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Thacker Pass Lithium Project

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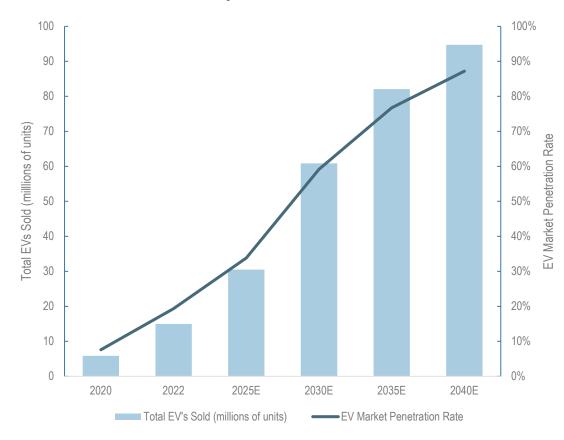
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Looming Lithium Supply Gap

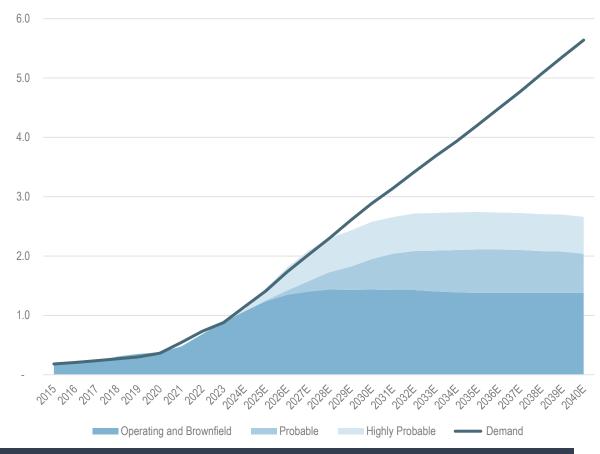
Global EV adoption to drive lithium demand

EV Penetration Rate Expected to Increase ~85% in 2040⁽¹⁾



Significant supply gap forecasted

Every Known Project Needed to Meet Forecasted Demand⁽²⁾



~85% of global lithium output is expected to be devoted to battery production in 2024(2)

Rho Motion Q2 2024 forecast, passenger car and light duty BEV, PHEV and HEV vehicles Benchmark Minerals Q2 2024, weighted, excludes recycling

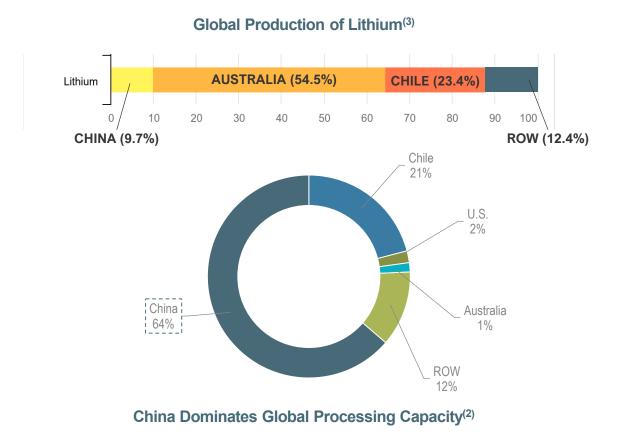
1 U.S. Critical Mineral Focus

Lithium Designated as a "Critical Mineral" by the United States

Any non-fuel mineral, element, substance, or material that the Secretary of Energy determines: (i) has a high risk of supply chain disruption; and (ii) serves an essential function in one or more energy technologies, including technologies that produce, transmit, store, and conserve energy⁽¹⁾

Near Critical ■ Not Critical High Lithium Nickel Uranium energy Cobalt Dysprosium Graphite Iridium Gallium Electrical Steel Neodymium Platinum Praseodymium Silicon Importance to Magnesium Terbium Silicon Carbide Aluminum Manganese (Titanium Fluorine MOT Phosphorus Tellurium

Medium Term Outlook: 2025-2035



Low

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Supply risk

High

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⁾ US Department of Energy. https://www.energy.gov/cmm/what-are-critical-materials-and-critical-minerals.

