

# Byron King's Top 5 "Outstanding" Yukon Gold (and Silver) Mining Names

There are mining districts, and then there are mining districts. Speak with anyone even remotely knowledgeable about the mining space and certain names instantly elicit a smile.

For example, say "Quebec" and a person smart about mining will grin at the thought of all that gold over the decades. Same thing when you say "Nevada."

Or say "Peru" or "Chile" and a mining-savvy person will nod at the thought of copper, silver and much more.

Today let's discuss the sweet sound of "Yukon," because the most northwesterly province of Canada certainly brings mineralogical happiness to my soul. Indeed, I'm so positive about Yukon as a mining mecca that I'd like to list five of the top plays in the jurisdiction and explain why I like them. That is, allow me to share with you some ideas with upside, upside and more upside.

But only five! Because I could list ten, or fifteen, and maybe twenty. Yes, that's how promising is the mineral endowment of Yukon. For now, let's stick to five names in terms of descending levels of development.

We'll look at a newly built, producing mine and then work through other production, development and exploration names. Just five companies, though... And I apologize to the great plays *not* discussed here today, although your time will come as well.

## **Victoria Gold Corp. (TSX: VGCX)**

Currently an up-and-running gold producer, I followed this one

from the time it was a brown stain on a hillside to the buildout of a brand new, working mine. It's on track to produce 200,000 ounces of gold per year, with a mine life of 10 years and likely much more based on the results-oriented exploration of adjacent land. Every step of the way, Victoria was a model of excellent technical effort coupled with crisp execution. On paper, it's profitable at \$750 gold. And with gold now at \$1,750, the economics are superb. Aside from making money for its own account, Victoria is an obvious takeover play for any intermediate or senior gold miner that needs instant, profitable ounces.

### **Alexco Resource Corp. (NYSE American: AXU | TSX: AXU)**

This is a reboot of a century-old lead-silver mining play in the Keno Hill area of Yukon. Now, the assets are again up and running with a modern mill and eye-popping new discoveries over the past five years. The old mine and mill were long abandoned and designated as a superfund cleanup site when the environmental services side of Alexco came along with an appointment from the government of Canada to begin a cleanup. But after not too long, management realized that remediation in connection with renewed mining could not just benefit the environment, but deliver world-class levels of lead and zinc, along with bonanza-grade quantities of silver. The operation pays for itself with the base metal output, and silver is icing on the top. As silver prices rise over time, Alexco is a rocket shot.

### **Western Copper and Gold Corporation (NYSE American: WRN | TSX: WRN)**

Western controls the Casino ore body in southwest Yukon, a massive copper-gold-bearing porphyry that's best characterized as advanced-stage exploration and early-stage development. The resource numbers are simply eye-watering, with over 10 billion pounds of copper and over 14 million ounces of gold (using the term, "measured, indicated and inferred"). Mine life is

estimated at “over 47 years,” which is an amusing understatement among mining-savvy observers. Heck, this is a 100-year play if it lasts a day. The deposit will require a deep-pocketed operator to build it out, and Western has partnered with Rio Tinto to advance the effort. It’s worth noting that massive projects must await their moment in time. But based on price and demand trends for copper and the constant attractiveness of big-ounce gold plays, Western’s day in the sun is coming sooner rather than later.

### **Banyan Gold Corp. (TSXV: BYN)**

Banyan is a gold play located on a massive geological trend that connects the above-mentioned Victoria Gold and Alexco. Drilling to date has been remarkably successful at finding mineable, commercial levels of gold in almost every hole. Obviously, as per the drilling, there is precious metal in the ground and now the challenge is to figure out how much; although my informed hunch is likely “a heck of a lot” as these things go. And as if the gods of the earth could not be more favorable to Banyan, much of the land package is located along a road system, with an adjacent airfield and power lines. It makes logistics far less expensive and lowers finding costs by extending the bang for every drilling buck. Currently, the idea is to drill and identify more of that gold. Next comes the resource estimation, and that’s when, where and why Banyan’s share price has skyrocket potential.

