

Zeolite Mine, Spring Mountains, Nye County Nevada

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MRDS, 2011, Mineral Resources Data System, U.S. Geological Survey, <https://mrdata.usgs.gov/mrds/>. This database relies on records that, in many cases, are inaccurate or imprecise. For example, if a report describes a mine as being in "Section 9", with no other information, MRDS plots the mine location in the center of the section. If a mine is reported in "SW ¼" of a section, MRDS plots the mine in the center of that SW quarter-section. Where I could confidently adjust a MRDS location of a mineral deposit to features identifiable in aerial photographs or topographic maps, I did so.

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LOCATION (MRDS, 2011)

36.417780 -116.185800 T.18S R.51E Sec 01

PREVIOUS NAMES

HISTORY AND OWNERSHIP

REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The regional geology of the central Spring Mountains is described in the overview paper for this report series. It can be accessed at

http://www.greggwilkerson.com/uploads/1/0/6/5/106585235/geology_and_mining_history_of_the_central_spring_mountains.pdf

STRATIGRAPHY

The host rocks at the Zeolite mine are Quaternary alluvial sediments.

MINE GEOLOGY

Little surface disturbance is seen in aerial photographs of the MRDS (2011) datapoint for this mine.

MAPPING

1:250,000

Workman and others (2002) mapped the area of the Zeolite mine as older Quaternary alluvium.

Qao Old alluvium (late to middle Pleistocene)

1:100,000

Cornwall (1972) mapped the area of the Zeolite mine as Quaternary alluvium.

Qal
Alluvium
Fan and stream gravels flanking mountains and hills and grading outward into sands and silts in valley bottoms

STRUCTURE

MINERALOGY

Unknown zeolite.

DEVELOPMENT

Minor.