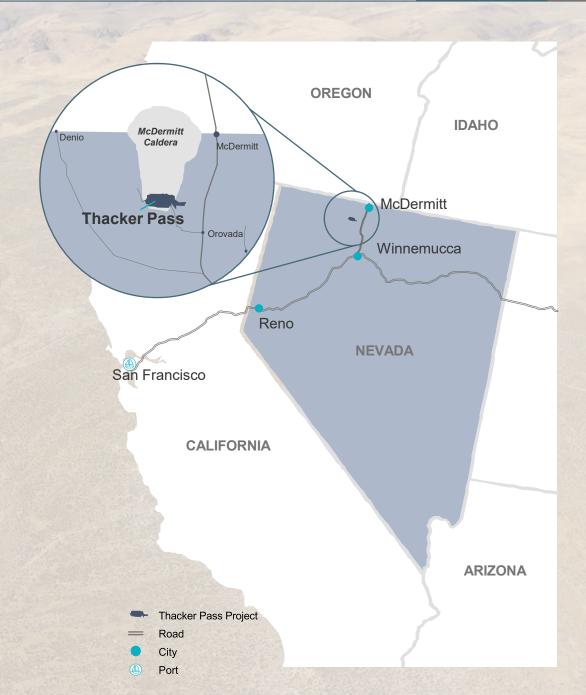
⁽²⁾ Benchmark data based on 2024E lithium processing capacity.

IEA (2020), https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/share-of-top-3-producing-countries-in-total-production-for-selected-resources-and-minerals-2019, Licence: CC BY 4.0

Thacker Pass Snapshot

Phase 1 construction permitted, will be largest Li₂CO₃ producer in the U.S.

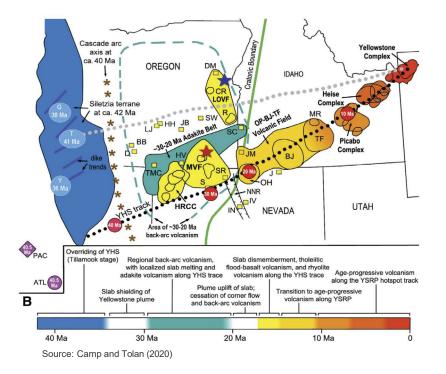
- High-grade sedimentary resource, one of the largest in the U.S.(1)
- Major permits for construction received
- Likely world's first project to produce Li₂CO₃ from clay
- Phase 1: ~40 ktpa of Li₂CO₃ over 40-years, Phase 2 expansion to ~80 ktpa
- Low-risk flowsheet, early works construction completed
- Expected to be a low water and carbon operation
- Phase 1 + 2 production could support ~1.6 million EVs annually



1 Resource Geology

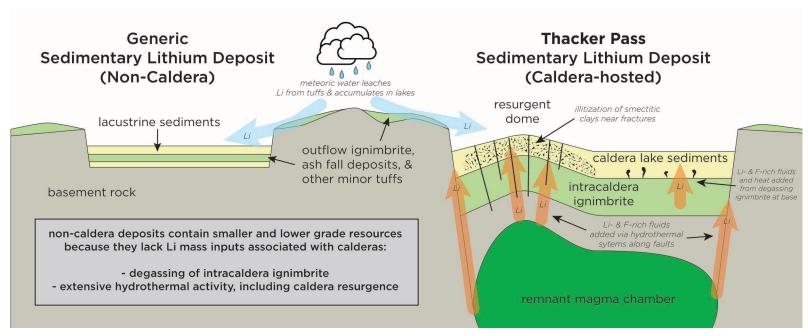
The McDermitt Caldera

Originated from a Yellowstone complex supervolcano ~16 million years ago



Caldera Setting as Key Differentiator

Post-caldera hydrothermal fluids in the vicinity of Thacker Pass altered some of the smectite to illite clay, increasing the concentration of lithium in the illitic zones



Source: Dr. Thomas R. Benson

The resulting near-surface deposit allows for a shallow open pit (<400 ft./122m deep) that will be block mined with active reclamation to minimize environmental impact

History: Decades of Development

20 years from discovery/exploration to production











2007+

Discovery and **Exploration** (232 holes drilled)

Jun 2018

Pre-Feasibility Study

Jan

2021

BLM Record of **Decision** Issued

Apr

2022

Major **Operating Permits** Received

Jul

2022

Lithium **Technical** Development Center

Oct

2022

Community Benefits Agreement with the **Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone** Tribe

Jan

2023

General Motors Strategic Partner and Long-Term Off-Take and **Feasibility Study**

Feb

2023

DOE ATVM Loan Letter of **Substantial** Completion received

Mar 2024 **DOE ATVM** Loan Conditional Commitment received

Significant technical and community engagement work completed over last 12 years to bring Thacker Pass to current advanced stage

1 Project-level Financing De-Risked

- General Motors total investment of \$650 million across two tranches⁽¹⁾
 - 100% offtake of Phase 1 for up to 15 years, Right of First Offer on Phase 2
 - Used in Ultium battery cells: IRA compliant, up to \$7,500 tax credit





U.S. DOE ATVM Loan Conditional Commitment⁽²⁾

Quantum: \$2.26 billion⁽³⁾

Interest: U.S. Treasury Rate⁽⁴⁾
with 0% Spread

Tenor: 24 Years

Maturity date from first draw





⁽¹⁾ See the Company's MD&A for the period ending June 30, 2024 for more details.

