

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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July 22, 2010

Chairman Ronnie Lupe
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

RE: Request for Consultation, Laramide Resources (USA), Inc., Sampling and Analysis Plan for the La Jara Mesa Mine, Permit No. CI008RN

Dear Chairman Lupe:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a submittal from Laramide Resources (USA) Inc. (LRI) titled, "*Revised Sampling and Analysis Plan for the La Jara Mesa Project*" (Revised SAP) dated October 5, 2009 in support of a New Mine Permit Application (CI008RN) to be submitted to MMD for its proposed La Jara Mesa uranium mine in Cibola County, New Mexico. Additional information in support of the Revised SAP was received by MMD on December 8, 2009, May 6, 2010, and May 24, 2010. MMD reviewed the Revised SAP and deemed it Administratively Complete on June 22, 2010.

According to the Revised SAP, the La Jara Mesa Mine will disturb up to 22 acres of federal and private surface lands within the permit boundaries proposed for development of an underground uranium mine located approximately 10 miles northeast of the community of Grants, in Cibola County, New Mexico.

This notification of permit application is being submitted to you pursuant to 19.10.6.602.D(12)(b) NMAC. Part of the review process includes the identification and consideration of impacts to properties listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places pursuant to 19.10.6.603.C.3 NMAC. I have enclosed a map showing the project location, for your information.

We are offering to consult with the White Mountain Apache Tribe on this proposed project and, in particular, to identify traditional cultural or religious properties the White Mountain Apache Tribe would like MMD to take into consideration before making a final determination on the permit application. Our research indicates that portions of the proposed project area may be located adjacent to, or within, the Mt. Taylor Traditional Cultural Property and may be affected by the proposed project.



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MMD would like to consult with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to open a dialogue on this project, and provide you an opportunity to give us any information that you feel is appropriate. You may use the enclosed maps to identify areas that you would like for us to consider as culturally important.

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MMD requests that you review this application and provide any comments pursuant to 19.10.6.602.D(12)(b) NMAC.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me at 505-476-3405, or David Ohori, of my staff, at 505-476-3432, with any questions or if you wish to meet to discuss the application.


Sincerely,



Bill Brancard, Director
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Governor Robert Benavides
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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President Mark Chino
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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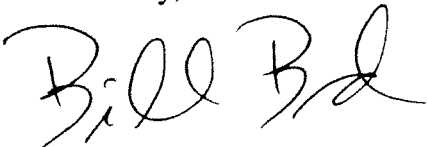
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Brancard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bill" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Brancard".

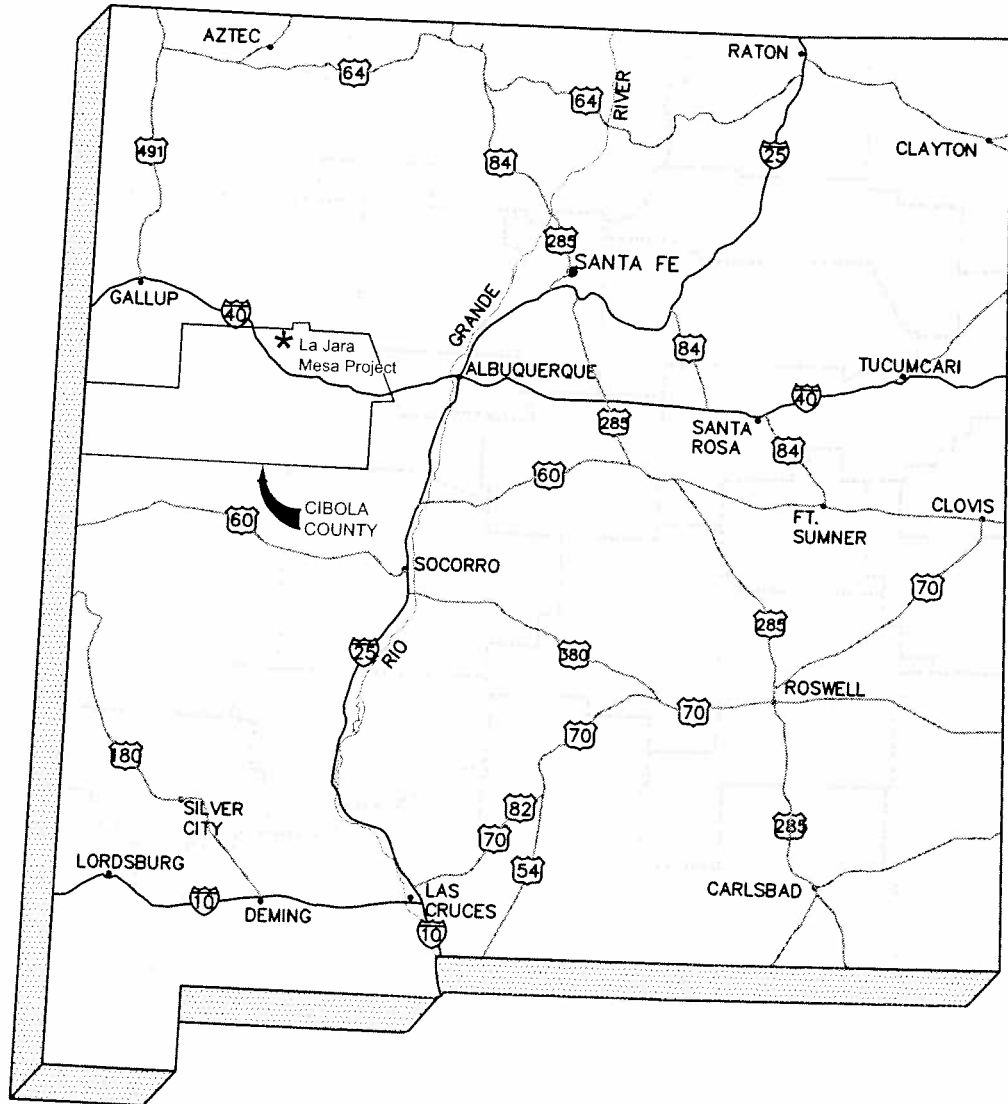
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LA JARA MESA PROJECT
CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