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MAPS

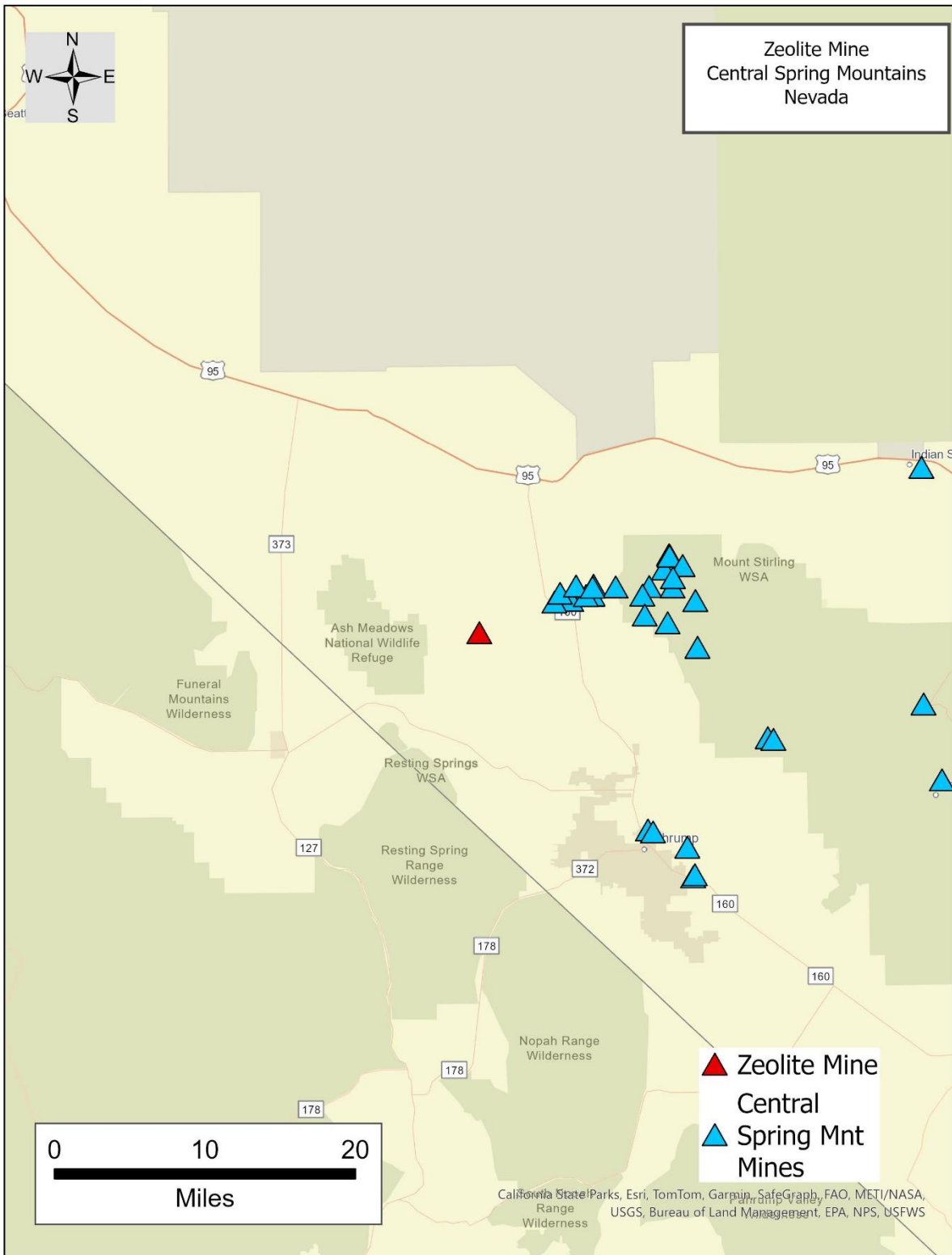


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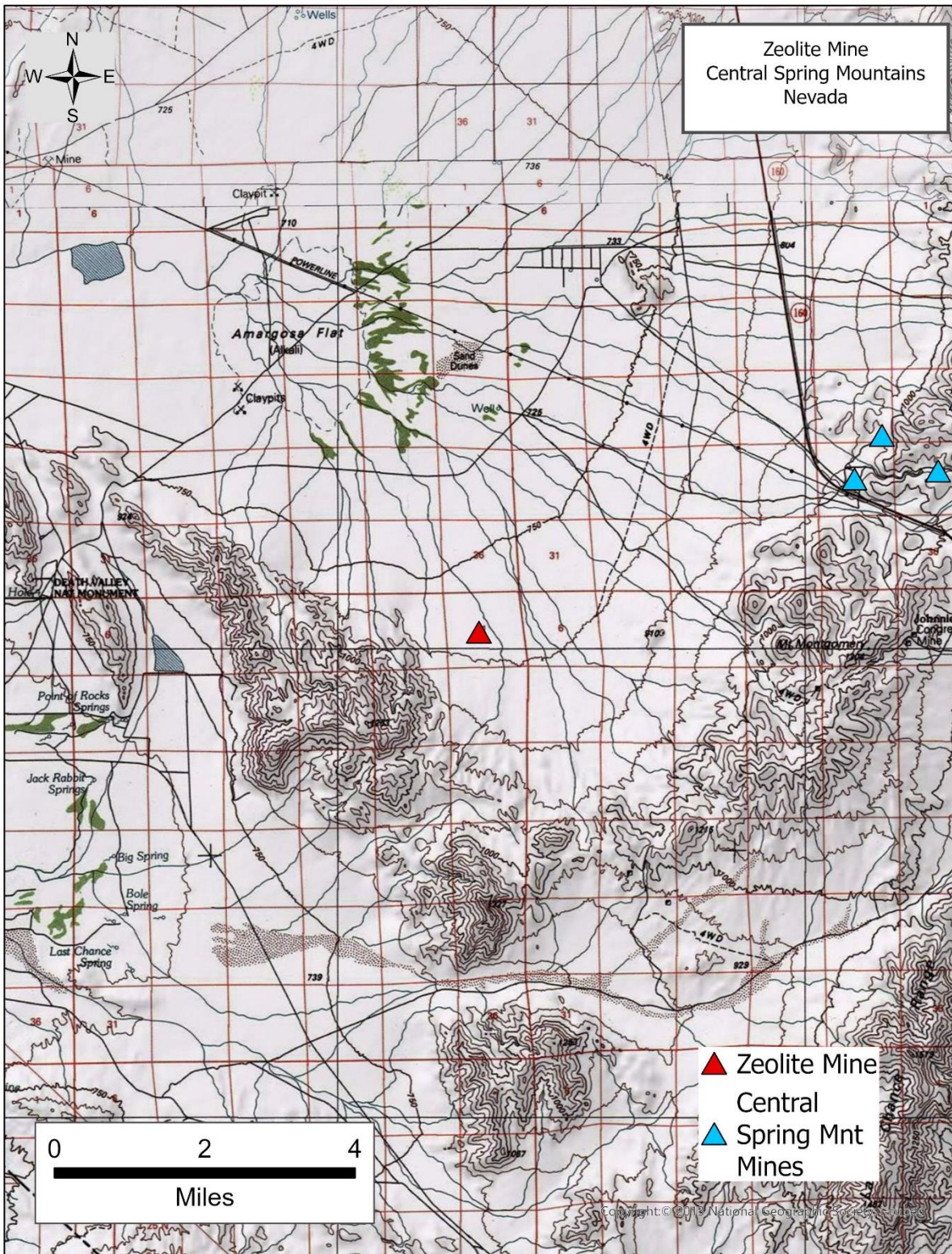


