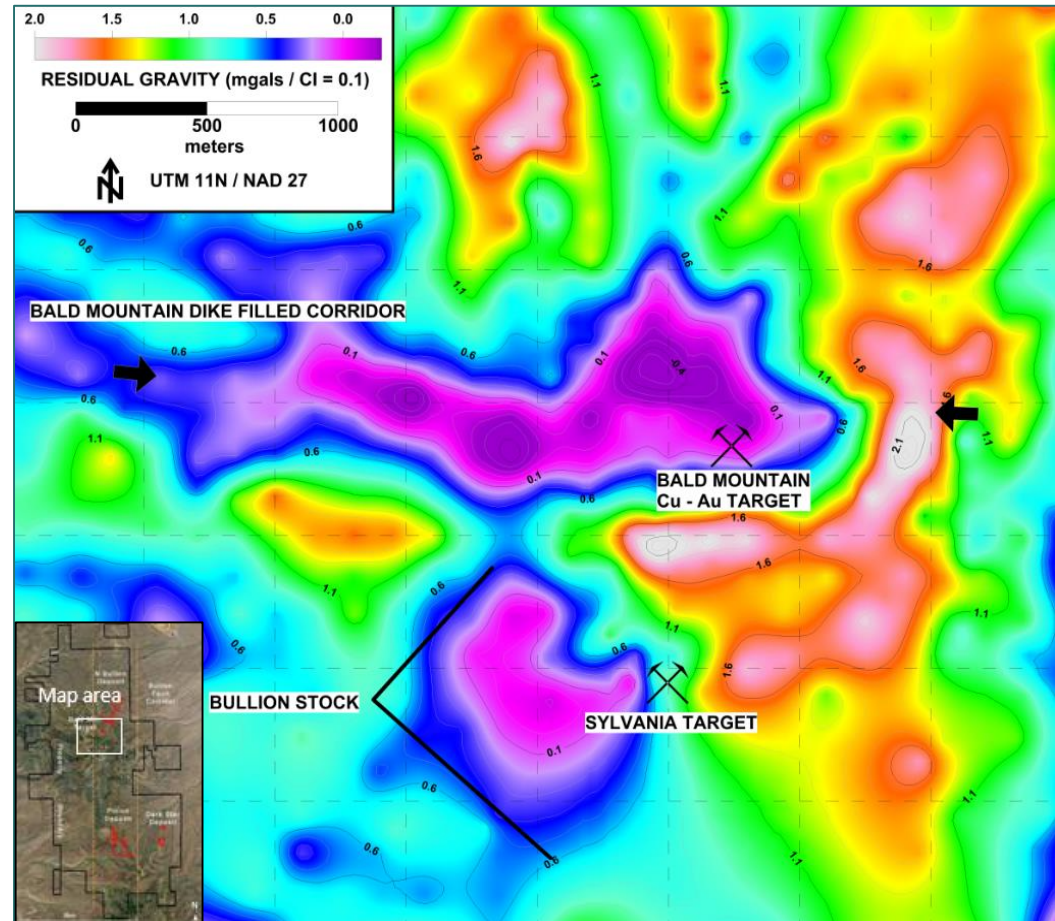
<sup>1</sup> No estimate of the range of potential tonnage and grade of mineralization in the North Bullion deposit target has been made by Gold Standard to date.



<sup>2</sup> Gold Standard has not performed any preliminary economic assessment or other study of the North Bullion Deposit and these metallurgical test results do not constitute and must not be construed as an economic analysis of the potential viability of the North Bullion deposit

## BALD MOUNTAIN

- WNW trending ~4km dike filled corridor:
  - ❖ strong surface alteration
  - ❖ geochemistry
  - ❖ historical drilling and hole RRB13-01
- Oxide gold discovery:  
**RRB13-1, 56.1 meters of 1.47 g Au/t, including 7.3 meters of 5.66 g Au/t**
- **RRB 13-1:** Copper and gold mineralization is oxidized and occurs within widespread oxidized rock.
  - ❖ The gold mineralization generally occurs above and separate from the copper mineralization
  - ❖ Preliminary **cyanide extraction** tests, **avg.82%**, for gold recovery are positive<sup>1</sup>
- Target open in all directions



<sup>1</sup> Gold Standard has not performed any preliminary economic assessment or other study of the Central Bullion zone or Bald Mountain target and these metallurgical test results do not constitute and must not be construed as an economic analysis of the potential viability of the Central Bullion zone or Bald Mountain target.





