

# Upton Open House

**Rare Earth Demonstration-Scale  
Processing and Separation Plant  
and the Bear Lodge Project**

Progress Update

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Rare Element Resources

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## Rare Earth Supply Chain

- ◆ What are rare earths?
- ◆ What are they used for?
- ◆ Where do they come from?
- ◆ How does this relate to future-facing technologies?
- ◆ How is the rare earth market different from others?
- ◆ What are critical minerals / materials?
- ◆ What could this mean for Wyoming?

# Rare Earth Elements



- ◆ Defined by their location in the periodic table
- ◆ Lanthanides with the addition of scandium and yttrium

|                     |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |                          |     |    |     |     |    |
|---------------------|----|----|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|--------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|----|
| Rare Earth Elements |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |                          |     |    |     |     | He |
| H                   |    |    |                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |                          |     |    |     |     | He |
| Li                  | Be |    |                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | B   | C                        | N   | O  | F   | Ne  |    |
| Na                  | Mg |    |                          |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | Al  | Si                       | P   | S  | Cl  | Ar  |    |
| K                   | Ca | Sc | Ti                       | V  | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn | Ga  | Ge                       | As  | Se | Br  | Kr  |    |
| Rb                  | Sr | Y  | Zr                       | Nb | Mo | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | Ag | Cd | In  | Sn                       | Sb  | Te | I   | Xe  |    |
| Cs                  | Ba | *  | Hf                       | Ta | W  | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | Au | Hg | Tl  | Pb                       | Bi  | Po | At  | Rn  |    |
| Fr                  | Ra | ** | Rf                       | Db | Sg | Bh | Hs | Mt | Ds | Rg | Cn | Uut | Fl                       | Uup | Lv | Uus | Uuo |    |
|                     |    | *  | La                       | Ce | Pr | Nd | Pm | Sm | Eu | Gd | Tb | Dy  | Ho                       | Er  | Tm | Yb  | Lu  |    |
|                     |    | ** | Ac                       | Th | Pa | U  | Np | Pu | Am | Cm | Bk | Cf  | Es                       | Fm  | Md | No  | Lr  |    |
|                     |    |    | Light Rare Earth Element |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     | Heavy Rare Earth Element |     |    |     |     |    |



# Rare Earth Element Applications



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## MAGNETICS

Computer Hard Drives  
Disk Drive Motors  
Anti-Lock Brakes  
Automotive Parts  
Frictionless Bearings  
Magnetic Refrigeration  
Microwave Power Tubes  
Power Generation  
Microphones & Speakers  
Communication Systems  
MRI

Nd Tb Dy Pr



## METAL ALLOYS

NiMH Batteries  
Fuel Cells  
Steel  
Super Alloys  
Aluminum/Magnesium

Nd Y La Ce Pr



## DEFENSE

Satellite Communications  
Guidance Systems  
Aircraft Structures  
Fly-by-Wire  
Smart Missiles

Nd Eu Tb Dy Y Lu Sm Pr La



## CATALYSTS

Petroleum Refining  
Catalytic Converter  
Fuel Additives  
Chemical Processing  
Air Pollution Controls

Nd La Ce Pr



## CERAMICS

Capacitors  
Sensors  
Colorants  
Scintillators  
Refractories

Nd Y Eu Dy Lu Gd La Ce Pr



## GLASS & POLISHING

Polishing Compounds  
Pigments & Coatings  
UV Resistant Glass  
Photo-Optical Glass  
X-Ray Imaging