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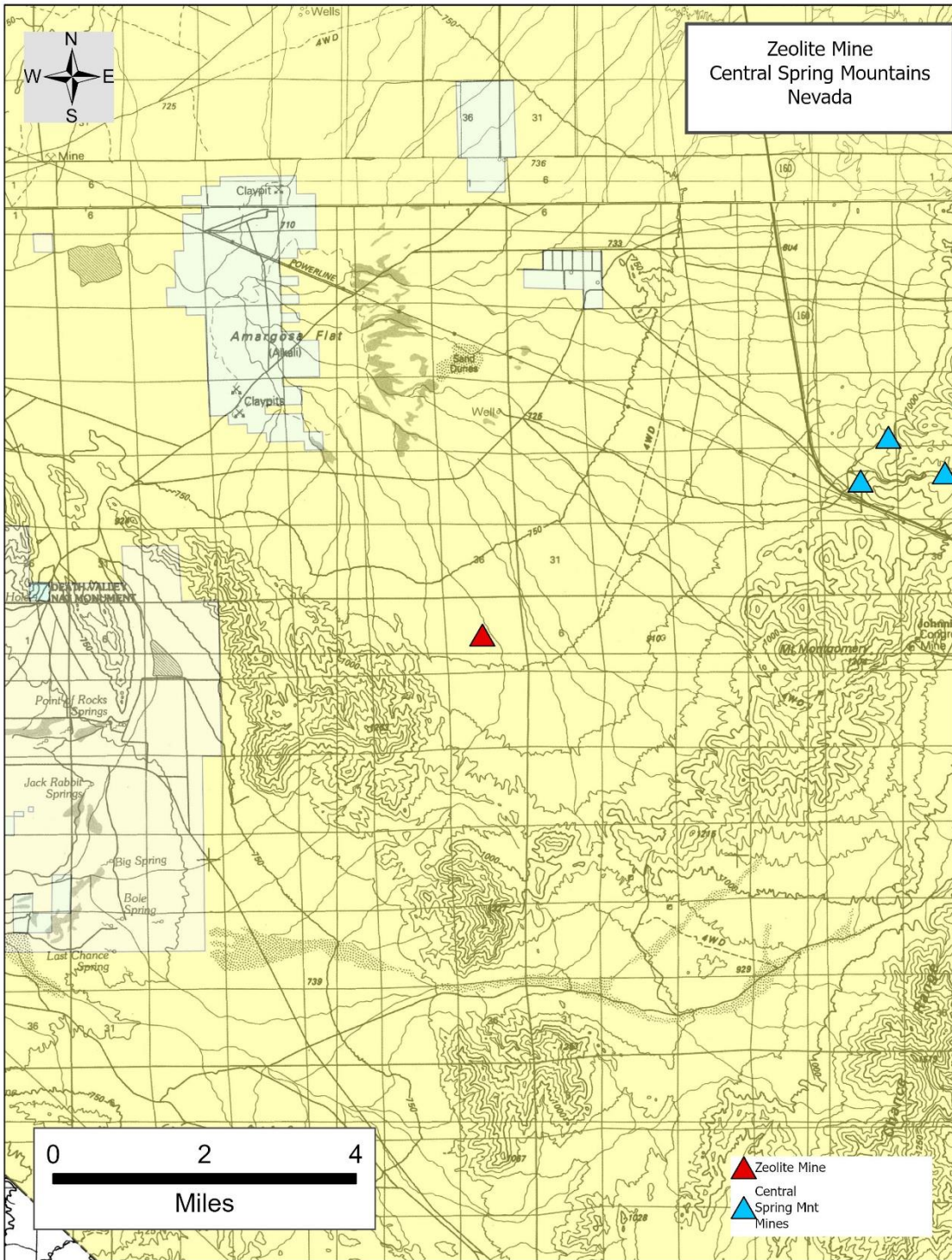


Figure 3. Land status map of the Zeolite District and surrounding areas. Green is U.S. Forest Service. Yellow is U.S. Bureau of Land Management. Blue is private land. Purple is military lands. Open source for educational purposes. No copyright.

