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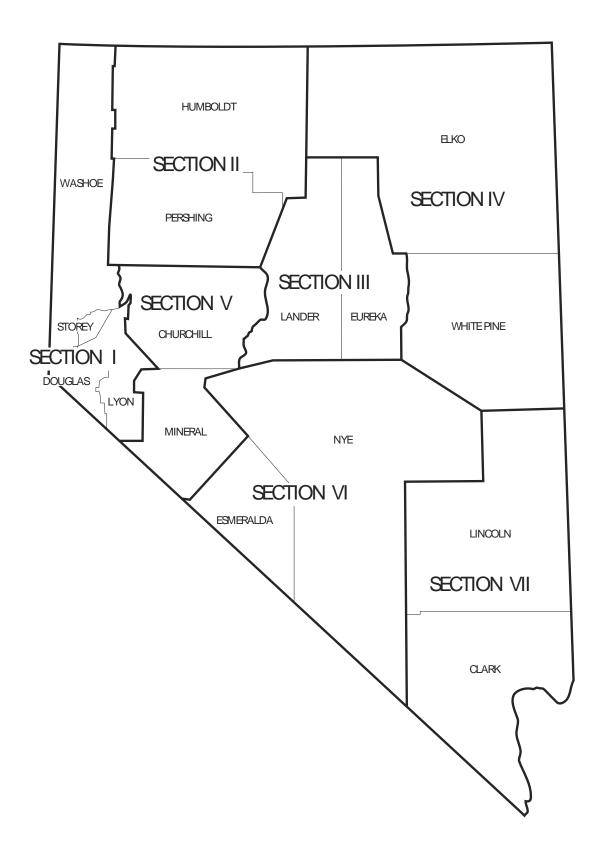
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This is the twenty-fourth of an annual series of summary reports on major mines of Nevada. Sand and gravel operations are not included. Information on employment and production for the calendar year 2012 was provided by the individual mine operators. The Nevada Division of Minerals maintains a complete register of Nevada mines. For further information, contact them at 400 W. King, Suite 106, Carson City, Nevada 89703 or call (775) 684-7040, fax (775) 684-7052, or visit their Web site at http://minerals.state.nv.us.

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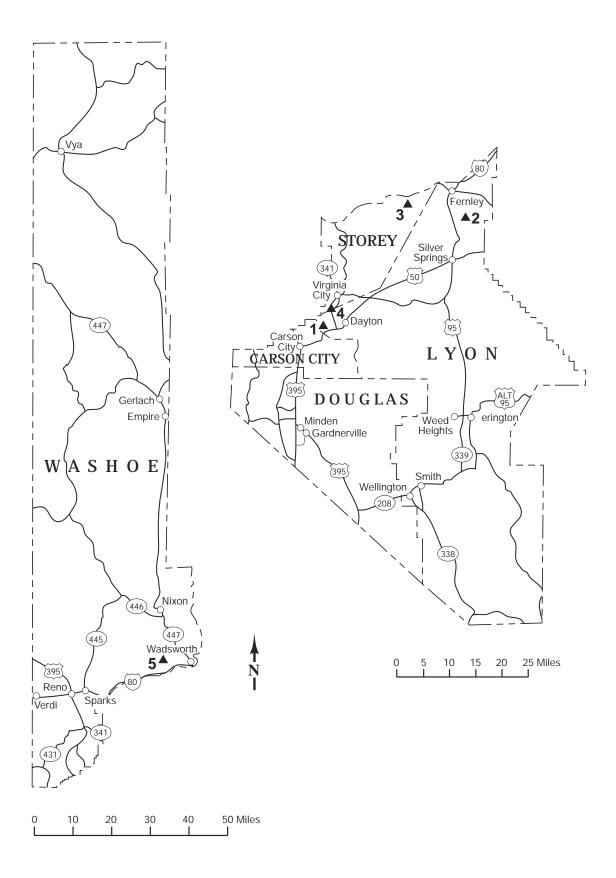


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## Section I

#### **Lyon County**

#### Adams Claim Gypsum Mine (1)

Operator: Art Wilson Co. P.O. Box 20160 Carson City, NV 89721 775-882-0700 Fax: 882-0790 Company employees: 64 Contract employees: 1 Production: Gypsum - 342,985 tons Limestone

#### NCC Limestone Quarry (2)

Operator: Nevada Cement Co. P.O. Box 840 Fernley, NV 89408 775-575-2281 Fax: 575-4387 Company employees: 7 Production: Limestone

