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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the Inyo County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing Tuesday July 14, 2026 at 11 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors Room, County Administrative Center, 224 N. Edwards Street, Independence, to consider the following:

Vested Mining Rights VMR2026-01/Stone Brothers Inc.

Inyo County serves as the Lead Agency for land use and implementing the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975(SMARA). Project Darwin, LLC, through its owner of record, Jack Stone, has requested the County award a vested rights determination for Darwin Mine, an underground mining operation with associated surface mining activities located in the Darwin Mining District in unincorporated Inyo County. A vested right is the right to conduct a legal nonconforming use of real property if the right existed lawfully before zoning or other land use restrictions became effective. The proposal of vested rights consists of patented (private land) mining claims located on County Assessor Parcel Numbers 035-040-03, 035-200-05, 035-240-03 and 035-240-04. The proposed vested right area consists of contiguous tracts totaling 1,050 acres. This project is exempt under CEQA.

Comments can be made regarding this project via U.S. Mail (P.O. Drawer N, Independence, CA 93526), or by email (dellis@inyocounty.us).

Comments may also be given via Zoom during the meeting at: <https://zoom.us/j/868254781>

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at (760) 878-0263. Project materials are posted on the Planning Department website at: www.inyoplanning.org under "Current Projects."

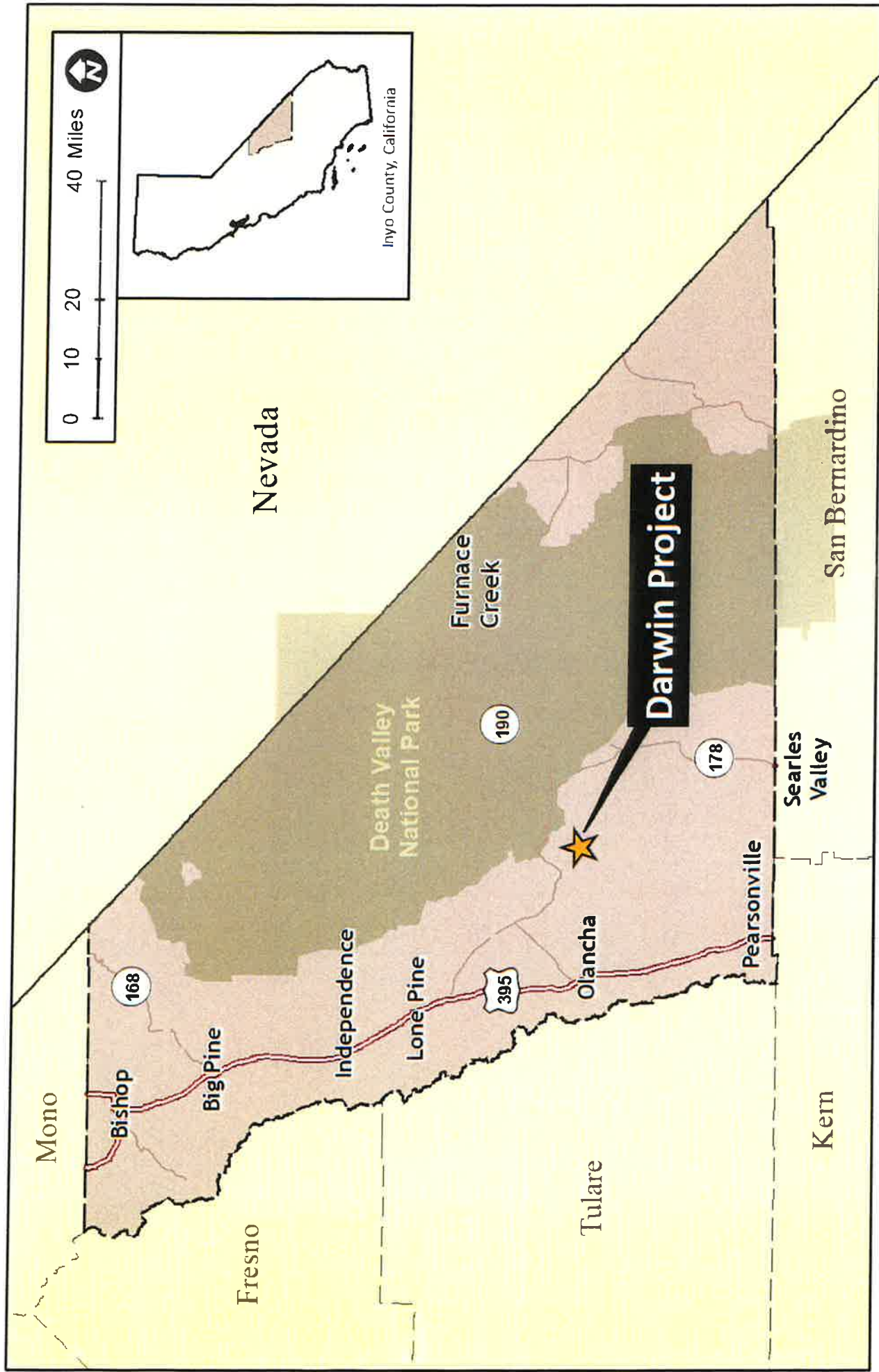
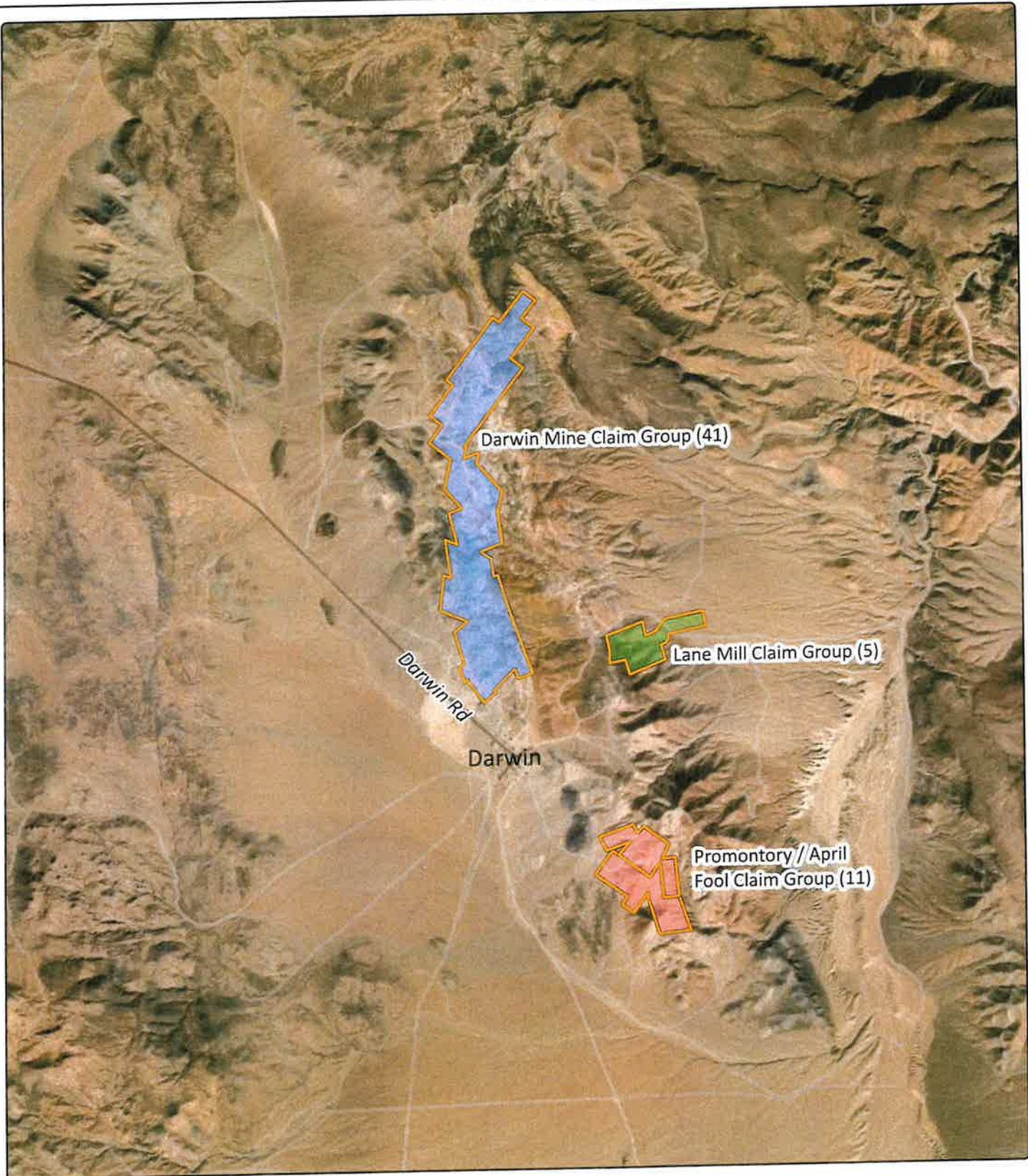


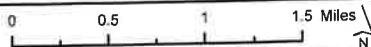
Exhibit A-1: Regional Map Inyo County, California



Earthstar Geographics

Legend:

- Darwin Mine Group (41 Claims)
- Lane Mill Group (5 Claims)
- Promontory / April Fool Groups (11 Claims)



**Darwin Claim Groups
Vested Rights Determination
Project Darwin LLC
Inyo County, California**

Exhibit A-3 1/28/2026

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