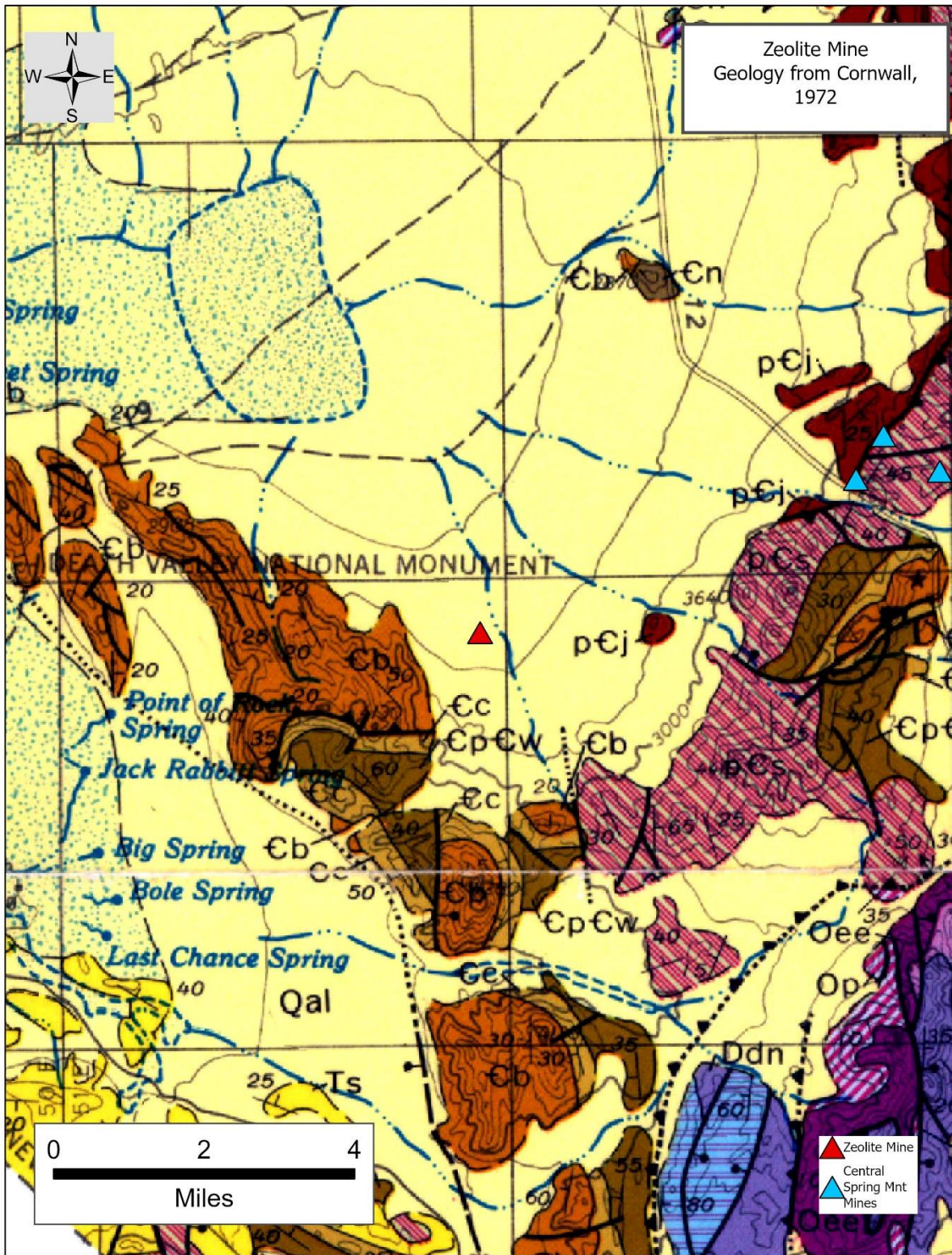


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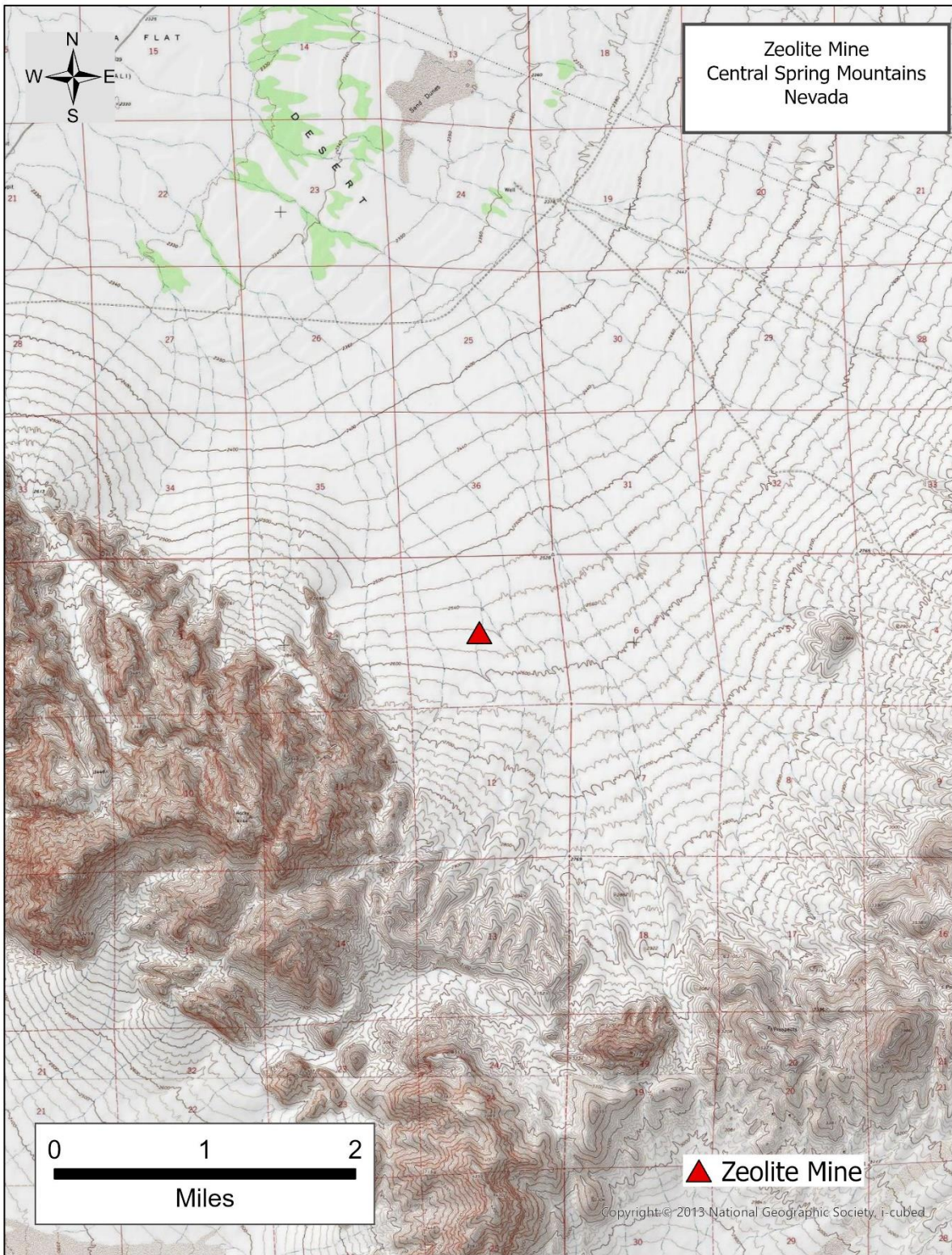