#### **Storey County**

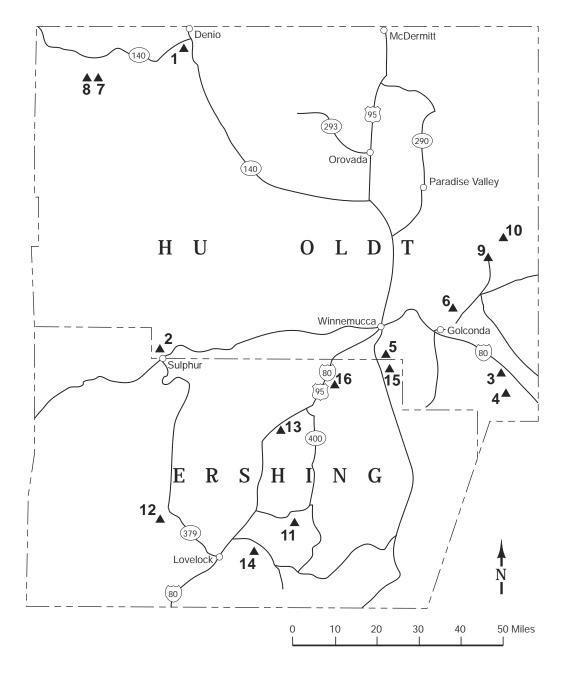
Clark Mine (3) Operator: EP Minerals, LLC 640 Clark Station Rd. Sparks, NV 89434 775-824-7700 Fax: 824-7715 Company employees: 4 Contract employees: 9 Production: Diatomite

#### Lucerne Mine (4)

Operator: Comstock Mining, Inc. P.O. Box 1118 Virginia City, NV 89440 775-847-5272 Fax: 800-750-5740 Company employees: 73 Contract employees: 15 Production: Gold - 2,588 ounces Silver - 26,719 ounces

#### Washoe County

327 Apex Mine (5) Operator: Lake Mountain Mining, LLC 5655 Riggins Ct., Suite 17 Reno, NV 89502 775-772-8285 Company employees: 10 Production: Gold - 211 ounces Silver - 84 ounces



## **Section II**

#### Humboldt County

#### Ashdown Mine (1)

Operator: Ashdown Project, LLC P.O. Box 210 Denio, NV 89404 775-941-0264 Company employees: 35 Production: Molybdenite - 44,092 pounds Hycroft Mine (2) Operator: Hycroft Resources and Development P.O. Box 3030 Winnemucca, NV 89446 775-623-5260 Company employees: 472 Contract employees: 250 Production: Gold - 114,705 oz Silver - 696,144 oz

#### Lone Tree Complex (3)

Operator: Newmont Mining Corp. P.O. Box 388 Valmy, NV 89438 775-738-4000 Company employees: 64 Contract employees: 79 Production: Gold - 29,738 oz Silver - 5,789 oz

#### Marigold Mine (4)

Operator: Goldcorp, Inc. P.O. Box 160 Valmy, NV 89438 775-635-2317 Fax: 635-2551 Company employees: 328 Contract employees: 25 Production: Gold - 144,382 oz Silver - 2,729 oz

#### MIN-AD Mine (5)

Operator: MIN-AD, Inc. P.O. Box 39 Winnemucca, NV 89446 775-623-5944 Fax: 623-9028 Company employees: 14 Contract employees: 2 Production: Dolomite

#### Pinson Mine (6)

Operator: Atna Resources, Ltd. P.O. Box 969 Winnemucca, NV 89446 775-529-5026 Fax: 529-5030 Company employees: 15 Contract employees: 62 Production: Gold - 1,358 oz

#### **Rainbow Ridge Opal Mines (7)**

Operator: Rainbow Ridge Opal Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 97 Denio, NV 89404 775-941-0270 (summer) Production: Precious opal

#### **Royal Peacock Opal Mine (8)**

Operator: Royal Peacock Opal Mine P.O. Box 165 Denio, NV 89404 775-941-0364 (summer) Production: Precious opal

#### **Turquoise Ridge Joint Venture (9)**

Operator: Barrick Gold Corporation 2055 Getchell Mine Road Golconda, NV 89414 775-529-5001 Fax: 529-0753 Company employees: 401 Contract employees: 324 Production: Gold - 191,754 oz

#### Twin Creeks Mine (10)

Operator: Newmont Mining Corp. P.O. Box 69 Golconda, NV 89414 775-635-9400 Fax: 635-4602 Company employees: 602 Contract employees: 273 Production: Gold - 408,751 oz Silver - 79,574 oz

#### Pershing County

#### **Coeur Rochester Mine (11)**

Operator: Coeur Rochester, Inc. P.O. Box 1057 Lovelock, NV 89419 775-273-7995 Fax: 273-7423 Company employees: 250 Contract employees: 28 Production: Gold - 38,071 oz Silver - 2,801,501 oz

#### Colado Mine (12)

Operator: EP Minerals, LLC P.O. Box 959 Lovelock, NV 89419 775-824-7591 Fax: 824-7595 Company employees: 30 Production: Diatomite

#### Florida Canyon Mine (13)

Operator: Jipangu Florida Canyon Mining, Inc. P.O. Box 330 Imlay, NV 89418 775-538-7300 Fax: 538-7691 Company employees: 170 Contract employees: 52 Production:

Gold - 43,575 oz Silver - 50,983 oz

#### Nassau Mine (14)

Operator: American Colloid Company P.O. Box 428 Lovell, WY 82431 307-548-5135 Fax: 548-6449 Contract employees: 1 Production: Bentonite

#### Sexton and Sons Mine (15)

Operator: W. Glen Sexton Family Trust 415 Wellington St. Winnemucca, NV 89445 775-623-1151 Fax: 623-1153 Company employees: 7 Production: Dolomite