Nd Gd Er Ho La Ce Pr



## PHOSPHORS

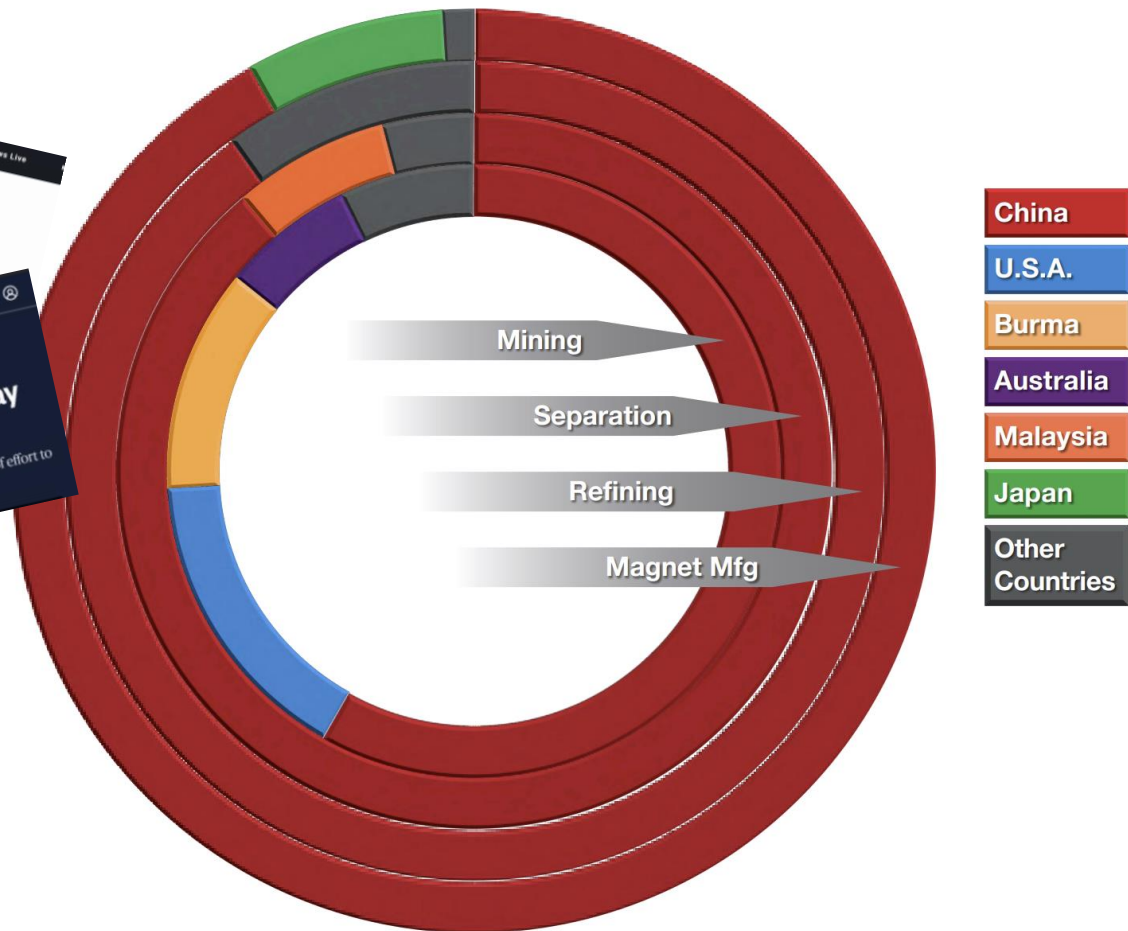
Display phosphors-  
CRT,LPD,LCD  
Fluorescents  
Medical Imaging  
Lasers  
Fiber Optics

Nd Eu Tb Y Er Gd Ce Pr

# China's Dominance – An Economic & Security Risk



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**Geographical concentration of supply chain stages for sintered NdFeB magnets**  
From center: Rare Earth mining, oxide separation, metal refining, & magnet manufacturing\*

\* US DOE Report, "Rare Earth Permanent Magnets: Supply Chain Deep Dive Assessment" 2/24/22

# Growing REE End Uses



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## REEs Critical for Essential and Rapidly Growing Technology

### Computers

#### Cloud Technology



Multi-billion-dollar market for high intensity magnets

### Defense

#### Aircraft Parts



### High-Speed Transit

#### MagLev Technology



Vital inputs for vast range of future-facing products

### Automotive

#### Cars, HEVs, EVs



Green technologies will drive significant growth in demand<sup>1</sup>

### Energy

#### Wind Turbines



<sup>1</sup>Wood Mackenzie, Global Rare Earths Short-Term Outlook February 2023



# Rare Earth Markets



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## World Production 2022\* (in Metric tons)