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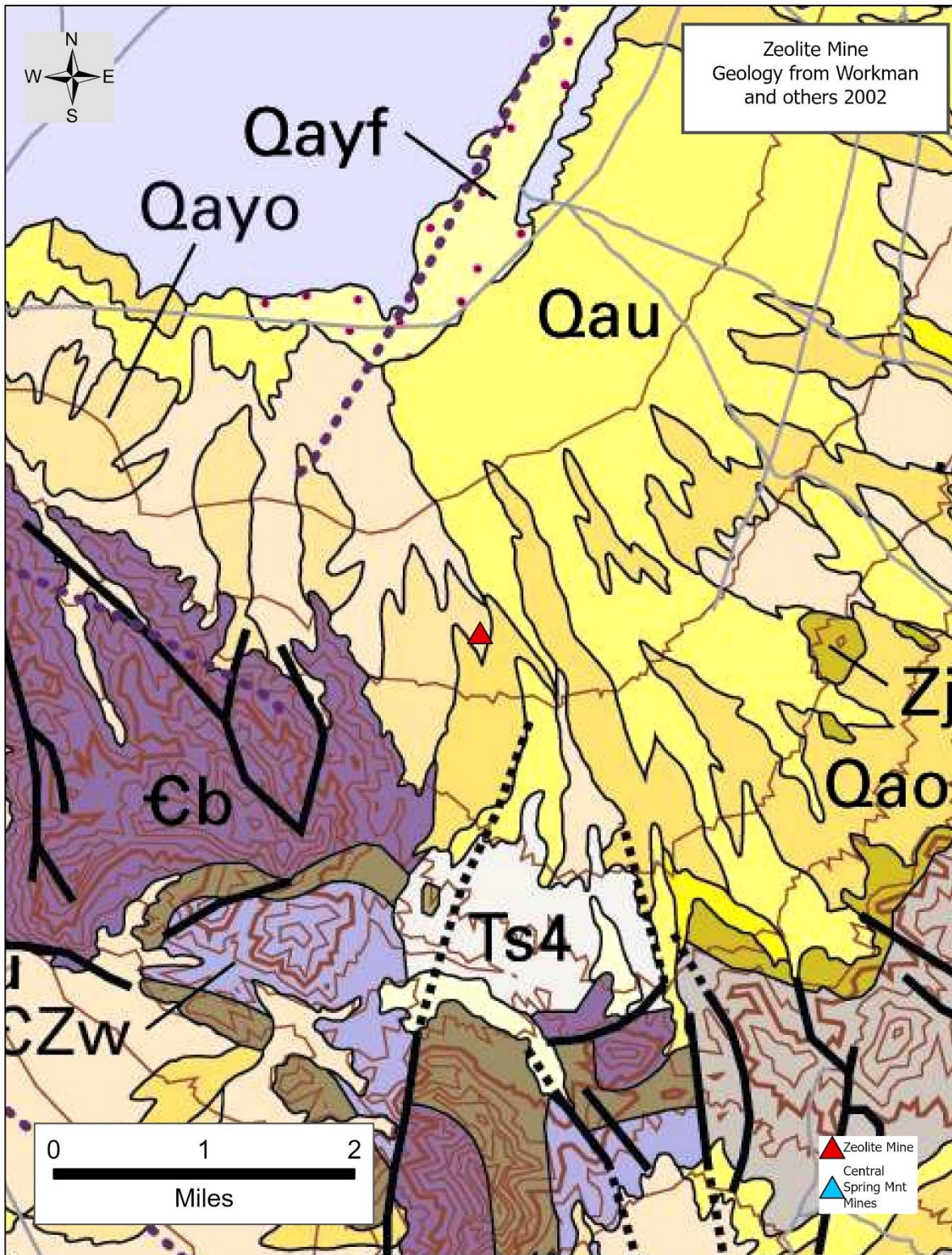


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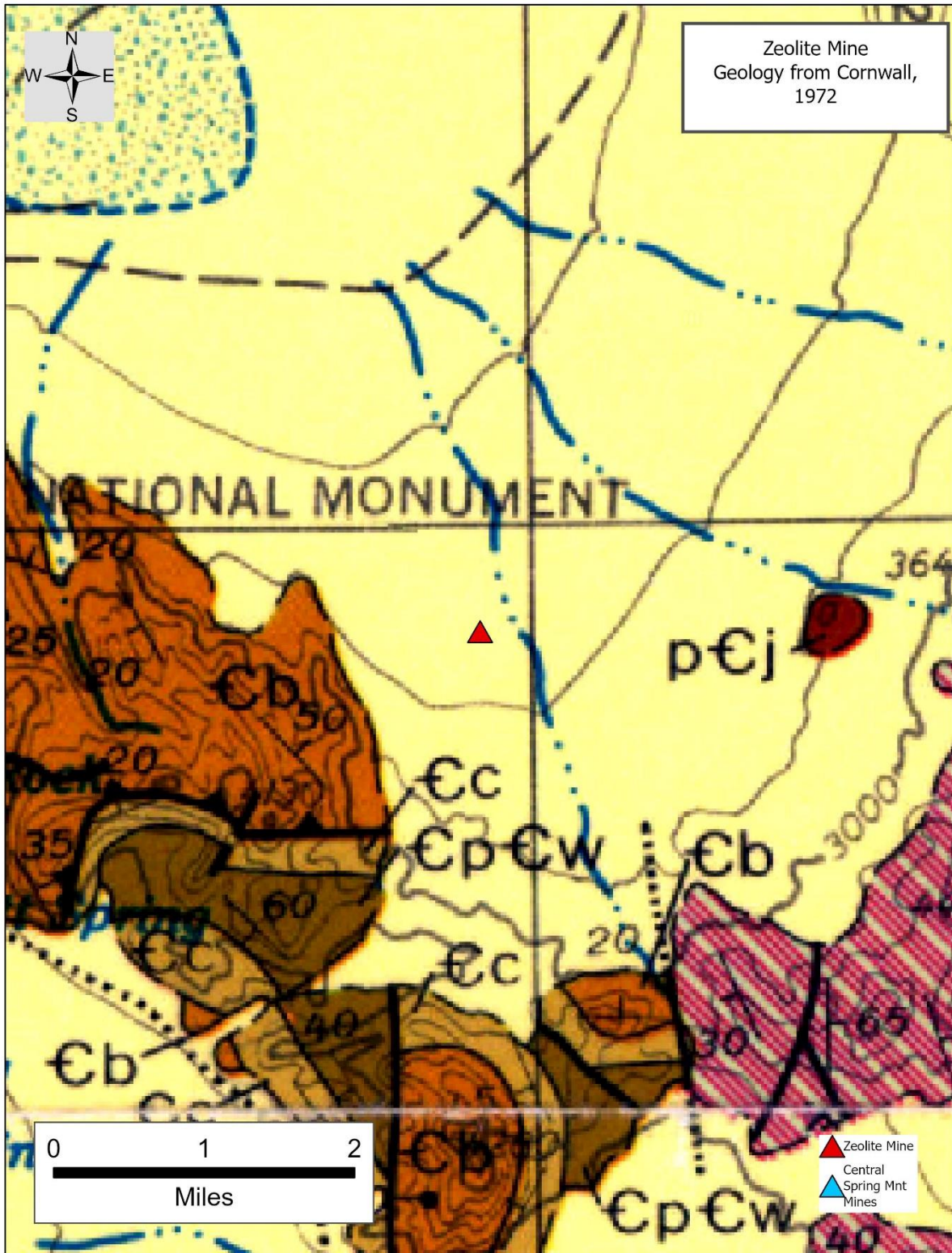