#### **Sunrise Gold Placer Mine (16)**

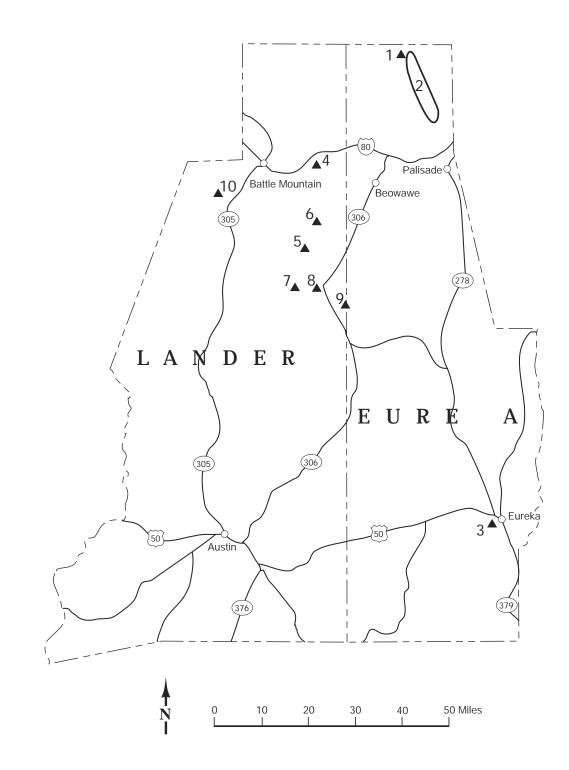
Operator: Sunrise Minerals, LLC 7343 S. Alton Way, Suite 100 Centennial, CO 80112 303-779-1800 Fax: 303-770-1995 Company employees: 7 Production: Gold - 119 oz Silver - 79 oz



Twin Creeks Mine (John Muntean photo)



Sunrise Gold Placer Mine (Jack Hursh photo)



## Section III

#### **Eureka County**

#### **Betze-Post Mine** (1)

Operator: Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 29 Elko, NV 89803 775-748-1001 Fax: 748-1240 Company employees: 1,162 Production: Gold - 812,707 oz Silver - 102,700 oz

#### **Eastern Nevada Operations**

(Carlin Operations) (2) Operator: Newmont Mining Corp. 1655 Mountain City Highway Elko, NV 89801 775-778-4000 Fax: 778-4751 Company employees: 2,359 Contract employees: 815 Production:

> Gold - 987,959 oz Silver - 192,333 oz

#### **Ruby Hill Mine (3)**

Operator: Homestake Mining Co. P.O. Box 676 Eureka, NV 89316 775-237-6060 Company employees: 136 Contract employees: 1 Production: Gold - 41,242 oz Silver - 32,124 oz



Ruby Hill Mine (Bill Durbin photo).

#### Lander County

#### Argenta Mine (4)

Operator: Baker Hughes Oilfield Operations, Inc. P.O. Box 277 Battle Mountain, NV 89820 775-635-5441 Fax: 635-5455 Company employees: 28 Contract employees: 40 Shipped: Barite - 138,432 tons

#### **Black Rock Canyon Mine (5)**

Operator: Nevada Rae Gold, Inc. 848 N. Rainbow Blvd., Suite 2987 Las Vegas, NV 89107 877-464-2005 Fax: 647-288-1509 Company employees: 5 Production:

Gold - 102 oz

#### Fire Creek Mine (6)

Operator: Klondex Gold and Silver Mining Co. 1250 Lamoille Highway, Suite 312 Elko, NV 89801 775-299-8132 Fax: 738-5070 Company employees: 12 Contract employees: 40 Production: Gold - 191 oz

Silver - 286 oz

#### Greystone Mine (7)

Operator: M-I Swaco P.O. Box 370 Battle Mountain, NV 89820 775-635-5135 Fax: 635-2645 Company employees: 55 Shipped: Barite - 302,987 tons

#### **Pipeline Mine (8)**

Operator: Barrick Cortez, Inc. HC66 Box 1250 Crescent Valley, NV 89821 775-468-4400 Fax: 468-4496 Company employees: 983 Contract employees: 750 Production: (includes the Cortez Hills open-pit) Gold - 939,004 oz Silver - 25,155 oz

#### **Cortez Hills Mine (9)**

Operator: Barrick Cortez, Inc. HC66 Box 1250 Crescent Valley, NV 89821 775-468-4400 Fax: 468-4496 Company employees: 304 Contract employees: 35 Production: (underground only, excluding the open-pit) Gold - 430,962 oz