⁽²⁾ See the Company's news release titled "Lithium Americas Receives Conditional Commitment for \$2.26 Billion ATVM Loan from the U.S. DOE for Construction of Thacker Pass" full details. The Conditional Commitment represents a significant milestone and demonstrates the U.S. Department of Energy's indication of intent to finance the project. Certain technical, legal and financial conditions, including negotiation of definitive financing documents, must be satisfied before funding of the loan.

⁽³⁾ Includes \$290 million of estimated interest accrued during construction of Phase 1.

⁽⁴⁾ Interest rates fixed from the date of each monthly advance for the term of the loan at the applicable U.S. Treasury rates.

1 Status

Construction progress: site preparation completed; Thacker Pass is prepared for the commencement of major construction following issuing following issuing full notice to proceed, expected in the second half of 2024





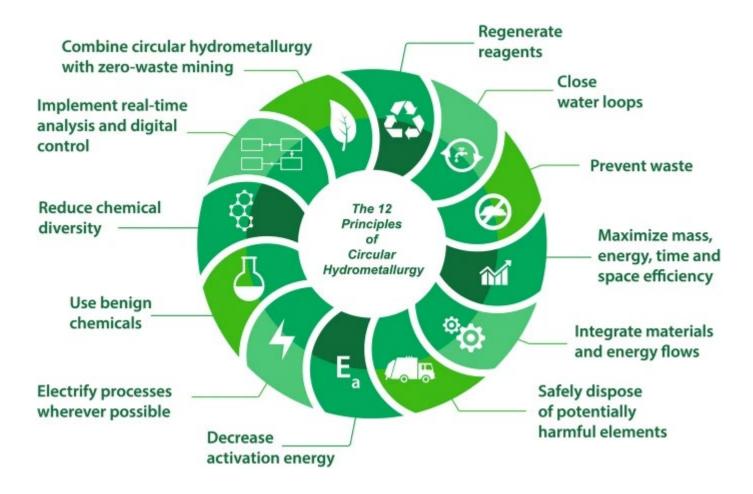




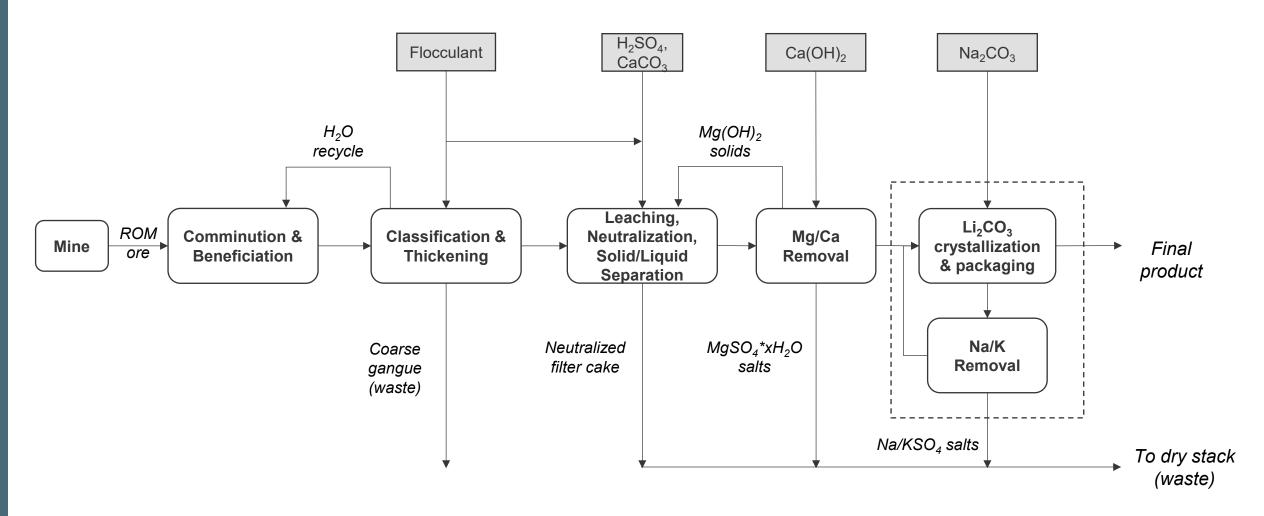
- Initial construction commenced in early 2023 after notice to proceed from the BLM
- Currently focused on increasing the level of detailed engineering and advancing procurement and executing planning



2 Principles of Circular Hydrometallurgy



Thacker Pass Flowsheet Overview



Thacker Pass Examples: Circular Hydrometallurgy





Low Water Consumption(1)