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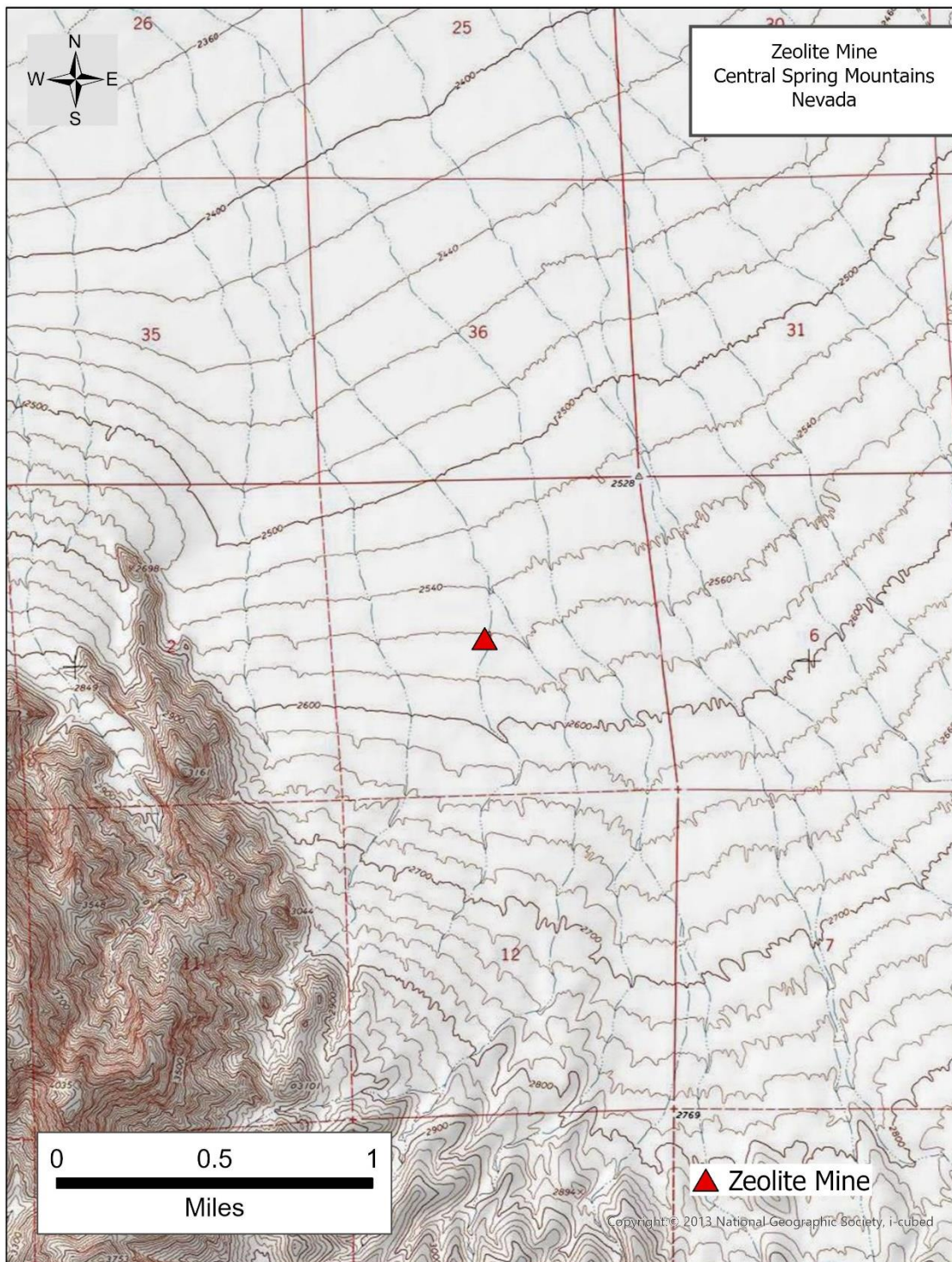