#### **Phoenix Mine (10)**

Silver - 9.986 oz

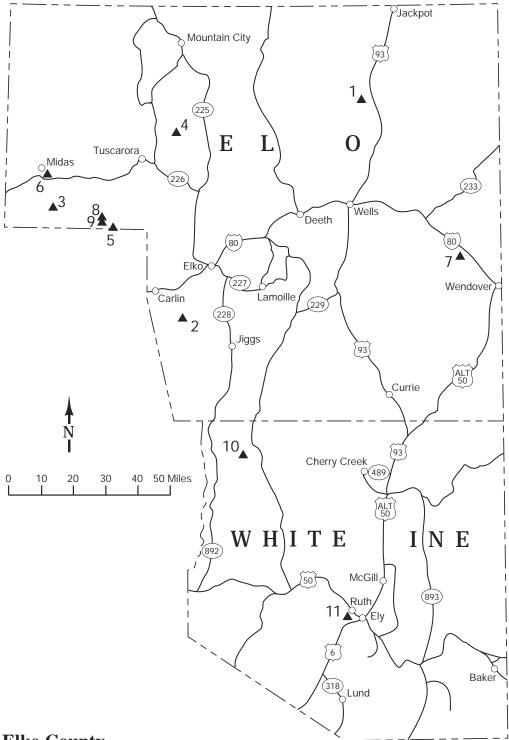
Operator: Newmont Mining Corp. P.O. Box 1657 Battle Mountain, NV 89820 775-635-6423 Fax: 635-6460 Company employees: 518 Contract employees: 318 Production: Gold - 158,843 oz Silver - 1,325,200 oz Copper - 27,809,189 pounds



Cortez Hills Mine (Rachel Wearne photo).



The Cortez Hills Mine with the Pipeline Mine in the distance (Rachel Wearne photo).



#### **Elko County**

Big Ledge Mine (1) Operator: National Oilwell Varco 247 Bluffs Ave., Suite 101 Elko, NV 89801 775-738-7171 Fax: 738-7196 Company employees: 16 Contract employees: 14 Shipped: Barite - 45,845 tons

#### Emigrant Mine (2) Operator: Newmont USA, Ltd. 1655 Mountain City Highway Elko, NV 89801 775-738-2110 Fax: 397-8908 Company employees: 100 Contract employees: 25 Production: Gold - 20,738 oz Silver - 2,376 oz

## **Section IV**

**Hollister Mine (3) Operator:** Rodeo Creek Gold, Inc. and Great Basin Gold Ltd. P.O. Box 2610 Winnemucca, NV 89446 775-623-5760 Fax: 623-5767 Company employees: 177 Contract employees: 52 Production: Gold - 62.423 oz Silver - 301,526 oz **Jerritt Canyon Mine (4)** Operator: Veris Gold USA, Inc. HC31 Box 78 Elko, NV 89801 775-738-5006 Fax: 758-9233 Company employees: 441 Contract employees: 125 Production: Gold - 105,627 oz Silver - 4,580 oz Meikle Mine (5) Operator: Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 29 Elko, NV 89803 775-748-1001 Fax: 748-1240 Company employees: 637 Production: Gold - 327,203 oz Silver - 41,775 oz Midas Mine (6) Operator: Newmont Mining Corp. HC66 Box 125 Midas, NV 89414

Midas, NV 89414 775-635-6423 Fax: 635-6460 Company employees: 241 Contract employees: 103 Production: Gold - 82,922 oz Silver - 1,247,994 oz

Pilot Peak Quarry (7) Operator: Graymont Western U.S. P.O. Box 2520 West Wendover, NV 89883 775-483-5463 Company employees: 55 Production: Limestone

#### Rossi Mine (8)

Operator: Halliburton 912 Dunphy Ranch Rd. Battle Mountain, NV 89820 775-468-0515 Fax: 468-2060 Company employees: 16 Contract employees: 65 Shipped: Barite - 257,500 tons

#### Storm Mine (9)

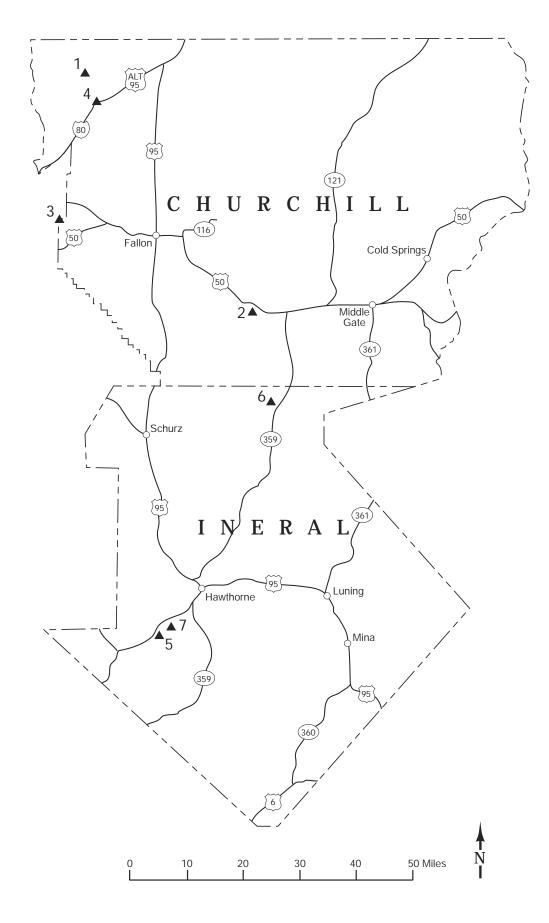
Operator: Barrick Goldstrike Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 29 Elko, NV 89803 775-748-1001 Fax: 748-1240 Company employees: 3 Production: Gold - 33,802 oz Silver - 18,875 oz