### **Metallic Minerals Corp. (TSXV: MMG | OTCQB: MMNGF)**

Metallic is an early-stage exploration play located on a land package directly adjacent to the above-mentioned Alexco. Many of the same geologic trends that underlie Alexco continue onto the Metallic land package. In that sense, Metallic has focused its early-stage drilling on finding similar rocks, structures and chemical trends. Another way of looking at it is that the Keno Hill silver district began with outcroppings of veins and mineral resources that old-time prospectors spotted over a

century ago. But those geological clues are more deeply buried on the Metallic land package, and not evident to the casual eyeball. This time around, finding the ore zones will require modern exploration techniques to figure it all out. Still, Metallic is in the right place with the right geology, and a solid, well-run program focused on finding what “ought” to be there. Give it time, and here’s a play with excellent potential and upside.

That’s all for now... Thank you for reading.

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## **JC Potvin on Murchison’s high-grade Brabant-McKenzie Zinc-Copper-Silver deposit**

In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Chris Thompson spoke with Jean-Charles (“JC”) Potvin, President, CEO, and Chairman of Murchison Minerals Ltd. (TSXV: MUR) about the positive metallurgical results from Murchison’s high-grade Brabant-McKenzie Zinc-Copper-Silver deposit and gave an update on their HPM battery metals project.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube ([click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel](#)), JC said that the Brabant-McKenzie deposit is located close to excellent infrastructure and that the preliminary metallurgical testing on the deposit resulted in a high-grade and clean concentrate with over 90% recovery for zinc and copper using a very simple process. JC also provided an update on Murchison’s HPM Project where they recently confirmed multiple prospective nickel-copper-cobalt targets.

To watch the full interview, [click here](#).

### **About Murchison Minerals Ltd.**

Murchison is a Canadian-based exploration company focused on the exploration and development of its HPM nickel-copper-cobalt project in Quebec and its 100%-owned Brabant Lake zinc-copper-silver project in north-central Saskatchewan. The Company holds an option to earn a 100%-interest in the Barraute VMS exploration project also located in Quebec, north of Val d'Or. Murchison currently has 108.9 million shares issued and outstanding.

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## **Justin Reid on bringing the former gold and copper Troilus Mine to production**

In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Chris Thompson spoke with Justin Reid, President, CEO and Director of Troilus Gold Corp. (TSX: TLG | OTCQX: CHXMF) about Troilus' recent drilling success at their Troilus Gold Mine which continues to show growth in its mineral resource.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube ([click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel](#)), Justin said that Troilus is a past-producing gold and copper mine which according to the 2020 PEA has the potential to rank among the top gold mines in Canada with a 22-year mine life and with substantially longer open pit life. In the interview, Justin also provided an update on Troilus Gold's recent drill results which is expected to positively impact the overall economics of the project in the upcoming Pre-Feasibility Study.

To watch the full interview, [click here](#).

### **About Troilus Gold Corp.**

Troilus Gold Corp. is a Canadian-based junior mining company focused on the systematic advancement and de-risking of the former gold and copper Troilus Mine towards production. From 1996 to 2010, the Troilus Mine produced +2 million ounces of gold and nearly 70,000 tonnes of copper. Troilus is located in the top-rated mining jurisdiction of Quebec, Canada, where it holds a strategic land position of 1,420 km<sup>2</sup> in the Frôtet-Evans Greenstone Belt. Since acquiring the project in 2017, ongoing exploration success has demonstrated the tremendous scale potential of the gold system on the property with significant mineral resource growth. The Company is advancing engineering studies following the completion of a robust PEA in 2020, which demonstrated the potential for the Troilus project to become a top-ranked gold and copper producing asset in Canada. Led by an experienced team with a track-record of successful mine development, Troilus is positioned to become a cornerstone gold and copper project.

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## **Tom Drivas provides an update on Romios Gold's portfolio of assets and the new President Stephen Burega**

In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky speaks with Tom Drivas, President, CEO and Director of Romios Gold Resources Inc. (TSXV: RG | OTCQB: RMIOF) about the recent appointment of Stephen Burega as the President and Romios' portfolio of assets in major mining camps in Canada and the

US.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Tom went on to say that Romios has a major land position in British Columbia's Golden Triangle and in four other key mining districts in the vicinity of existing mines and deposits. Backed by shareholders who have been with the company since its IPO 26 years ago, Tom told InvestorIntel that Romios is focused on copper, gold, silver and cobalt.

To watch the full interview, click here

### **About Romios Gold Resources Inc.**

Romios Gold Resources Inc. is a progressive Canadian mineral exploration company engaged in precious- and base-metal exploration, focused primarily on gold, silver and copper. It has 100% interest in the Lundmark-Akow Lake gold-copper property in northwestern Ontario and extensive claim holdings covering several significant porphyry copper-gold prospects in the "Golden Triangle" of British Columbia. Additional interests include two former producers, the La Corne molybdenum mine property (Quebec) and a former high-grade gold producer, the Scossa mine property (Nevada). The Company also retains a 2% NSR on the Hislop gold property and a 2% NSR and 20% carried (to pre-feasibility) interest in the Thunder Bay Silver properties in Ontario.