Iron ore 2.6B

Aluminum 69M

Copper 26M

Manganese 20M

Nickel 3.3M

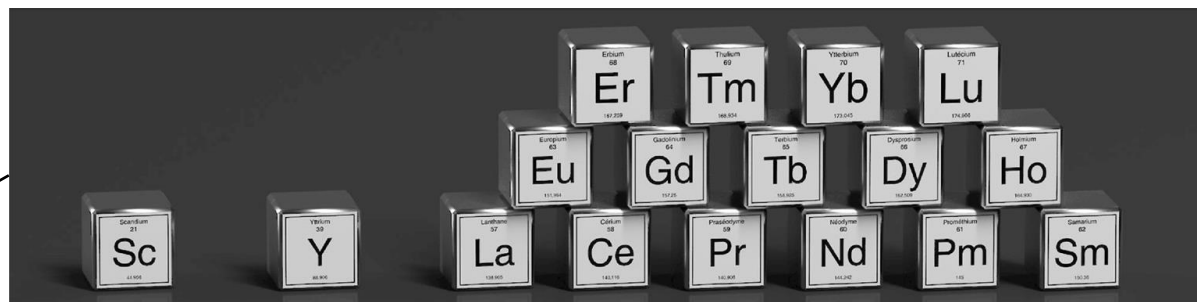
**Rare Earths 300K**

Cobalt 190K

Lithium 130K

Gallium 0.6K

Rhenium 0.1K



\* US Geological Survey, Mineral Commodity Summaries 2023

# Materials Critical to Clean Energy Technologies

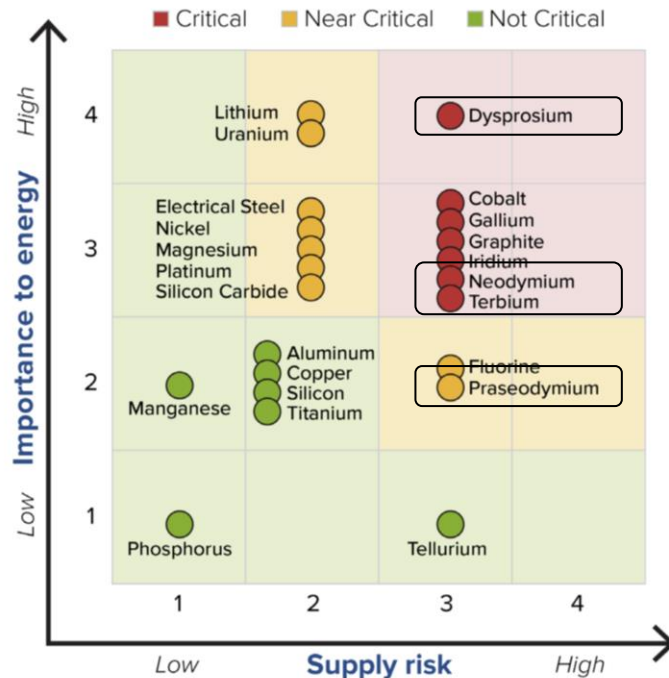


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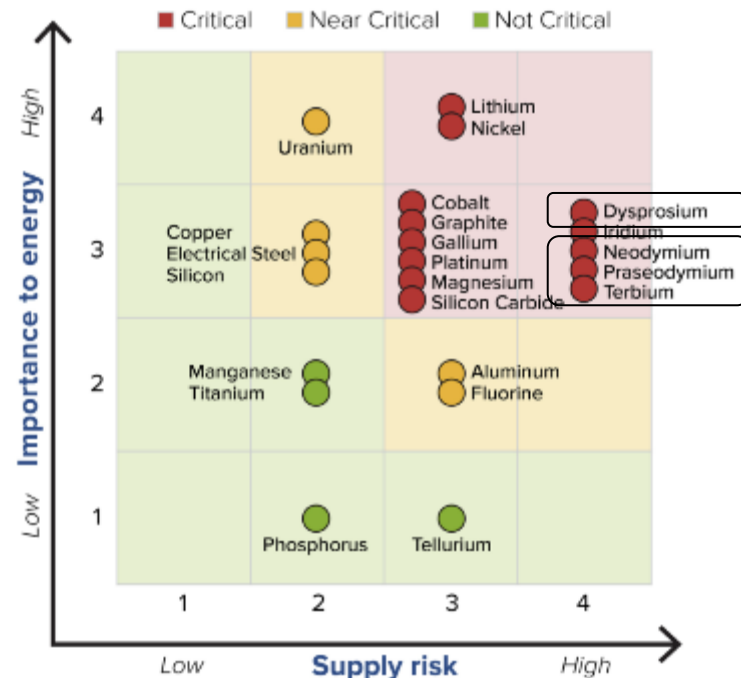
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## DOE Criticality Matrix\*

