

# Mother Lode gold mine closer to production

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Sutter Gold Mining Inc. (TSX VENTURE: SGM) of Vancouver, British Columbia, says it has received regulatory approval to use three-quarters of an acre of wetlands for its mining operations in the historic Mother Lode Gold Belt of Amador County.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has issued a "Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination," which identified 1.02 acres of seasonal wetlands and other waters where surface disturbance associated with the Lincoln Project mine may occur, the company says.

Sutter Gold says it estimates that the mining project may fill or impact 0.75 acres of wetlands and other waters in the vicinity.

The company also says that Berryman Ecological of Weimar has completed studies to assure compliance with the Endangered Species Act, concluding that the project, as currently planned, would not impact any federally listed species identified in the area. Similarly, Analytical Environmental Services of Sacramento has completed an assessment of cultural resources in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, making a finding of "No Historic Properties Affected" for the project, the mining company says.

Sutter Gold says it expects to complete permitting processes next year in time for the 2011 construction season.

Sutter currently controls approximately 3.6 miles of the Mother Lode of Amador County, and with 90 percent of the property still unexplored, "potential exists both at depth and along strike of the known mineralized zones," it says.

The 120-mile long Mother Lode Gold Belt produced over 13 million ounces of gold historically with 7.9 million ounces originating from the 10-mile long segment between Jackson and Plymouth where the Lincoln Project is located. Properties under the company's control include eight historic mines with historic gold production totaling over 3.5 million ounces or 27 percent of the historic gold production from the Mother Lode. Historic mines located north and south of the Lincoln Project in the Jackson to Plymouth segment of the Mother Lode successfully mined gold to depths of 4,500 and 6,300 feet, respectively.