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**GEMC’s Mitchell Smith on the  
‘megatrend opportunity’ in**

# the battery metals supply chain

In a recent InvestorIntel interview, Chris Thompson speaks with Mitchell Smith, President, CEO, and Director of Global Energy Metals Corporation (TSXV: GEMC | OTCQB: GBLEF) (“GEMC”) about how GEMC provides investment exposure to the ‘megatrend opportunity’ in the battery metals supply chain.

In this InvestorIntel interview, which may also be viewed on YouTube (click here to subscribe to the InvestorIntel Channel), Mitchell went on to say that GEMC offers exposure to nickel, cobalt, copper, and other metals integral to the electric vehicle and the energy storage markets through its assets in some of the world’s top tier mining jurisdictions in proximity to end-use markets. Providing an update on GEMC’s various assets located in Canada, the USA, Australia and Norway, Mitchell told InvestorIntel that GEMC recently listed on the OTCQB exchange in the US as there is increasing interest there in establishing a domestic battery materials supply chain.

To watch the full interview, click here

## **About Global Energy Metals Corporation**

Global Energy Metals Corp. offers investment exposure to the growing rechargeable battery and electric vehicle market by building a diversified global portfolio of exploration and growth-stage battery metal assets.

Global Energy Metals recognizes that the proliferation and growth of the electrified economy in the coming decades is underpinned by the availability of battery metals, including cobalt, nickel, copper, lithium and other raw materials. To be part of the solution and respond to this electrification movement, Global Energy Metals has taken a ‘consolidate,

partner and invest' approach and in doing so has assembled and is advancing a portfolio of strategically significant investments in battery metal resources.

As demonstrated with the Company's current copper, nickel and cobalt projects in Canada, Australia, Norway and the United States, GEMC is investing-in, exploring and developing prospective, scalable, assets in established mining and processing jurisdictions which are in proximity to end-use markets. Global Energy Metals is targeting projects with low risks in logistics and processing , so that the projects can be fast tracked to enter the supply chain in this cycle. The Company is also collaborating with industry peers to strengthen its exposure to these critical commodities and the associated technologies required for a cleaner future.

Securing exposure to these critical metals powering the eMobility revolution is a generational investment opportunity. Global Energy Metals believes this is the time to be part of the electrification movement.

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## **Significant Early Results in Energy Metals at Murchison Minerals' HPM Project in Quebec**

Three of the most valuable green energy metals are cobalt, nickel and copper. Their current LME prices are – cobalt US\$50,615/t, nickel US\$19,840, and copper US\$9,488/t. This means that miners that can find, not too deep and reasonable grade deposits, with all three metals, can potentially grow a very economical resource. Today's company is working on doing

just that in Quebec and Saskatchewan, in Canada.

Murchison Minerals Ltd.'s (TSXV: MUR) ("Murchison") three green energy metal projects in Canada are:

1. HPM (Haut-Plateau de la Manicouagan) nickel-copper-cobalt project (Quebec) (100% owned)
2. Brabant-McKenzie zinc-copper-silver project (Saskatchewan) (100% owned)
3. Barraute-Landrienne project (Quebec) (earn-in option to acquire 100%) (base metals)

**Murchison Minerals three exploration stage projects in Canada gives exposure to nickel, copper, cobalt, zinc, and silver**

## Murchison Minerals Asset Base & Share Structure

### HPM Ni-Cu-Co Project in Quebec - 139 km<sup>2</sup>

- **Best Drill Assay at Barre de Fer:**
  - 43.18 m of 1.74% nickel, 0.90% copper and 904 ppm cobalt (5.5% CuEq)
- Identified 54 EM conductors in a recent VTEM survey
- Sampling at PYC confirms the presence of Ni-Cu-Co over 1,700m strike, up to 59 m wide on surface
- 10 nickel-copper-cobalt gossan areas identified
- Excellent infrastructure, 8 km to railroad, about 225 km to the Port of Sept Iles
- 100% owned