SHORT TERM 2020-2025



MEDIUM TERM 2025-2035



Report focused only on those materials critical to clean energy technologies

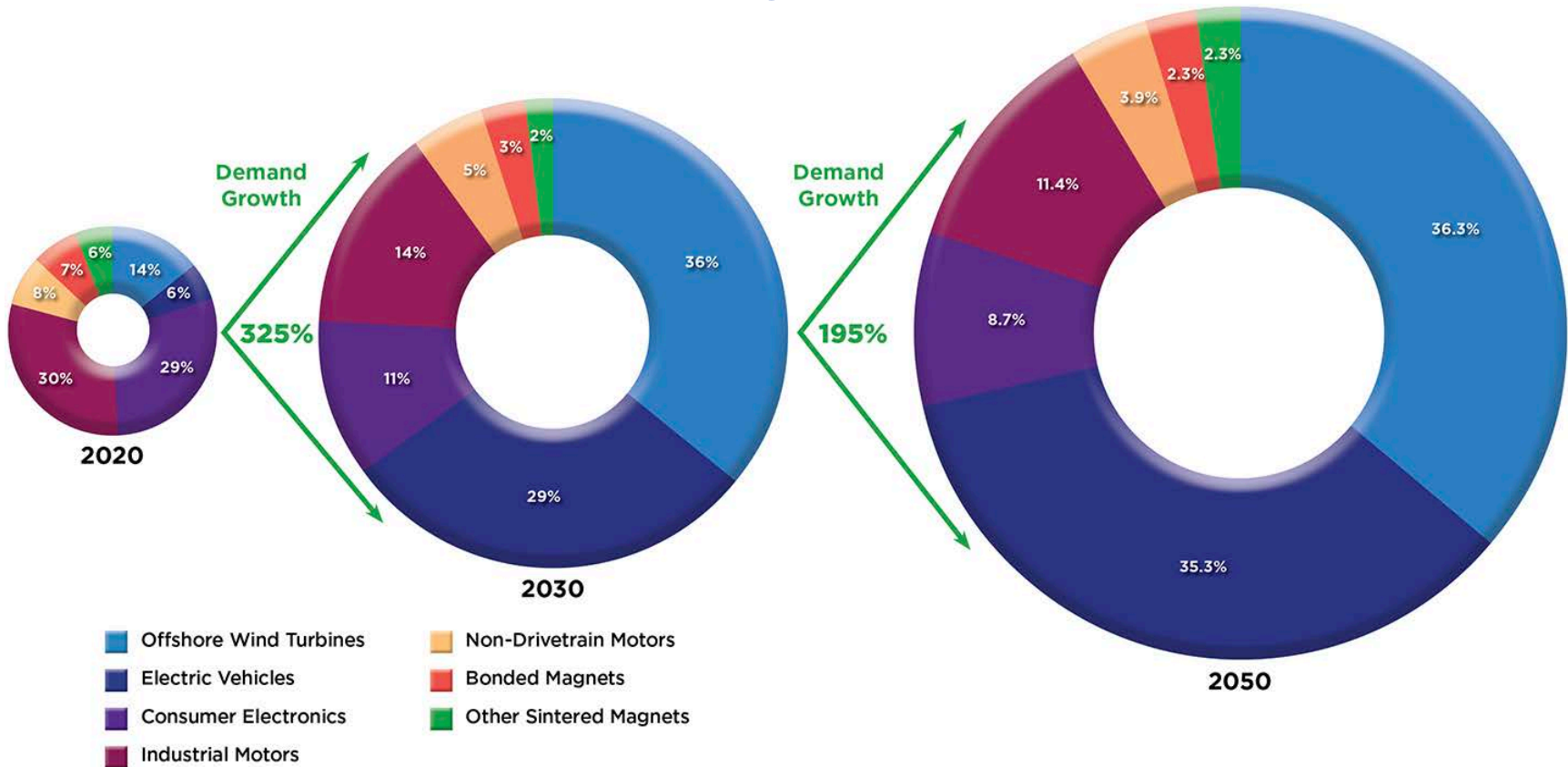
# Decarbonization Goals to Drive Significant Demand



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## Unprecedented Projected Demand Growth for Rare Earth Magnet Materials\*