#### **White Pine County**

Bald Mountain Mine (10) Operator: Barrick Gold U.S., Inc. P.O. Box 2706 Elko, NV 89803 775-237-7100 Fax: 237-7101 Company employees: 407 Contract employees: 7 Production: Gold - 171,154 oz Silver - 40,954 oz

#### **Robinson Mine** (11)

Operator: KGHM International, Ltd. P.O. Box 382 Ruth, NV 89319 775-289-7000 Fax: 289-7349 Company employees: 574 Contract employees: 95 Production: Copper - 117,509,548 pounds Gold - 30,948 oz Silver - 225,421 oz Molybdenite - 449,001 pounds



## **Section V**

#### **Churchill County**

#### **Celite Diatomite Mine (1)**

Operator: Imerys Minerals California, Inc. 100 Front Street Fernley, NV 89408 775-575-2536 Fax: 575-1570 Company employees: 14 Contract employees: 2 Production: Diatomite

#### Huck Salt (2)

Operator: Huck Salt Company 2900 Phritzie Ln. Fallon, NV 89406 775-423-2055 Fax: 423-0467 Company employees: 8 Production: Salt - 24,232 tons

#### Hazen Diatomite Mine (3)

Operator: EP Minerals, LLC 640 Clark Station Rd. Sparks, NV 89434 775-824-7700 Fax: 824-7715 Company employees: 2 Contract employees: 4 Production: Diatomite

#### Moltan Mine (4)

Operator: Moltan Company P.O. Box 860 Fernley, NV 89408 775-423-6668 Fax: 423-6411 Company employees: 47 Production: Diatomite

#### **Mineral County**

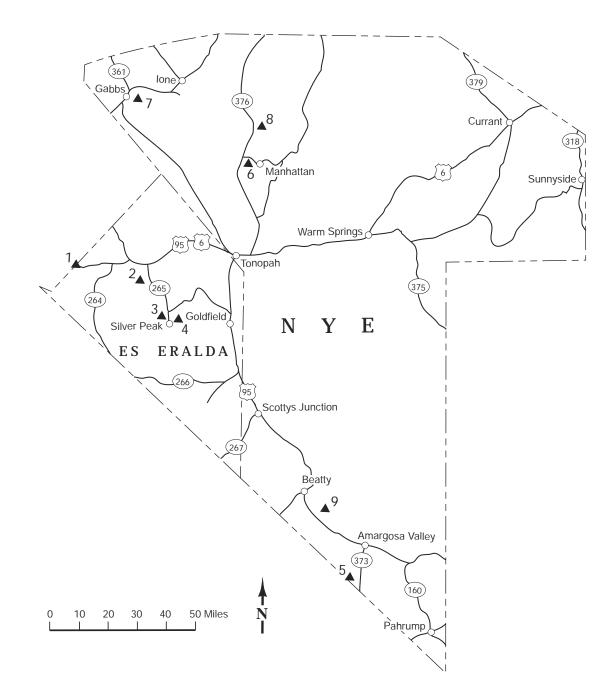
Borealis Mine (5) Operator: Borealis Mining Company, LLC 611 No. Nevada St. Carson City, NV 89703 775-883-1456 Company employees: 48 Contract employees: 2 Production: Gold - 8,459 oz Silver - 13,129 oz

#### **Denton-Rawhide Mine (6)**

Operator: Rawhide Mining, LLC P.O. Box 2070 Fallon, NV 89407 775-945-1015 Fax: 945-1213 Company employees: 41 Contract employees: 69 Production: Gold - 24,052 oz Silver - 339,044 oz

#### Lucky Boy Quarry (7)

Operator: James Hardie Building Products, Inc. P.O. Box 295 Goldfield, NV 89013 775-482-1176 Company employees: 1 Contract employees: 6 Production: Silica sand - 69,803 tons



#### **Esmeralda County**

Basalt Mine (1) Operator: Grefco Minerals, Inc. P.O. Box 278 Dyer, NV 89010 775-573-2422 Company employees: 14 Production: Diatomite Blanco Mine (2) Operator: Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC P.O. Box 6660 Pahrump, NV 89041 775-537-6976 Fax: 537-6879 Company employees: 7 Production: Specialty clays

## **Section VI**

#### Mineral Ridge Mine (3)

Operator: Mineral Ridge Gold, LLC #1 Coyote Summit Silver Peak, NV 89047 702-799-9273 Fax: 775-753-4780 Company employees: 78 Contract employees: 22 Production: Gold - 32,066 oz Silver - 13,871 oz

#### **Silver Peak Operations (4)**

Operator: Rockwood Lithium, Inc. P.O. Box 98 Silver Peak, NV 89047 775-937-2222 Fax: 937-2250 Company employees: 75 Contract employees: 10 Production: Lithium compounds

#### Nye County

IMV Nevada (5) Operator: Lhoist North America P.O. Box 86 Amargosa Valley, NV 89020 775-372-5341 Fax: 372-5230 Company employees: 26 Production: Specialty clays Manhattan Gulch Mine (6) Operator: A.U. Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 72 Reno, NV 89502 775-410-2482 Company employees: 10 Production: Gold - 804 oz Silver - 265 oz Premier Magnesia (7) Operator: Premier Magnesia, LLC P.O. Box 177 Gabbs, NV 89409