### Brabant-McKenzie VMS Project

- **Resource Base**
  - **Inferred:** 7.6 Mt @ 6.29% ZnEq<sup>(1)</sup>
  - **Indicated:** 2.1 Mt @ 9.98% ZnEq
- Entire property package covered by VTEM surveys
- Excellent established infrastructure
- 100% owned

### Barraute-Landrienne Base Metals Project

- Option to earn 100% in 75 mineral claims
- Believed to host some of the best untested drill targets in the area
- 2 km away from the 15.7 Mt Zn-Ag Abcourt-Barvue deposit



(1) The resource for the Brabant-McKenzie zinc deposit was estimated based on metal prices of US\$1.20/lb zinc, \$2.50/lb copper, \$1.00/lb lead, \$16.00/oz silver and \$1200/oz gold, and a US\$ exchange rate of \$1.25.



### Share Structure as of September 14, 2021

Share Price	CA\$0.08
Shares O/S	108.9 M
Current Market Capitalization <sup>(1)</sup>	CA\$8.7 M US\$6.9 M
Working Capital	CA\$0.3 M

Source: Company presentation

## HPM Project's recent grab samples and short backpack drill results

Murchison has made two recent announcements regarding exploration results at their HPM Project in Quebec.

Announced on August 16, 2021 Murchison reported: "The results are from grab samples and short backpack drill core samples,

featuring assays as high as **1.27% Nickel Equivalent** or **2.59% Copper Equivalent** (0.79% Ni, 0.14% Cu, 0.15% Co) from 0.83 metres of backpack drill core. The assay results also confirm mineralization south-east of the PYC target at the newly discovered Dix showing, which assayed as high as **0.90% Nickel Equivalent** or **1.83% Copper Equivalent** (0.44% Ni, 0.39% Cu, 0.10% Co) from 0.45 metres of backpack drill core.”

Then announced on September 1, 2021, Murchison reported: “The assay results confirm the presence of surface nickel-copper-cobalt mineralization at the Syrah and 4048 targets, in addition to PYC and the newly discovered Dix (see August 16, 2021 release) and SVT showings. The results from the prospecting program are considered a major success and indicate a strong likelihood that the HPM property hosts significant nickel-copper-cobalt mineralization outside of the Barre De Fer mineralized body....The grab samples from the Syrah target assayed as high as **0.84% Nickel Equivalent** or **1.70% Copper Equivalent** (0.58% Ni, 0.24% Cu, 0.05% Co) from multiple short backpack drill holes.....Grab samples collected during the June 2021 prospecting at the 4048 target assayed as high as **0.96% Nickel Equivalent** or **1.94% Copper Equivalent** (0.53% Ni, 0.36% Cu, 0.09% Co). ”

These are good preliminary results from grab samples and short drill lengths (“backpack drilling”) and potentially point towards a growing body of mineralization at the HPM Project.