## BATTLE MOUNTAIN GOLD INC.

- Gold Standard has acquired approx. **28.2% of Battle Mountain Gold Inc.'s (BMG)** issued and outstanding common shares (undiluted basis).
- The investment is both strategic and district scale
- BMG's Lewis Property is an historic Au-Ag-Pb-Zn district located adjacent to Newmont Inc.'s **active Phoenix mine, Nevada**
- BMG controls 5,500 acres (2225 hectares or 22.25 km<sup>2</sup>) that abuts the open-pit
- At least **eight** known mineralized zones
- Historic and recent drill-data from approx. 500 holes
- Extensive mapping, rock & soil sampling, airborne magnetics and IP overseen to date

<sup>1</sup> Please see press release dated June 16, 2016



Buena Vista – Meagher Zone, southwestern portion of the Lewis Property, showing north-trending and west-dipping fault zones hosted in chert-argillite of the Pumpernickle / Havallah Formation. These high-grade Au-Ag structures (yellow dashed lines) extend to the south across the claim boundary (black dashed line, Newmont / BMG) into the Fortitude open-pit.



# Capital Structure & Financial Information

Shares	
Shares outstanding	208.4 million
Options	8.8 million
Warrants	Nil
Fully Diluted	217.2 million
Cash*	C\$ 29 million
Cash & Cash Equivalents**	C\$ 42 million

\*Figure above as of August 26, 2016 and all figures rounded above

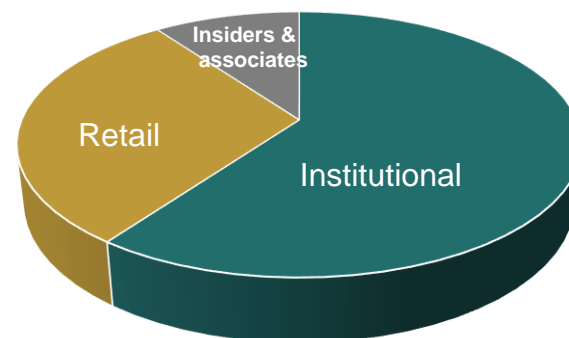
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Ownership*	%
Insider and associates	10
Institutional ownership	60
FCMI	15.5
Oceana Gold corporation	19.9
Goldcorp	8
American Century	5

\* all approximations above

Current Analyst Coverage	
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52 week lo-hi (TSX.V)	C\$ 0.42 – 4.10
52 week lo-hi (NYSE MKT )	C\$ 0.32 – 3.20
3 month trailing daily volume (NYSE MKT & TSX.V combined)	~1.2M



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## PROJECT & CORPORATE SUCCESS

**Share price performance: +716% (C\$0.44 – C\$3.15)<sup>1</sup>**

### PROJECT

- Completed initial metallurgical tests at Pinion oxide gold deposit<sup>2</sup>
- Completed drill programs at Pinion, Dark Star / North Dark Star and North Bullion deposits
  - ❖ Significant high grade oxide gold discovery at North Dark Star
  - ❖ Updated resource estimate at Pinion oxide gold deposit (+49% indicated resource)<sup>3</sup>
  - ❖ Found key west-northwest extension to higher grade at North Bullion

### CORPORATE

- Significant strategic investments by OceanaGold Corp. (TSX/ASX:OGC)<sup>4</sup> and Goldcorp Inc. (TSX:G; NYSE:GG)<sup>5</sup>
- Raised ~C\$36 million from financings and warrant exercises<sup>6</sup>
- Strategic investment in Battle Mountain Gold Inc. (TSX.V:BMG)