FILE: **SITE LOCATION MAP**


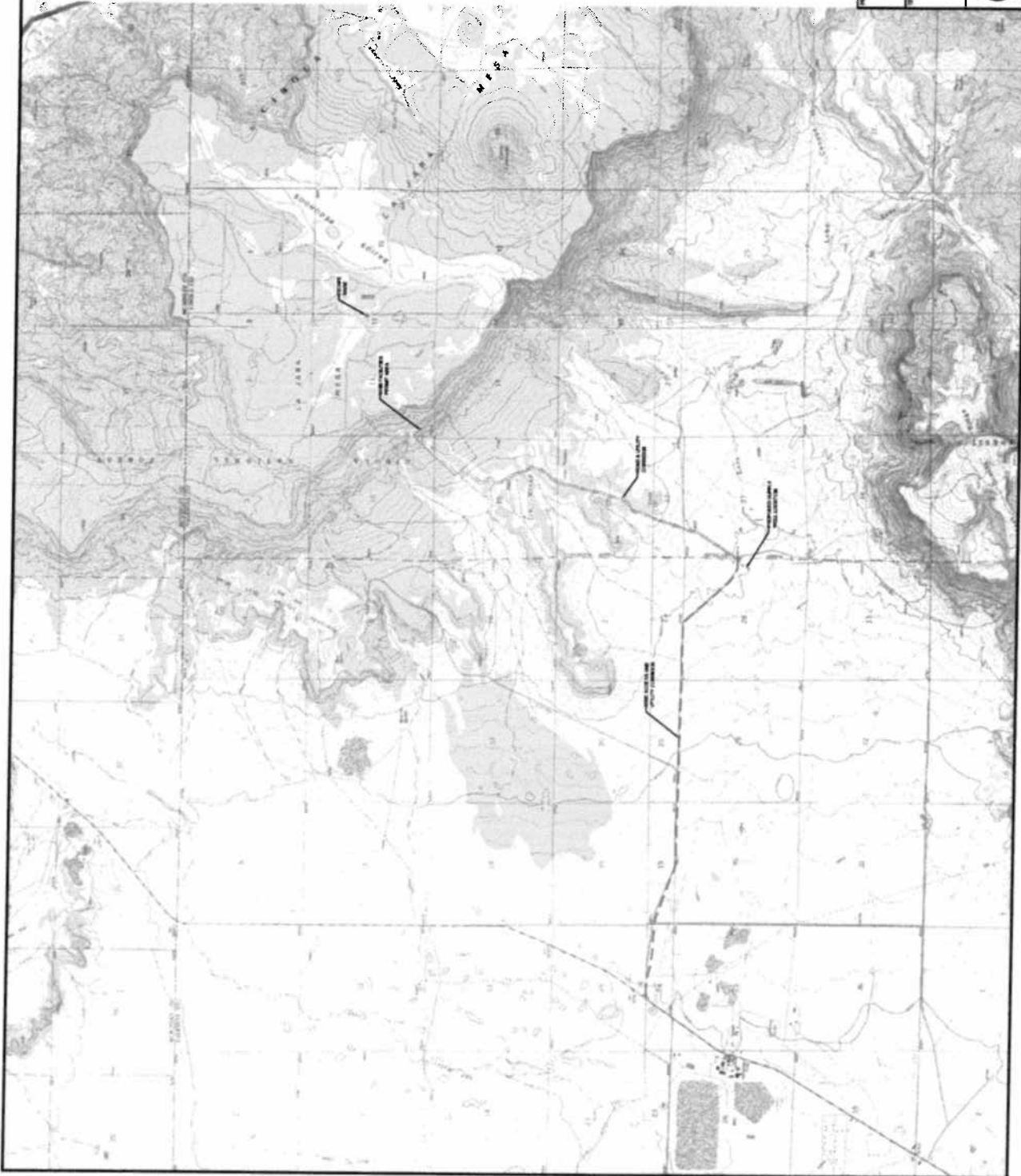
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FIGURE 1-1



LEGEND

- PROPOSED PERMIT AREA
- ROAD & UTILITY CORRIDOR
- ESCAPE RAISE
- MINE ACCESS AND UTILITY CORRIDOR

MAP SCALE: 1:24,000

LARAMIDE RESOURCES (USA) INC.
 LA JARA MESA PROJECT
 CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

PROPOSED PERMIT AREA



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PLATE 1