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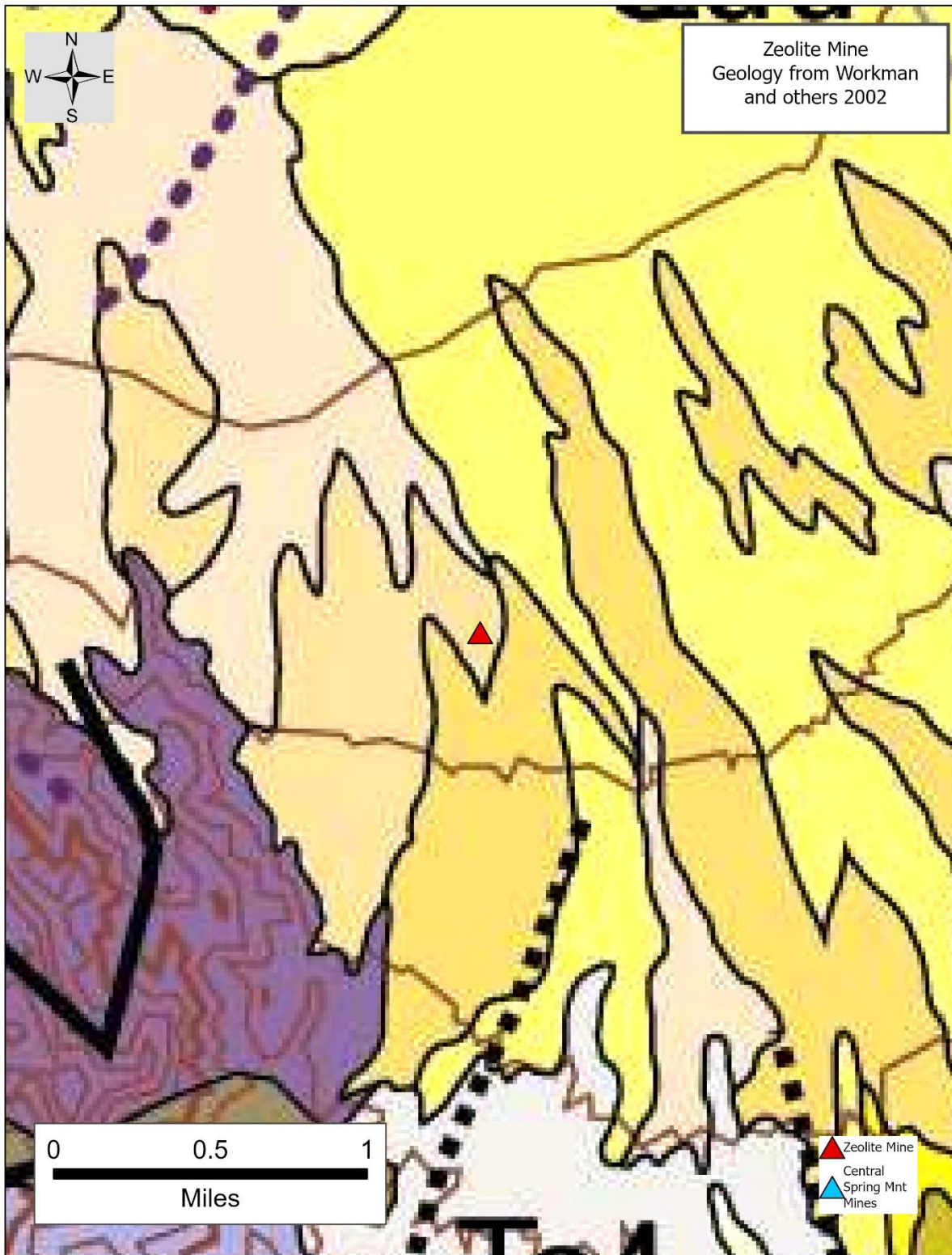


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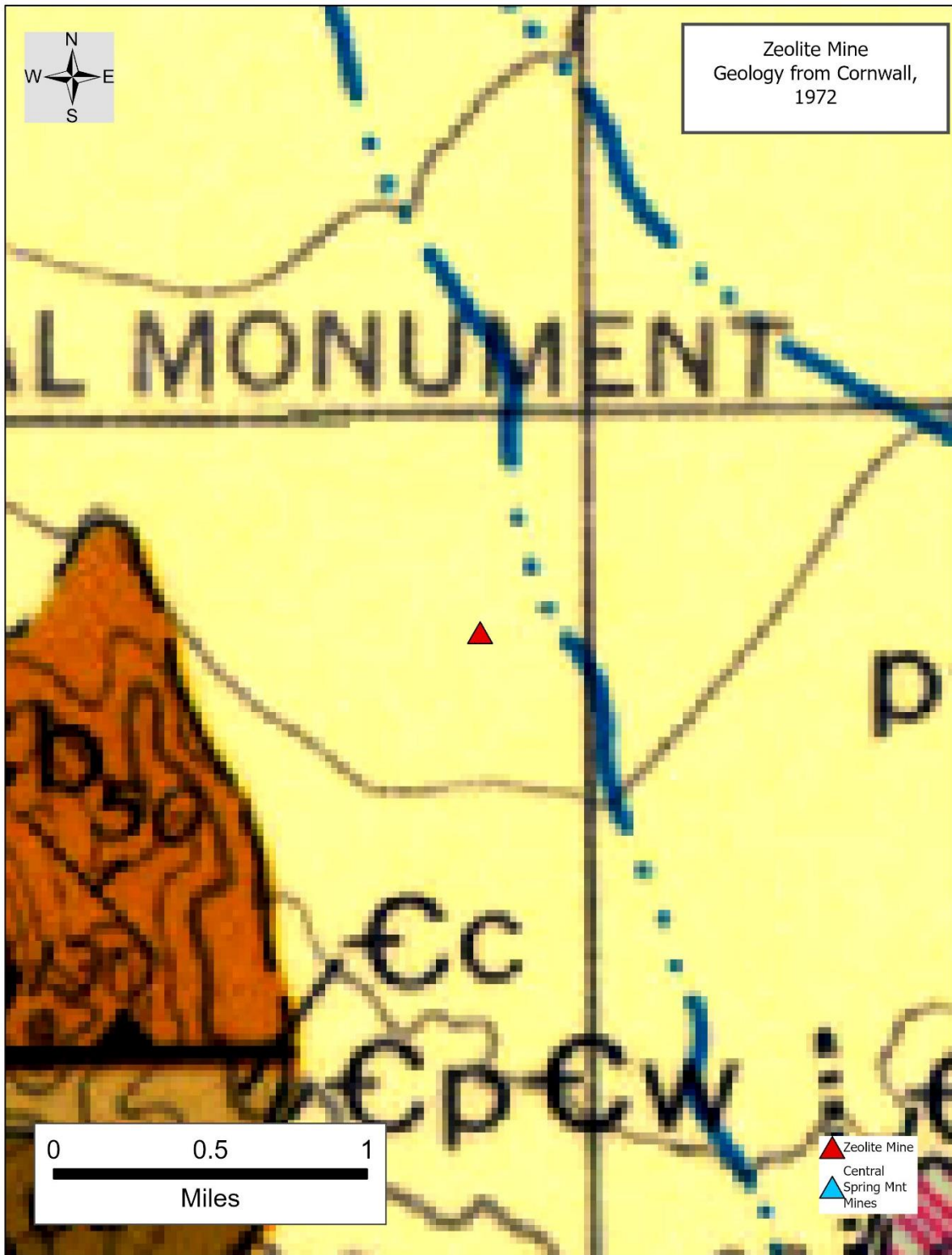