<sup>1</sup> Closing prices August 26, 2015 & August 26, 2016 respectively on the TSX.V

<sup>3</sup> See press release dated March 15, 2016

<sup>5</sup> see press release dated February 9, 2016

<sup>2</sup> See press release dated August 19, 2015

<sup>4</sup> see press release dated February 12, 2016

<sup>6</sup> see press releases dated February 9, February 12 & March 9, 2016

## WHY NOW?

- Unparalleled land package in a world class jurisdiction – premiums paid for Carlin projects
- Oxide deposits represent potential near-term development options<sup>1</sup>
- Aggressive expansion of deposits and targets underway – numerous catalysts ahead
- Significant treasury for annual strategy and beyond
- World class technical team allied with a board and advisors with proven ability to finance projects
- Uniquely positioned junior to capitalize on a rising gold market<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To date Gold Standard has not performed any preliminary economic assessment or other study of the Pinion and Dark Star oxide gold deposits

<sup>2</sup> Rising gold market based on the Junior Gold Miners ETF GDXJ from August 2015 – August 2016





# APPENDIX

*North Bullion with Emigrant in the background*

## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Classification	Au Cutoff (grams per tonne)	Tonnage – Au (million metric tonnes)	Au Grade (grams per tonne)	Contained Au** (troy ounces)
Indicated*	0.1	31.62	0.62	630,400
	<b>0.14</b>	<b>31.61</b>	<b>0.62</b>	<b>630,300</b>
	0.2	31.47	0.62	629,500
	0.3	30.26	0.64	619,100
	0.4	26.35	0.68	574,500
	0.5	20.81	0.74	494,200
	0.6	14.89	0.81	389,600
	0.7	10.13	0.89	290,400
	0.8	6.38	0.98	200,400
	0.9	3.65	1.07	126,100
	1.0	2.01	1.18	76,200
Inferred*	0.1	61.39	0.55	1,082,500
	<b>0.14</b>	<b>61.08</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>1,081,300</b>
	0.2	58.93	0.56	1,069,200
	0.3	50.10	0.62	997,200
	0.4	39.15	0.69	874,100
	0.5	29.32	0.78	732,500
	0.6	21.10	0.87	587,000
	0.7	14.32	0.97	445,900
	0.8	9.08	1.10	320,000
	0.9	5.46	1.26	221,500
	1.0	3.58	1.43	164,300

### Sensitivity analysis of the Pinion NI 43-101 mineral resource estimate for gold at various cut-offs\*

\*Indicated and Inferred Mineral Resources are not Mineral Reserves. Mineral resources which are not mineral reserves do not have demonstrated economic viability. There has been insufficient exploration to define the inferred resources as an indicated or measured mineral resource, however, it is reasonably expected that the majority of the Inferred Mineral Resources could be upgraded to Indicated Mineral Resources with continued exploration. There is no guarantee that any part of the above mineral resources will be converted into a mineral reserve in the future. Reported resources have been constrained within a \$1250/oz gold pit shell.

\*\*Contained ounces may not add due to rounding.



## SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

Au Cut-off Grade (grams per tonne)	Tonnage (10 <sup>6</sup> metric tonnes)	Au Grade (grams per tonne)	Contained Au** (troy ounces)
0.1	23.11	0.51	375,000
<b>0.14</b>	<b>23.11</b>	<b>0.51</b>	<b>375,000</b>
0.2	23.05	0.51	375,000
0.3	21.43	0.52	361,000
0.4	16.83	0.57	309,000
0.5	9.95	0.65	209,000
0.6	4.66	0.78	117,000
0.7	2.30	0.92	68,000
0.8	1.28	1.05	43,000
0.9	0.84	1.16	31,000
1	0.60	1.24	24,000

### The Dark Star NI 43-101 Mineral Resource Estimate for Gold at Various Cut-off Grades\*

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