



HIGH-GRADE WET MOUNTAIN REE ACQUISITION COMPLETE

Magnum Mining and Exploration Limited (ASX:MGU, OTCQB: MGUFF) (**Magnum**, or the Company), is pleased to announce it has completed the acquisition of Wyoming Critical Minerals, Inc. (**WCM**), the sole owner of the Wet Mountain Rare Earth Element (**REE**) Project, a highly prospective REE project located in central Colorado, U.S.A.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Acquisition of the **high-grade Wet Mountain REE Project** now complete, following satisfaction of due diligence by Magnum and completion of all conditions.
- The transaction is aligned with **Magnum's U.S. critical minerals focus** and represents an **exceptional entry point geared towards discovery upside**.
- The Project has demonstrated exceptional historical assays of up to **7.99% (79,900ppm) Total Rare Earth Elements (TREE) from outcropping carbonatite dykes**, and a **large anomalous zone of 2% to 4% TREE (~20,000-40,000ppm)**.¹
- **Significant untested potential**, with no drilling or systematic sampling undertaken to date, providing scope for **near-surface discovery potential**.
- Magnum plans to launch a **rapid campaign of sampling, trenching and further geophysics** to define drill targets to unlock the Project's potential, as soon as weather permits.

Magnum's Chairman, Michael Davy, commented: *"Wet Mountain is another high-quality addition to Magnum's growing portfolio and reinforces the Company's strategy of securing prospective, high-grade critical mineral projects within the strategic U.S. jurisdiction. With ownership now secured, Magnum intends to formulate and advance a systematic and cost-effective modern exploration program, as soon as weather permits. The Project complements Magnum's active REE drilling programs underway at Palmares and Azimuth, as well as the Company's high-grade gold-copper-silver assets in the Walker Trend, all of which continue to be advanced in parallel."*

ACQUISITION COMPLETION

As previously announced,² Magnum entered into a Binding Term Sheet (Term Sheet) to acquire 100% of the legal and beneficial interests in the capital of WCM, entitling Magnum to 100% unencumbered legal and beneficial interest in WCM and its Mining Assets (including the Wet Mountain REE Project) upon satisfaction of all conditions precedent to completion.

¹ The results quoted here are based on historic sampling collected and assayed by the USGS. While primary information has been sourced and cited, the results must be treated with caution until the area is resampled using modern techniques and assayed using industry standard procedures and QA/QC controls. The reader is cautioned that the grades are conceptual in nature and it is uncertain if further exploration will confirm these results.

² Refer to ASX release, *"US REE PROJECT ACQUIRED WITH ASSAYS UP TO 7.99% TREE"*, 11 December 2025

Magnum now confirms that all conditions precedent have been satisfied following consideration to be paid to the Vendors:

1. USD\$27,500 non-refundable cash fee for 30-day exclusivity (Previously paid by Magnum, under an Exclusivity and Confidentiality Deed),
2. USD\$80,000 cash payment (to include reimbursement of costs including staking and land man services),
3. Scrip consideration of 20 million fully paid Magnum shares, (Appendix - 3B Proposed Issue of Securities to follow this announcement) and,
4. A 2% Net Smelter Royalty (NSR) over all minerals produced from the Project.

Magnum is now planning a systematic exploration campaign to unlock the Project's full potential, which it intends to carry out once weather permits.

WET MOUNTAIN REE PROJECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Wet Mountain REE Project exhibits both scale and high-grade surface REE anomalism that is comparable to, or higher than, many early-stage discoveries. The combination of elevated assays, favourable host lithologies, and structural corridors focused at intrusive contacts present multiple high-priority exploration targets for rapid assessment.