775-285-2601 Fax: 285-4021 Company employees: 98 Production: Magnesium compounds

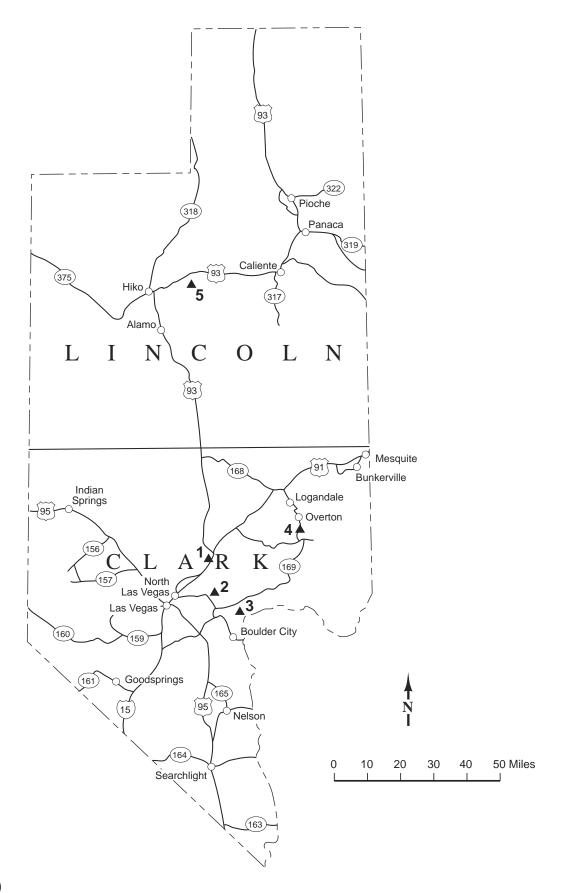
Smoky Valley Common Operation (8)

Operator: Round Mountain Gold Corp. P.O. Box 480 Round Mountain, NV 89045 775-377-2366 Fax: 377-3224 Company employees: 844 Contract employees: 178 Production: Gold - 367,595 oz Silver - 926,284 oz

#### **Sterling Mine (9)**

Operator: Sterling Gold Mining Co. P.O. Box 549 Beatty, NV 89003 866-608-4381 Fax: 775-981-9044 Company employees: 40 Production:

Gold - 1,200 oz



## **Section VII**

#### **Clark County**

Apex Quarry (1) Operator: Lhoist North America P.O. Box 363068 Las Vegas, NV 89036 702-643-7702 Fax: 643-9517 Company employees: 135 Production: Limestone

#### PABCO Gypsum Mine (2)

Operator: PABCO Building Products, LLC P.O. Box 364329 Las Vegas, NV 89036 702-407-3700 Fax: 643-6249 Company employees: 132 Contract employees: 3 Production: Gypsum - 1,033,681 tons

#### Pioneer Gypsum Mine (3)

Operator: Pioneer Gypsum Mining, Inc. 4880 Donovan Way North Las Vegas, NV 89081 702-399-5939 Fax: 399-8353 Company employees: 8 Contract employees: 1 Production:

Gypsum - 105,050 tons

#### **Simplot Silica Products (4)**

Operator: J.R. Simplot Company P.O. Box 308 Overton, NV 89040 702-397-2667 Fax: 397-2798 Company employees: 40 Production: Silica sand - 415,744 tons

#### **Lincoln County**

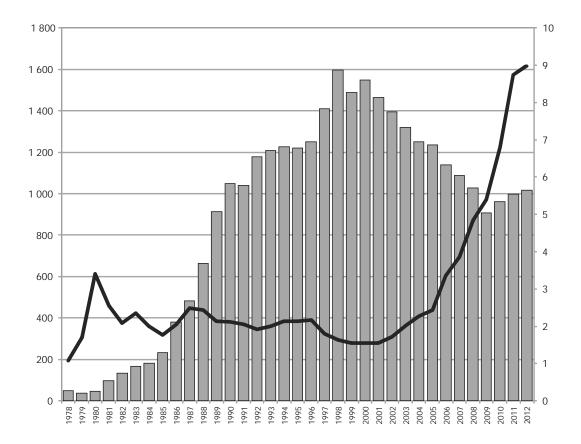
#### Tenacity Perlite Mine (5) Operator: Wilkin Mining & Trucking, Inc. HC 34 Box 199 Caliente, NV 89008 775-728-4463 Fax: 728-4456 Company employees: 8 Production: Perlite

Gold	5,615,255	ounces
Silver	8,527,480	ounces
Barite (shipped)	744,764	tons
Copper	145,318,737	pounds
Diatomite (shipped)	462,561	tons
Dolomite	N/A	
Gypsum	1,481,716	tons
Limestone	7,137,787	tons
Lithium compounds	N/A	
Magnesium compou	nds N/A	
Molybdenite	493,093	pounds
Perlite	N/A	
Salt	24,232	tons
Silica sand	485,547	tons
Specialty clay	N/A	