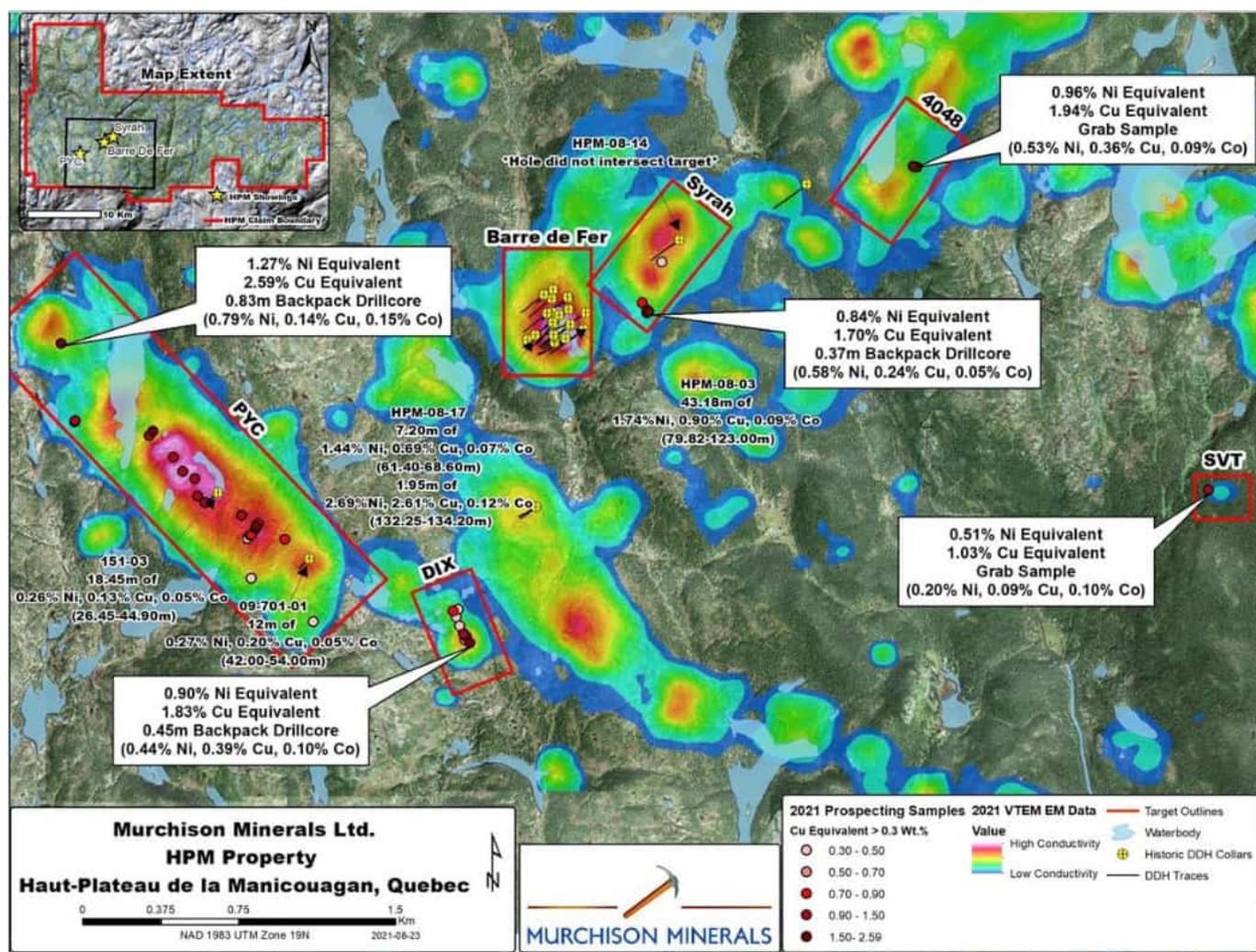
On September 1 Murchison’s CEO and President, Jean-Charles Potvin, commented: “The results we are seeing from HPM continue to exceed our expectations. We are very eager to commence drilling on the HPM project as the team strongly feels that we will see exceptional results.”

The company also stated: “The majority of the past drilling at HPM targeted the Barre de Fer geophysical conductor and confirmed the known nickel-copper-cobalt mineralization

approximately 300 metres along strike and to a depth of about 280 metres. The mineralization remains open at depth and partially along strike.”

Whilst it is still too early to tell, the good news is that the initial surface and near surface samples are very encouraging, as are the presence of multiple electro-magnetic (“EM”) conductor showings.

**Murchison Minerals HPM property with recent sampling results and numerous Versatile Time Electromagnetic (VTEM) conductors showing**



Source: Company presentation

Next steps at the HPM Project include a 3,550-metre helicopter supported drill program this October (subject to drilling permit approval), and results from preliminary metallurgical

flotation tests on HPM surface sample mineralization.

Murchison is also expecting to soon receive assay results from recent drilling at the Betty Zone at their Brabant-McKenzie zinc-copper-silver project in Saskatchewan, Canada. The Brabant-McKenzie Project has an Indicated Resource of 2.1 Mt @ 9.98% ZnEq and an Inferred Resource of 7.6 Mt @ 6.29% ZnEq.

### **Closing remarks**

Murchison Minerals offers investors a significant exploration optionality on some very valuable energy metals such as cobalt, nickel and copper, as well as zinc and silver. It is still early days in the exploration and discovery process but early signs are promising, especially the recent news coming from the HPM Project in Quebec.

Murchison Minerals trades on a market cap of only C\$8.7 million, thereby giving large potential upside should a significant discovery be made. Risk is high with junior explorers, so invest accordingly and be patient.

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## **China is winning the war for the future.**

The perennial key geopolitical and geoeconomics issues of the conflict among nation-states over the allocation of scarce critical natural resources have, in the last 25 years, been dramatically affected by the current wave of the globalization of the ownership and of the productive output of natural resources, primarily in Africa and South America. Contemporary globalization has worked very much in the favor of the Peoples' Republic of China (PRC). China's goal of self-

sufficiency in all natural resources, technologies, and industrial manufacturing for the stated purpose of achieving total independence from the rest of the world is well on its way to success.