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Figure 12. Topographic detailed map of the Zeolite Mine and surrounding areas.

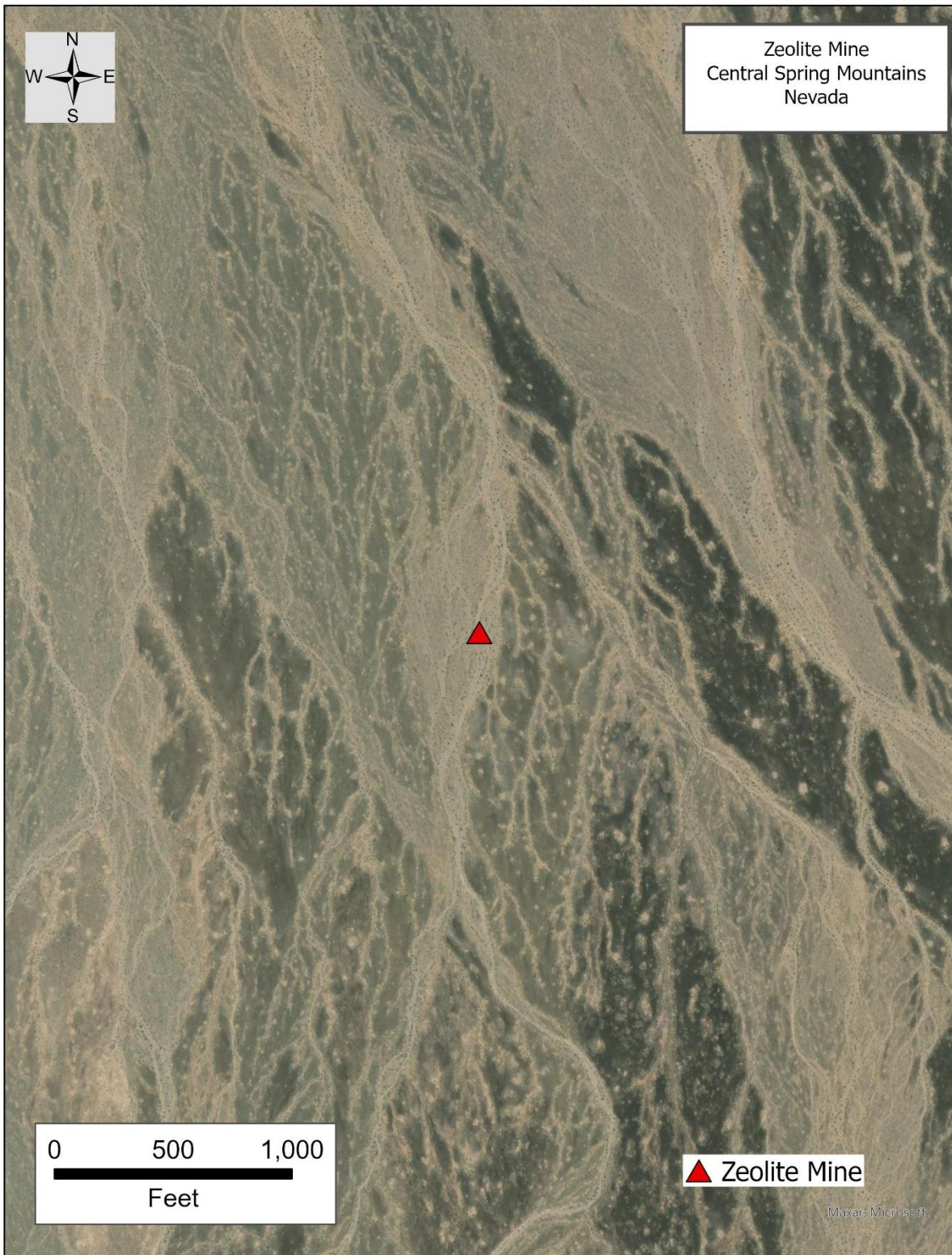


Figure 13. Aerial photograph of the Zeolite Mine. Open source for educational purposes, no copyright.