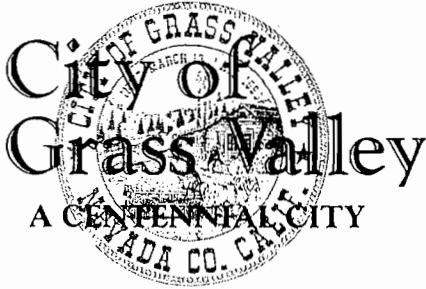


APPENDIX D

Cultural Resources Native American Consultation Letters

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January 24, 2006

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Tsi-Akim Maidu
152 Mill Street, Suite A
Grass Valley, CA 95945

**RE: IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE PROJECT AND GENERAL PLAN
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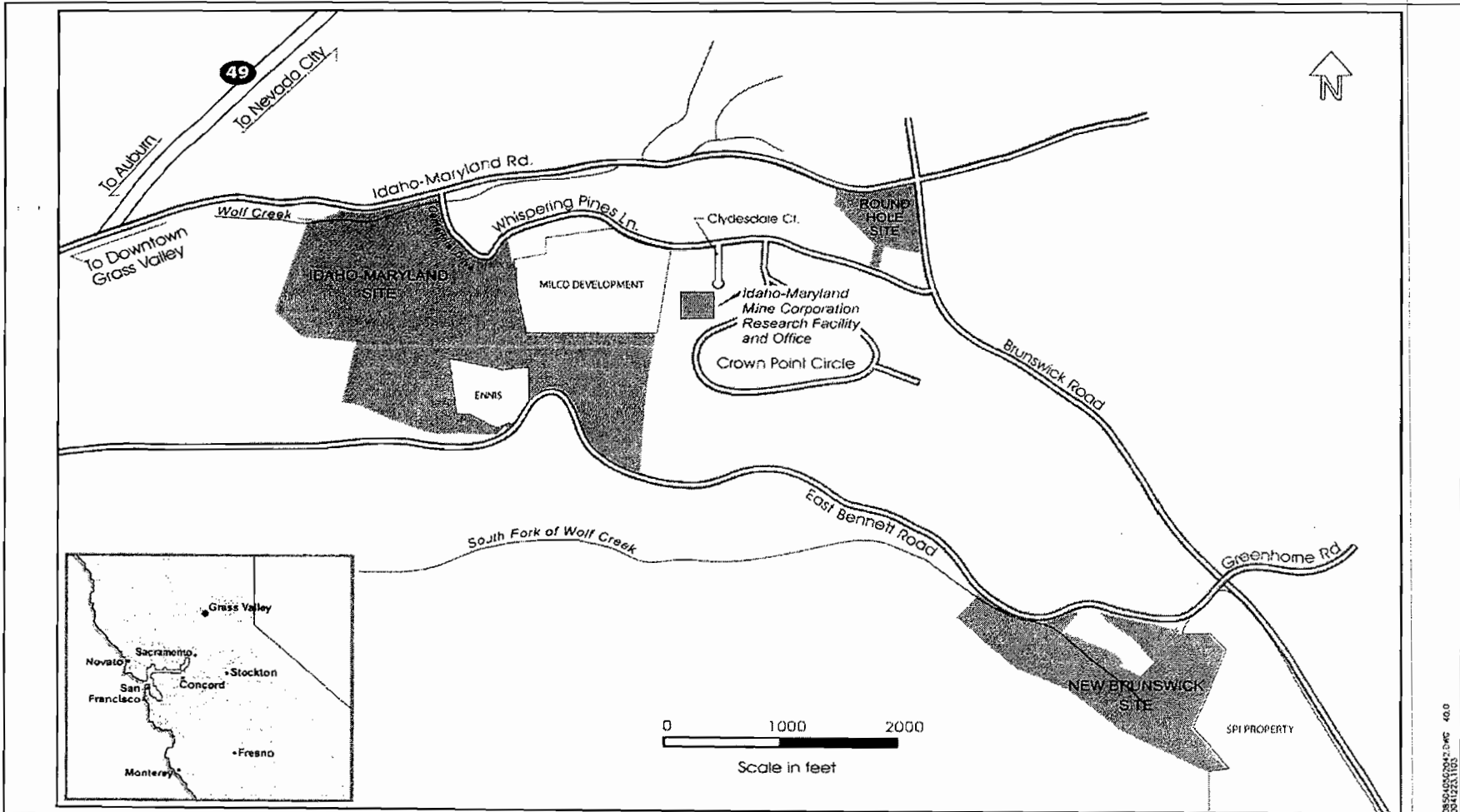
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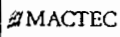

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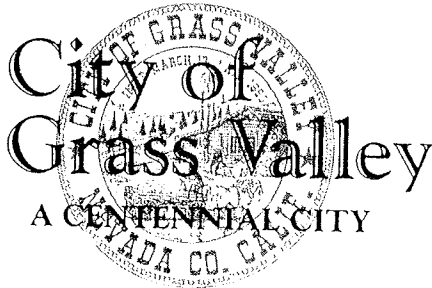
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**Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
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Project Location Map

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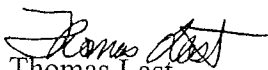
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