Department of Energy Participating on Recovery & Separation Demonstration Plant

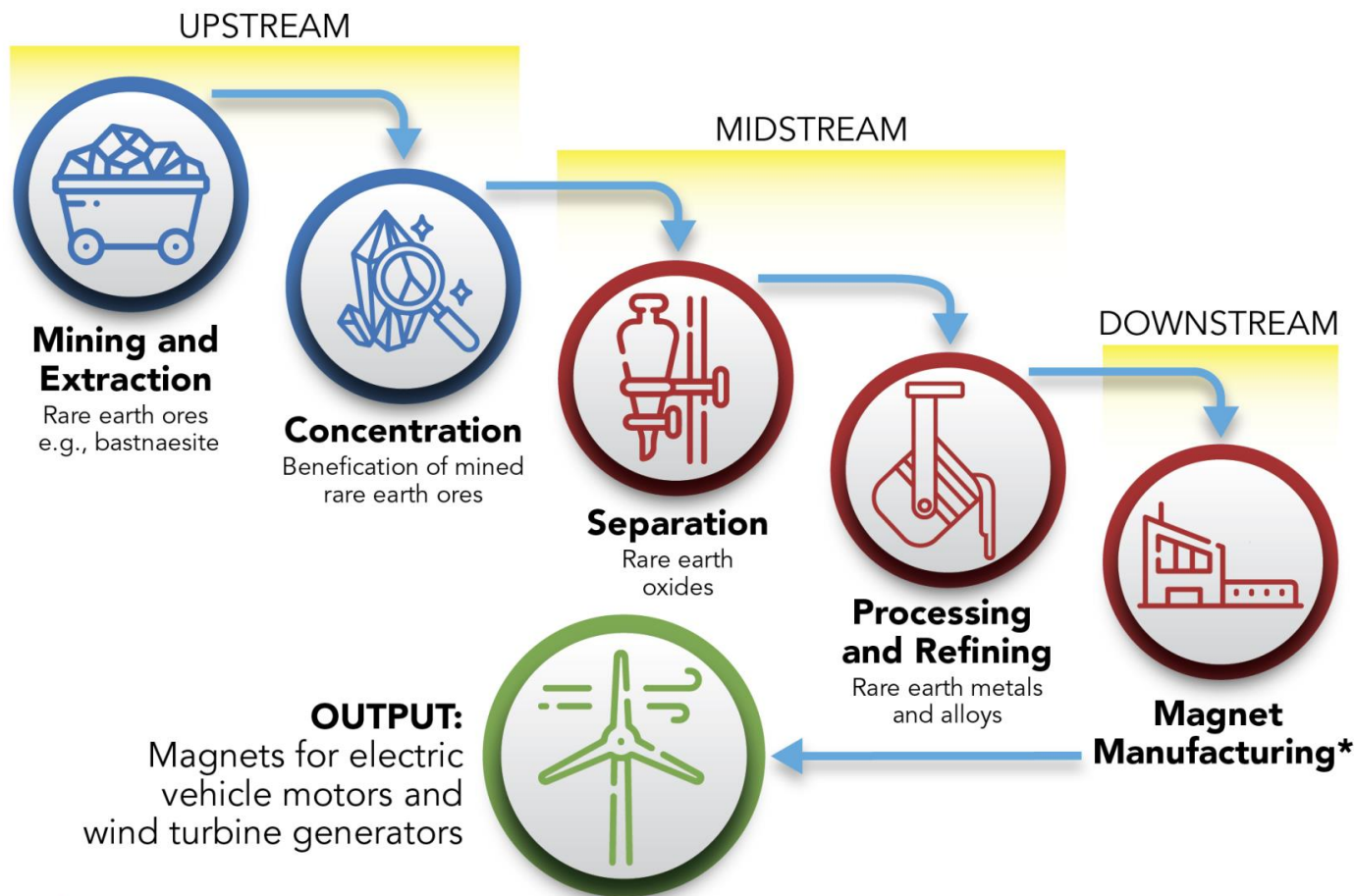
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# Significant Diversification Opportunity



