

# November & December 2024

## COFFEE GOLD MINE PROJECT

### White River First Nation - Community Newsletter

Prepared by WRFN Representatives of the Environment Committee

#### Where will all the waste from the Mine go?

Newmont has prepared a Waste Management Plan that explains how the waste from the proposed Mine will be treated/disposed of during construction and operation phases. Some waste (i.e. anything hazardous) will go off-site and some will be buried in a landfill onsite (see image below).

Over the last two years, WRFN Environment Committee Representatives have been working with Newmont on minimizing harmful products to be buried in WRFN territory. Most harmful materials have been removed. The following are still being discussed: Treated wood, Gypsum, Scrap Metal, Microplastics, Ash (from the incinerator)



Coffee Gold Mine Project - Waste Management Area



Subject to permit approvals, mine construction is expected to begin in 2025 or 2026. WRFN representatives continue to participate in regular Environment Committee meetings to discuss ways of reducing the Project's environmental footprint on WRFN values.

There are currently no new updates on permits, licensing, or potential buyers of the mine.

## WRFN's COFFEE CREEK TRIP - A MOOSE!

In September-October, Odin Miller (WRFN Lands Coordinator) and Ray Gunness (former WRFN Lands Manager) traveled to WRFN's camp near Coffee Creek. Just downstream of the Mine site, Ray harvested a moose for distribution to WRFN Members, which Odin and Ray then processed. Please contact the Lands Department ([lands.coord@wrfn.ca](mailto:lands.coord@wrfn.ca); 867.336.1983) if you would like some meat from the moose.

Odin and Ray also installed a woodstove in the cookshack at the White River camp, partially insulated the cookshack, and built a woodshed at the site.



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