Phase 1 requires the same amount of water as 4-5 irrigation pivots

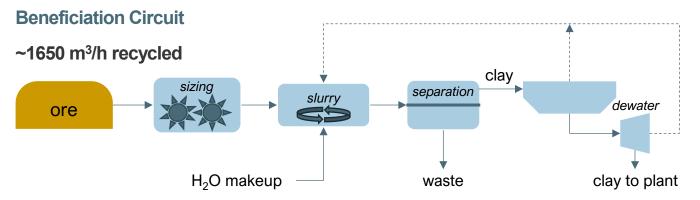
Zero-discharge Facility

No discharge of industrial wastewater to the environment

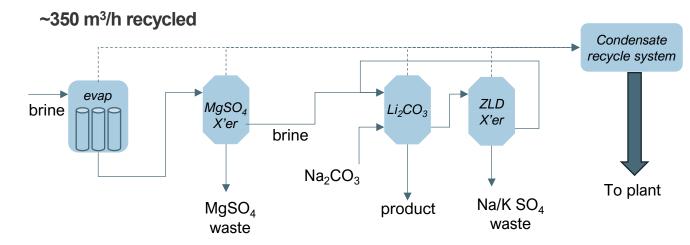
Focus on mechanical water recovery

Each drop of water used ~7x

Extensive reuse and recycle of process water ~85% recycled



Evaporators/Crystallizers



2 Thacker Pass Examples: Circular Hydrometallurgy





Low Carbon Footprint(1,2)

 Scope 1 and 2 carbon intensity estimated to be ~40% less than industry peers

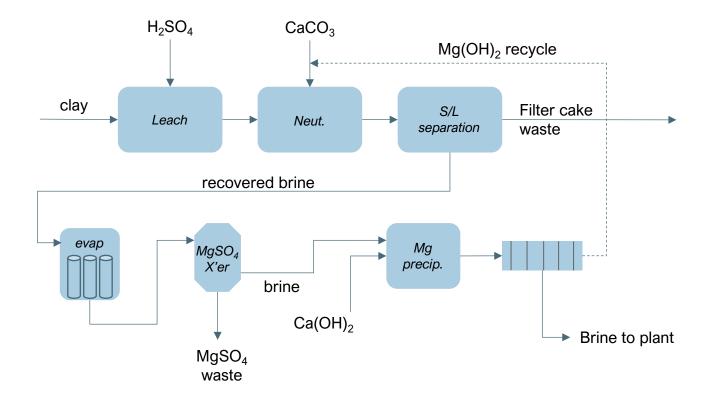
Integrated Power/Heat Recovery

- Co-located H₂SO₄ plant provides ~40% of power needs (carbon free)
- Balance comes from hydro-electric sources (carbon free)
- ~10 mt CO₂/mt LCE avoided on Scope 1 and 2 emissions⁽³⁾

Reagent Re-Use

Integration of circuits to recycle/reuse hydroxide

Mg Precipitation & Neutralization





2 Thacker Pass Examples: Circular Hydrometallurgy





Dry stack tailings

No discharge of liquid, no tailings dam storage

Concurrent reclamation

- Pit and dry-stack concurrent reclamation
- Revegetation with native species (seeding technology investment)

Waste Mitigation

Investigating re-use of waste streams





Lessons Learned: Community Engagement

Community engagement, information sharing and meetings are critical to "social license to operate"



Community Benefits Agreement with the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe

Closest Native American tribe to Thacker Pass, ~40 miles from Thacker Pass



Direct Benefit to Local Community

- Formal stakeholder engagement process with local communities; funding a new K-8 school in Orovada
- Traffic improvements for safety



Creating Employment Opportunities

- Direct employment of approximately 1,800 jobs during construction and approximately 360 permanent jobs for Phase 1 operations
- Planning job readiness training
- Cultural monitor training allowed for eleven tribe members to actively participate in critical archeological work

Community Needs & Priorities Delivered:



Quality preschool and community facilities



Hired locally to support early work construction



Greenhouse for native plant species, traditional foods and medicinal plants



Skills Training



"Thacker Pass will provide important economic and employment opportunities for members of our Tribe"

Larina Bell, Acting Chairwoman of the Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe commented on the Loan

Lessons Learned: Regulatory Agencies

- Actively work with regulatory agencies
 - Involve regulators early, communicate often
 - Be honest, faithful to commitments
- Be prepared for:
 - Delays/extended timelines
 - Legal challenges
 - Administration changes
 - Education



10+ yrs of collecting environmental, land and cultural data



~75 km² surveyed for baseline environmental surveys



Over \$8M USD spent on studies and modeling



All key permits received to start construction



Lessons Learned: Being a "first of kind" project

- Freedom of process design
 - Mitigate risk, use proven technology where possible
 - Circular hydrometallurgy benefits
- Celebrate achievement
 - The journey is long, take time to appreciate small successes
 - Expect setbacks and challenges
- Prepare for scrutiny
 - Test extensively organize data for audits
 - Believe in the mission
- Team and culture
 - The most vital asset



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