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## Mining to Magnets



Red indicates no U.S. commercial capacity

\* indicates sintered NdFeB (*neodymium iron boron*) magnets



## **Bear Lodge Project**

**Cornerstone of A  
Domestic Rare Earth Supply Chain**



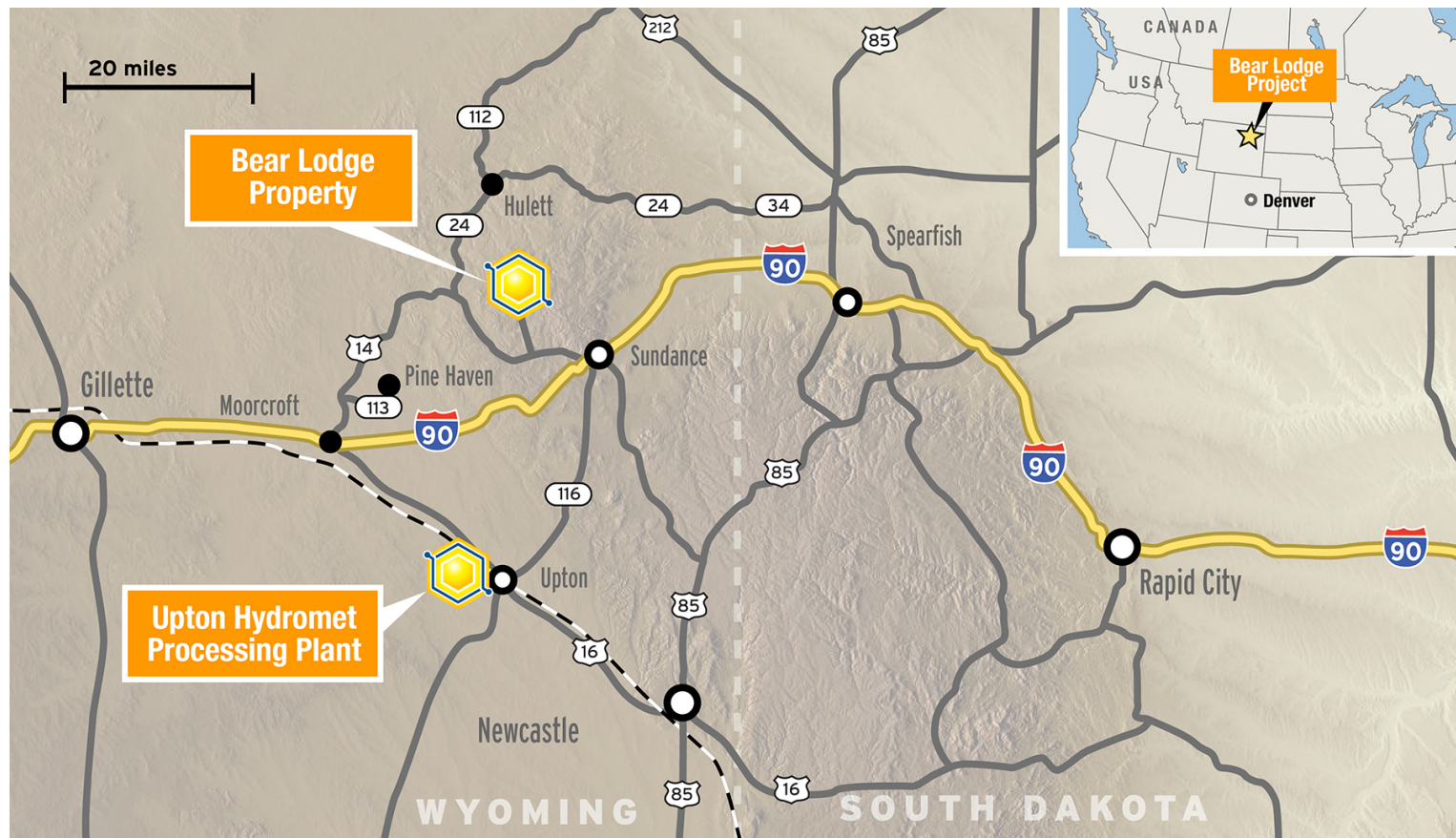
# Exceptional Location



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## Infrastructure in Place

Power / Energy / Ready and Able Workforce



# Rich in Magnet Materials



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- ◆ Most advanced resource in state
- ◆ Over 500 holes drilled resulting in 285,000 ft of core evaluated
- ◆ A high-grade Nd/Pr oxide deposit
- ◆ High-grade zone will boost returns in early years
- ◆ Additional targets already identified for potential expansion