China has combined a coherent industrial policy, based on the above stated goal, and has given that policy a driver with what it calls "capitalism with Chinese characteristics," which turns out to be not profit-centered but national goal-centered capitalism.

One result of Chinese goal-centered capitalism has been the decline of North America's and Western Europe's dominance as the industrial manufacturing and technological innovation centers of the world. The very same Chinese consumer market for manufactured goods that caused a boom for Western OEMs has been redirected to favor Chinese domestic OEMs to move China into its new era of the policy of dual circulation, the gradual substitution of domestic consumption for export markets.

Western politicians are frantic to keep their consumer products' boom going, so they are paying lip service to the notion of a consumer oriented free-market economy based on profit while more and more (disastrously) trying to manipulate that same consumer market demand without any real understanding of supply economics.

The best example of the failure of the Western approach is the looming and unnecessary energy poverty creating a political theme of an amorphous danger (aka as "boogeyman") called climate change, a "crisis" being used to attempt to manipulate consumer demand through concepts called "clean energy" and the "Green Economy."

Nowhere is there a better example of this than the current political mania for the electrification of transportation power trains. Self-described "experts" and "analysts"

confidently predict the market penetration of so-called EVs, electric vehicles, over the next decade and well beyond. But these predictions fail miserably when analyzed through the prism of what is known about the existence, accessibility, volumes, and economics of deposits of the critical technology metals that would need to be present for such predictions to be viable. Further analysis of the current production, distribution and use of electricity is necessary.

Ninety nine percent of the world's transportation runs on oil based fuels, the distribution of which is in effect universal. The same cannot be said for electricity.

The recent breathless coverage of weather "extreme" events, drought in California, hurricane in Louisiana, and flooding in New York and New Jersey have two things in common; one is that they are blamed on "climate change"; and a second thing, that no one in journalism seems to have noticed, that all of, and each of, these events have dramatically reduced or eliminated the flow of electricity to consumers in the affected regions, not just by generation reduction but primarily by disrupting the distribution of reliable electricity.

Imagine, for a moment, that you are a perceptive observer of the U.S. electrical energy production industry and of its distribution industry. (Note, you therefore couldn't and wouldn't be a mainstream media journalist). How would "greened" emergency services, for example, be able to fulfill their charge (excuse the pun) without reliable continuous electric energy production? The answer is that they will rely and always must rely on fossil fueled vehicles and localized electric generators.

Now further imagine that such fuels and vehicles have been made extraordinarily expensive due to the increased costs (due to supply reduction following forced demand reduction) of fossil fuels, storage batteries, and the need for reliable backup power generation.

The legacy power distribution systems of America and Europe cannot even today cope with extreme weather events and government paid emergency services can only function with off-the-grid power sources. China has a lesser problem, because its electric power generation and distribution are being built on a national scale with exactly the problem, the interruption of power distribution, I am describing being considered and taken into account by China's industrial policy execution bureaucracy.

How would (will) a California city, such as Los Angeles, function in a heat wave/drought when the choice is between air conditioning or charging your electric car? The famous "Valley" society of the Los Angeles complex grew originally after World War II with "all electric homes."

How will steel, aluminum, and copper be mined, refined, and fabricated without baseload, continuous and reliable, electric power to sustain the enormous continuous drains of power that batteries cannot sustain? Such flows cannot be created or sustained by solar panels and wind turbines.

And note that without a steady increase in the production of copper, which is refined ELECTROchemically and melted in electric furnaces, there can be no clean or green energy transformation. And that there can be no production of the companion metals upon which our electronics depend without massive production of the base, structural metals, within which they occur in tiny quantities. So, paradoxically and ironically, mining will have to increase manyfold and baseload fossil and nuclear electric generation would have to be increased dramatically to sustain the flow of scarce technology metals for the "greening" of society.

There is, of course, an alternative. Electricity for air conditioning, lighting, and transportation can be allocated by privilege, I.e., economic class. The wealthy and their servants will have all that they need and the rest will simply

exist in a dry, hot world of water and food rationing. Politicians by the way will rate as “servants” of the wealthy. That must be what the Western politicians think, because that is the world they are creating.

The real question is: Will the climate change “crisis” collapse the fragile democracies of the West before anyone comes to their senses outside of China. Note that China already has secured sufficient supplies of all the metals it needs to avoid the supply crisis now barreling down on the West.