



PTFF-22 – “Construction Equipment, Nevada”

The Cortez Gold Mine is a gold processing facility owned by Barrick Gold in Nevada. The mine, south west of Elko is opening up new deposits which require the construction of a new highway. Current access is by air only. Road construction equipment purchased in China has been shipped by sea to San Francisco and requires airlifting to the site.

Suggested Aircraft:

Boeing or Airbus freighter aircraft from San Francisco to Battle Mountain.

Smaller aircraft (eg C27J, C295) for transfer of equipment to the Cortez and Crescent Valley Air Strips.

Flight Schedule:

1. Load construction equipment at San Francisco (KSFO) and airlift to Battle Mountain (KBAM). Offload – 312nm.
2. Load equipment at KBAM (within max weight limits) and airlift to Cortez Airstrip (NV62) – 26nm.
3. Load equipment at KBAM (within max weight limits) and airlift to Crescent Valley (U74) - 18nm.

NOTAMS:

Battle Mountain (KBAM) is 4,530ft ASL with a runway length of 7,300ft.

Cortez Airstrip (NV62) is 4,816ft ASL with a runway length of 4,650ft. Best approach is to rwy 05 due to high terrain to the north-east and south of the strip.

Crescent Valley (U74) is 4,786ft ASL with a dirt runway 4,650ft long. Use rwy 14 for best approach.

Total flight distance 356nm.

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