### Economic Impacts of Mining in Nevada—2012

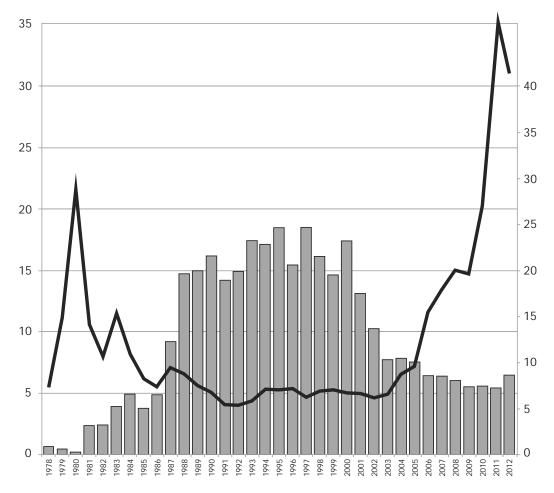
Nevada's mining industry set an alltime record in 2012 for total value of all mined commodities. The total value was about \$10.437 billion, just under a \$1 billion increase from 2011. The value was driven by gold, which contributed about \$9.25 billion, based on the actual gross proceeds reported to the Nevada Department of Taxation. The average price of gold in 2012 was \$1,668.98 per troy ounce according to Kitco. Nevada led the nation in 2012 in the production of gold, barite, lithium compounds, and magnesium compounds. Nevada produced a wide variety of other mineral and energy commodities such as clays, copper, diatomite, dolomite, geothermal energy, gypsum, lapidary and gem stones, limestone, molybdenite, oil, perlite, salt, silica sand, silver, and specialty aggregates.

Nevada's gold production was 5,615,255 troy ounces in 2012 compared to 5,536,482 troy ounces in 2011, an increase of approximately 1.4%. According to the USGS, Nevada remains the nation's top gold producer with about 75.9% of the U.S. total. Silver production increased to 8,525,104 troy ounces in 2012 from 7,141,489 troy ounces in 2011. Copper production increased to 145,318,737 pounds in 2012 compared to 123,791,237 pounds in 2011. Molybdenite production decreased significantly to 493,093 pounds in 2012 compared to 1,910,162 pounds in 2011. Barite production increased slightly to 744,764 tons shipped in 2012 compared to 697,946 tons shipped in 2011. Gypsum production increased significantly to 1,481,716 tons in 2012 compared to 995,951 tons in 2011.



According to the Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation, the Nevada mining industry employed an average of 15,400 employees in 2012. The average pay for mineral industry employees during this time was \$83,474 per year, the highest average of any employment sector in the state. In addition, it is estimated there are about 65,000 jobs in the state related to providing goods and services needed by the mining industry. Mining employment has remained an important factor in Nevada.

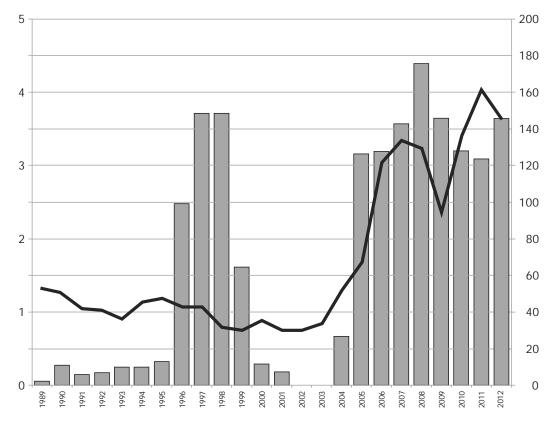
Before mining can take place, plans of operation must be submitted and permits must be obtained from federal and state agencies to ensure that resources such as wildlife, air, and water are protected. Nevada and federal laws and regulations require that lands disturbed by mining activities must be rehabilitated so they can be used for other activities once mining is completed. This process, called reclamation, returns mined areas to other productive uses such as livestock grazing, wildlife habitat, or other industrial applications. To ensure that reclamation is done, mine operators are required to post reclamation bonds that are held by government agencies. The bonds are released only after the mined area is stabilized and the reclamation goals have been met. According to the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, approximately \$2,176 million in reclamation financial assurance is currently posted. Mine operators are proud of their efforts and are constantly seeking ways to enhance their reclamation technology.



Gold reserves are defined as that portion of a gold ore deposit known to be economically feasible for extraction. The amount of reserves is always in a state of flux, due to some reserves being lost to production, additions of new reserves through new discoveries, and changing economic conditions. The price of gold and the cost of production are the main factors in determining whether a reserve is really a reserve or just a sub-economic resource. Extensive gold resources, not currently economic, are known to exist at or near many mining operations in Nevada. An increase in the gold price with all else being equal would mean many companies would be able to reclassify their resources into a reserve category. An increase in the cost of regulatory compliance has the same effect as a lowering of the gold price, thus increasingly complex and expensive regulations can reduce reserves. Under current conditions, the

existing publically reported reserves are sufficient to sustain gold production at current levels in Nevada for about 15 years.