## Bear Lodge Project Mineralized Material Projected Distribution by Weight\*\*

| Rare Earth Elements            | Distribution by Wt |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Neodymium (Nd)*                | 17.9%              |
| Praseodymium (Pr)*             | 4.9%               |
| Dysprosium (Dy)*               | 0.5%               |
| Terbium (Tb)*                  | 0.1%               |
| Samarium (Sm)                  | <u>3.0%</u>        |
| <b>Magnet Materials</b>        | <b>26.4%</b>       |
| Europium (Eu)                  | 0.7%               |
| Yttrium (Y)                    | 1.3%               |
| Cerium (Ce)                    | 43.0%              |
| Lanthanum (La)                 | 26.8%              |
| Gadolinium (Gd)                | 1.6%               |
| Other REEs***                  | 0.2%               |
| <b>Total Rare Earth Oxides</b> | <b>100.0%</b>      |

*\*Identified magnet materials per U.S. DOE, Critical Materials Assessment 2023, July 2023. Sm included because of its use in samarium/cobalt magnets.*

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*\*Other REEs include Holmium, Erbium, Thulium, Lutetium, Scandium and Ytterbium*



## Demonstration-Scale Processing and Separation Plant

Advancing Innovative  
Processing and Separation Technology



## **Provide a Basis for Scale-up to, and Economic Assessment of, a Commercial Capacity Plant**

- ◆ Demonstrate the separation of NdPr and other REEs at high purity
- ◆ Produce up to 15 tons of NdPr at >99.5% purity as well as La, SEG & heavy rare earth element concentrates, which would be subject to further refining
- ◆ Provide clear pathways for the separation of other rare earths, including Sm, Dy, and Tb
- ◆ Demonstrate a process capable of treating REO concentrate from other sources, either in the US or obtained as a result of initiatives from allied countries

# Process Advantages

#1

92 – 97% recovery of  
from run-of-mine  
material

#2

High-efficiency solvent  
extraction producing  
>99.5% pure Nd/Pr and  
other rare earth oxides

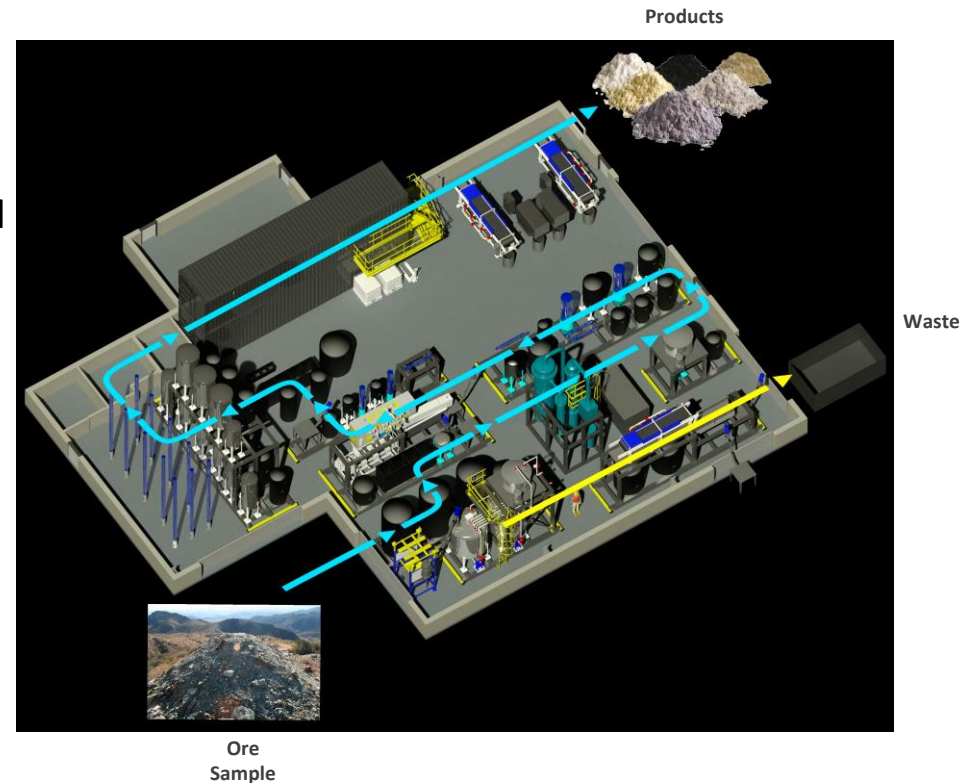
#3

First-of-a-kind, real-  
time control software  
for process  
optimization

#4

100% separation of  
radionuclides for  
disposal at licensed  
facility

## Production of High-Purity, Critical Rare Earth Minerals





# Project Related Activities

- ◆ Design complete
- ◆ Process modeling and economic assessment complete
- ◆ Delivery and assembly of long lead time process equipment underway
- ◆ Site clean up completed
- ◆ Key NRC license secured
- ◆ Bear Lodge road access upgrades completed
- ◆ Expect DOE NEPA review to be completed shortly
- ◆ Expect DOE approval of construction and operating budget in Oct/Nov