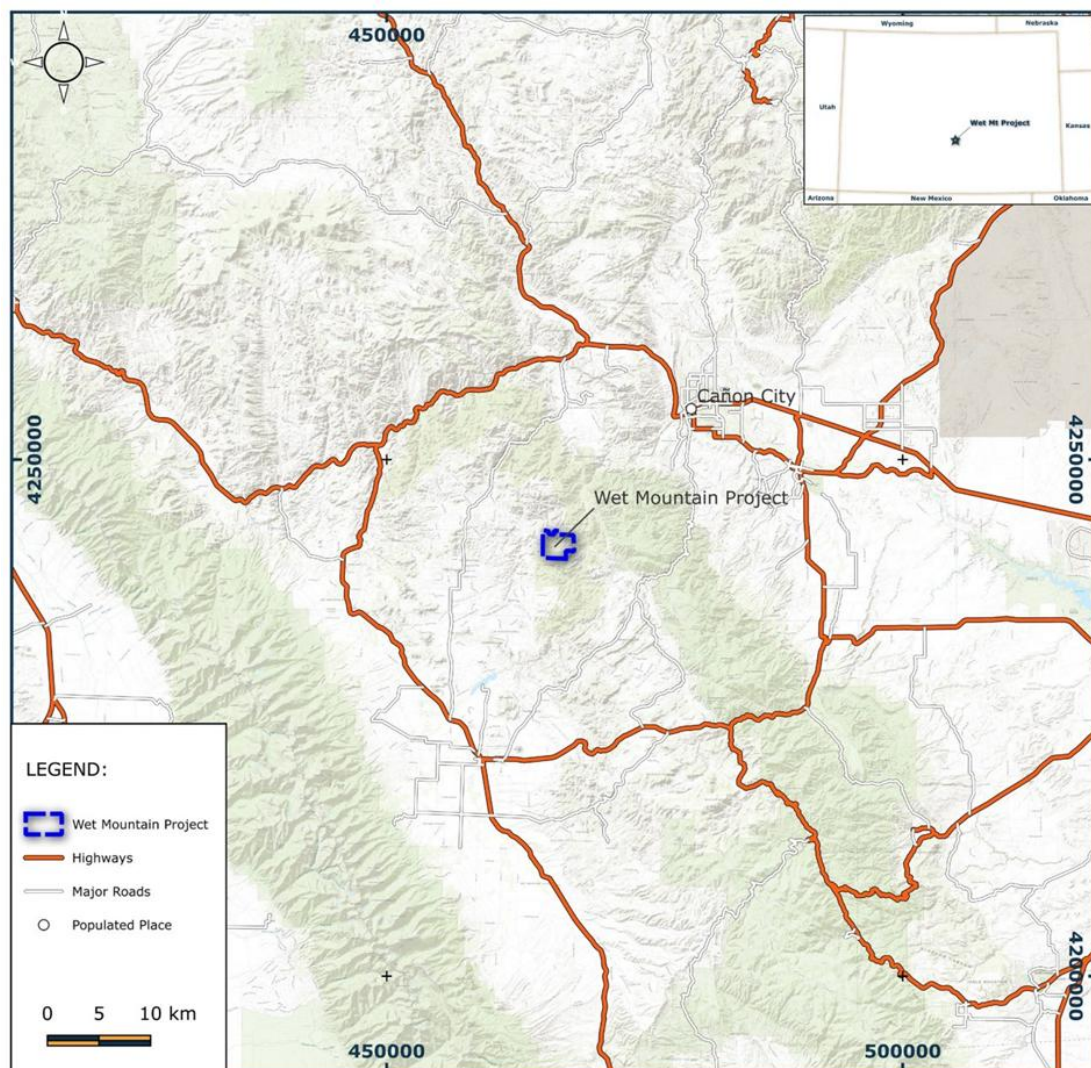


Figure 1 - Wet Mountain REE Project location and infrastructure map, Colorado, USA.

The Wet Mountain area has been historically well known for thorium and uranium mineralisation. Historical exploration has been centred on the Haputa Ranch - a thorium, gold, REE, barium-barite, and lead mine located in Custer County, Colorado. The area has had intensive investigation by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), particularly in reference to the thorium exploration interest of the 1950s³.

As part of those investigations, areas of exceptional grades of REE mineralisation were defined by surface sampling of outcropping carbonatite dykes⁴. In the area of the Wet Mountain claims, up to **7.99% (79,900ppm) Total Rare Earth Elements (TREE)** were delineated with zones of over **1% TREE** being evident (Figure 2)⁵:

Sample ID	Easting (m)	Northing (m)	La ppm	Ce ppm	Pr ppm	Nd ppm	Sm ppm	Eu ppm	Gd ppm	Dy ppm	Ho ppm	Er ppm	Tm ppm	Yb ppm	Y ppm	TREE ppm	TREE %
75A-217	467081	4242338	10000	10000	1500	5000	700	150	200	200	20	0	0	15	300	28085	2.81
75A-218	466346	4241256	15000	15000	2000	7000	1000	300	300	200	30	0	0	15	300	41145	4.11
75A-219	466616	4241021	10000	10000	1500	5000	1000	150	300	200	30	0	0	50	700	28930	2.89
75A-220	466650	4241173	5000	5000	500	3000	700	150	500	300	50	0	0	20	1000	16220	1.62
75A-221	466921	4242514	30000	20000	5000	20000	2000	300	700	500	100	200	30	70	1000	79900	7.99
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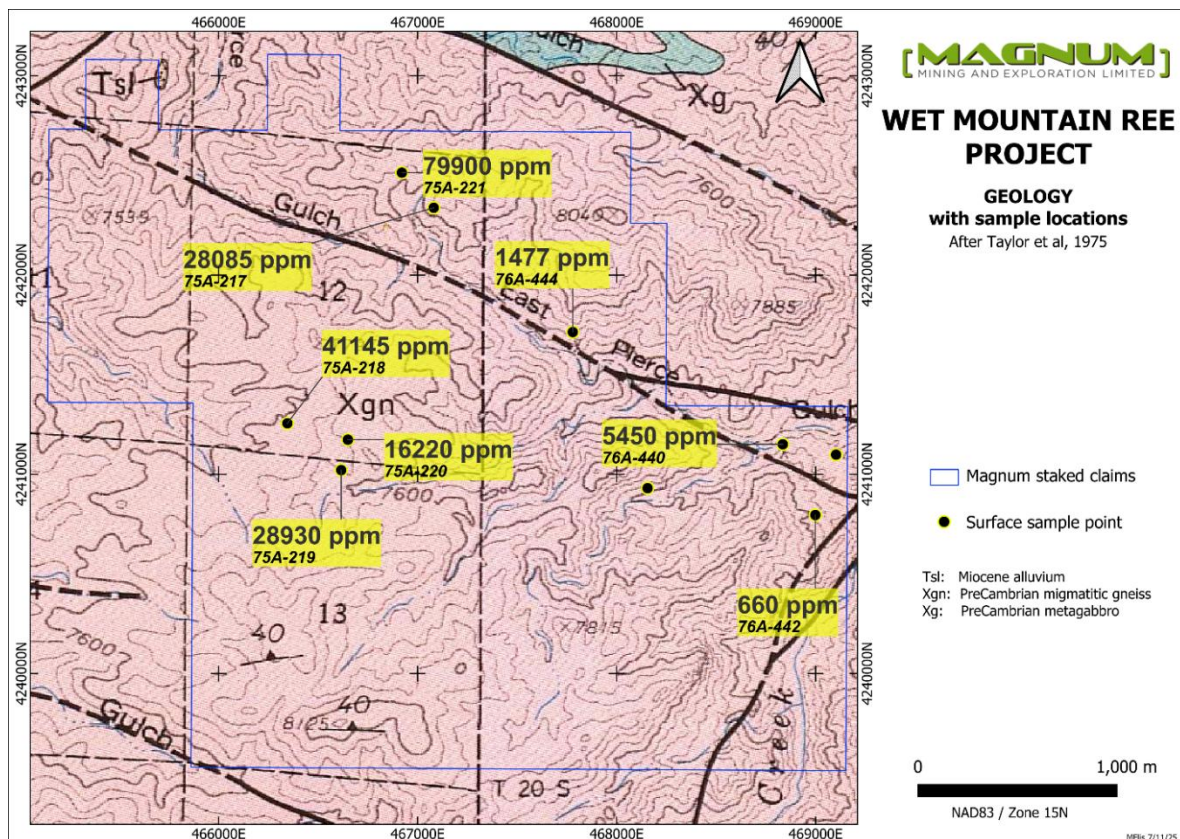


Figure 2 - Surface TREE assays on the Wet Mountain REE Project. Assays of up to 79,900ppm (7.99%) TREE are evident. Geology is after Taylor et al (1975).

³ Armbrustmacher, T.J., 1988, Geology and resources of thorium and associated elements in the Wet Mountains area, Fremont and Custer Counties, Colorado: U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1049-F, 34 p.

⁴ Armbrustmacher, T.J., and Brownfield, I.K., 1978, Carbonatites in the Wet Mountains area, Custer and Fremont Counties, Colorado: Chemical and mineralogical data: U.S. Geological Survey Open-File Report 78-177, 7 p.

⁵ Taylor, R. B., Scott, G. R., Wobus, R. A., and Epis, R. C., 1975, Reconnaissance geologic map of the Cotopaxi 15-minute quadrangle, Fremont and Custer Counties, Colorado: U.S. Geol. Survey Map 1-900.

Terbium (TB) and Lutetium (Lu) assays were not assessed.

A heavy REE (HTREE) component of up to **1,900 ppm** and up to **5,000 ppm Pr**, **20,000 ppm Nd**, and **2,000 ppm Sm** are noted. On this basis, the area has the **potential to host a commercially viable REE deposit**.

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The Wet Mountain REE Project is at an early stage, with no drilling or systematic sampling completed to date. The historic rock chip assays report exceptionally high Total Rare Earth Elements (TREE) grades of up to **7.99%**, confirming the presence of REE-enriched carbonatites at surface. Although mineralisation has not yet been tested at depth, the strength of these surface results demonstrates significant discovery potential.

PLANNED WORK PROGRAMME

With over 10.47 km² of tenure and multiple high-grade corridors, the Wet Mountain REE Project offers Magnum the opportunity to uncover a new REE greenfield discovery in the United States. Magnum intends to convert its existing datasets, including moderate-resolution radiometric and aeromagnetic survey data, into a systematic exploration program to support potential drilling.

Planned works are expected to include:

- Systematic surface geochemical sampling to confirm historic results and to fully map out potential REE target zones.
- Trenching to test near-surface REE grade continuity.
- Detailed prospect scaled geological mapping across structural intersections and intrusive contacts.
- Assessment and interpretation of existing aeromagnetic and gravity data to assist in target identification.
- Possible collection of high resolution magnetic data for REE drill target definition.
- Initial drill programme to test targeted high-grade zones at depth.
- Engagement with US government critical-minerals programmes to support permitting and potential co-funding opportunities.

NO NEW INFORMATION

The information in this announcement as footnoted throughout the release and as noted below relates to exploration results that have been released previously on the ASX. The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcements and that, all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's finding is presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcements.

ASX ANNOUNCEMENTS REFERENCED DIRECTLY IN THIS RELEASE

- *"US REE Project Acquired With Historical Assays Up To 7.99% TREE"*, released on the ASX on the 11th December 2025 and available to view on <https://www.mmel.com.au/site/investor-information/asx-announcements-and-financial-reports>

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