Exploration for new deposits, particularly gold, is an ongoing effort by both the operating companies and many others who do not operate mines in the state. Semi-annually, the Division of Minerals conducts an exploration survey to determine the level of exploration activity and the factors that are responsible for those levels. In 2011, the Division expanded the scope of the survey and contracted the work to the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. The 169 companies that responded to the latest survey indicated they spent \$674.7 million on exploration in Nevada in 2011. They were also asked to forecast their exploration expenditures for 2012. From their responses and available information found on the Internet, approximately \$580 million



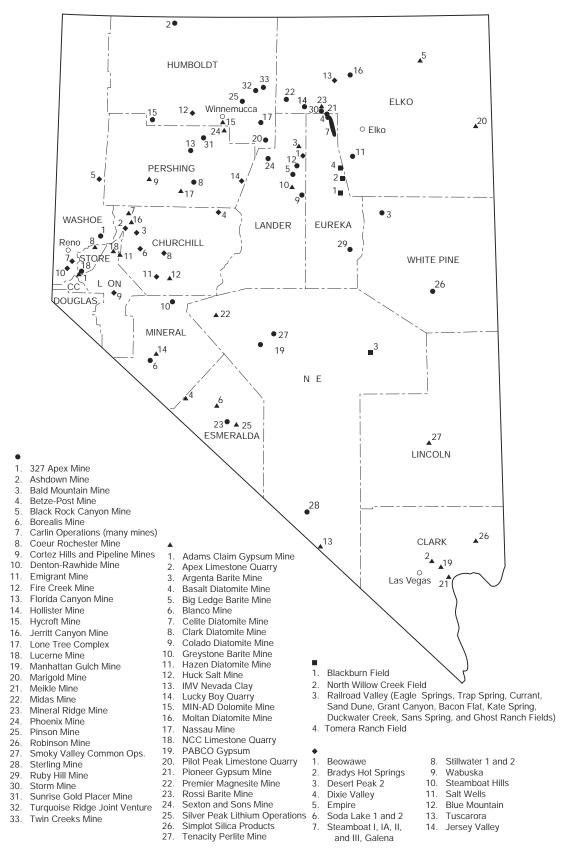
was spent on exploration in 2012. Gold exploration accounts for 80 to 90 percent of exploration spending. Two large companies traditionally account for 25 to 30 percent of the spending. Approximately 1,040 people were employed by companies doing exploration activities in Nevada in 2012. Exploration geologists, drillers, assayers, and others who support exploration activities represent a significant positive economic impact, particularly in Nevada's rural areas.

Minerals other than gold and silver are also important to Nevada's economy. Copper ranked second behind gold in terms of value in 2012. Industrial minerals such as barite, diatomite, dolomite, gypsum, limestone, lithium compounds, magnesite, molybdenite, perlite, salt, and specialty clays are also produced in Nevada.

Economic activity from oil and gas exploration and production is relatively minor when compared to mining, but are locally important to the economy of east-central Nevada. In oil field terms, Nevada is considered a frontier state, meaning its potential is yet to be realized. Oil production in 2012 was about 368,000 barrels (42 gallons per barrel) worth \$30.9 million.

Nevada is rich in geothermal resources and is second only to California in the production of geothermal energy. In 2012, Nevada had 21 plants at 14 sites that sold approximately 2.410 million megawatt hours of electricity worth approximately \$162.5 million. This is enough to power about 241,000 typical homes for a year. Geothermal heat is also used for a variety of commercial, domestic and public applications in Nevada. Schools in Elko County and homes in Churchill, Lincoln, and Washoe counties are examples of public and private facilities using this renewable energy resource.

Nevada's mineral industry continued to be a major economic force in the state with a total value of about \$10.4 billion in 2012. Given a stable price and regulatory environment this situation should continue for many years to come. Nevada is a major natural resource producer and has significant mineral and energy resources that can provide strong economic development into the future.



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The Nevada Division of Minerals, a part of the Commission on Mineral Resources, is responsible for administering programs and activities to promote, advance, and protect mining and the development and production of petroleum and geothermal resources in Nevada. The Division's mission is to conduct activities to further the responsible development and production of the State's mineral resources to benefit and promote the welfare of the people of Nevada. The seven-member Commission on Mineral Resources is a public body appointed by the Governor that directs mineral-related policy for the Division and advises the Governor and Legislature on matters relating to mineral resources. The Division focuses its efforts on three main areas: industry relations and public affairs; regulation of oil, gas, and geothermal drilling activities and well operations; and abandoned mine lands.

The agency is involved in a wide array of activities relating to mineral development. Staff compiles annual data on all active mines in Nevada and maintains the State's mine registry. Information concerning mining operations and production is made available to the public through this yearly publication. Educational documents and materials concerning many aspects of the minerals industry are also produced. The Division participates in governmental activities affecting policies and laws concerning the minerals industry and resource development. The Division administers the State's reclamation bond pool.

The Division is responsible for permitting, and monitoring all oil, gas, and geothermal drilling activities on both public and private lands in Nevada. Staff also monitors production of oil, gas, and geothermal resources to insure proper management and conservation. The Administrator is the Governor's official representative to the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

The Division's abandoned mine lands program provides for public safety by identifying and ranking dangerous conditions at mines that are no longer operating, and by securing dangerous orphaned mine openings. The program continually urges the public to recognize and avoid hazardous abandoned mines.

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