Oxalic Acid Reactor



Chemical Holding Tanks



Centrifuge, Primary Process Reactors



# Project Timeline



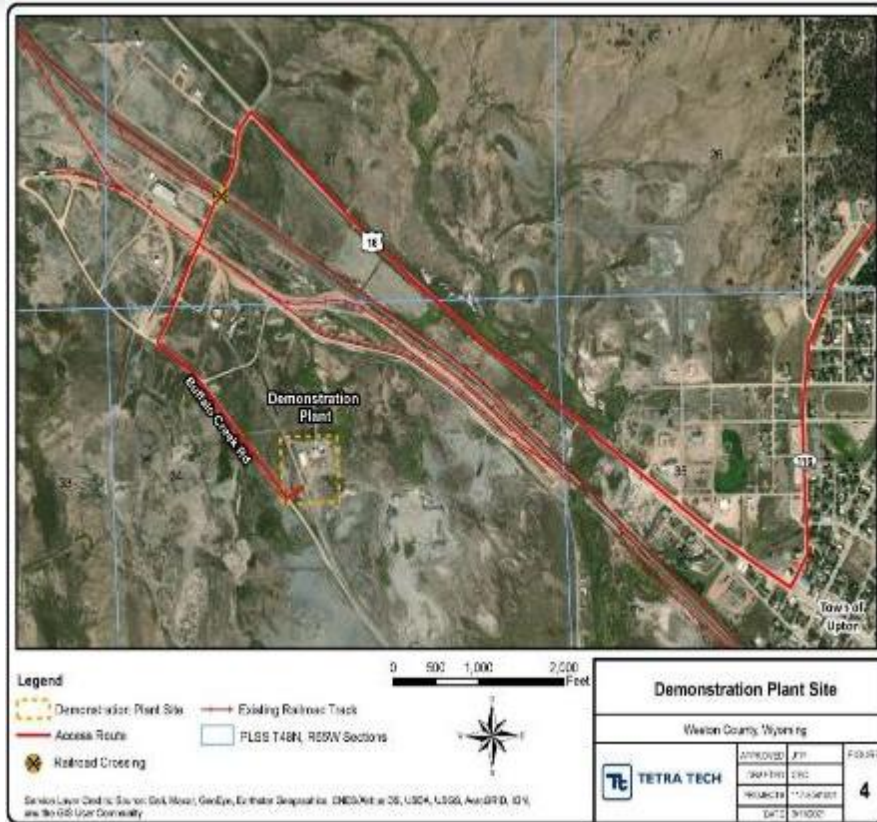
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| Task                    | 2021 | 2022 |    |    |    | 2023 |    |    |    | 2024 |    |    |    | 2025 |    |    |
|-------------------------|------|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|----|------|----|----|
| REE Demonstration Plant | Q4   | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1   | Q2 | Q3 |
| Design & Engineering    |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |
| Procurement             |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |
| Construction            |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |
| Operations              |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |
| Decommissioning         |      |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |    |      |    |    |

- ◆ Offsite integrator fabricating skids with equipment
- ◆ Plant construction expected to take ~7 months
- ◆ Equipment on site by end of March
- ◆ Operations anticipated to start in 2Q24 and planned for 8 to 10 months

# Demonstration Plant Location- Upton, Wyoming



- ◆ Upton Logistics Industrial Center - 8.2 Acre Brownfields Site
- ◆ Site clean up completed, utilities being upgraded
- ◆ ~15 demo plant employees expected to transition to commercial operations



# The Future of Critical Minerals Extraction



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## Building the Cornerstone for a Secure, Domestic REE Supply Chain

- ◆ Advanced innovative REE recovery technology being further refined through demo plant operations
- ◆ Strong technology partners advancing technology while providing access to federal agency participation
- ◆ Premier North American deposit, high in the REEs critical to addressing growing demand for magnet materials
- ◆ Exceptional location with existing infrastructure, low-cost power and available skilled workforce
- ◆ Demonstrated support from state and local officials with long-term vision of a diversified economic base for Wyoming