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June 27, 2017

Governor Kurt Riley
Pueblo of Acoma
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Existing Mining Operation Modification 17-1, Star Lake Mine, Mesa Verde Resources, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME

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Pueblo of Tesuque
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Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Existing Mining Operation Modification 17-1, Star Lake Mine, Mesa Verde Resources, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME

Dear Mr. Dongoske,

The Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department has received an application from Mesa Verde Resources ("MVR") to expand the permit area for the Star Lake Mine. The proposed permit area expansion is located in the northwest quarter of Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Section 4 in McKinley County, New Mexico, and will expand the proposed permit area by approximately 160 acres.

"Minimal impact new mining" means disturbance will not exceed a total of 40 acres at any given time, which therefore limits impact to the environment. Financial assurance for the mine has been provided to MMD. Please see the attached map of the proposed permit area. The application received by MMD can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the MMD web site at:

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/StarLakeMod17-1.html>

The land status of Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Section 4 is private property (Indian allotted land) under mining lease to MVR by the Allottees. The Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") is being consulted by MVR and MMD, and it is MMD's understanding that an archaeological survey and environmental assessment will be required by the BIA prior to BIA approval. Please provide any comments or information regarding potential archaeological sites that may be affected to MMD by July 25, 2017.

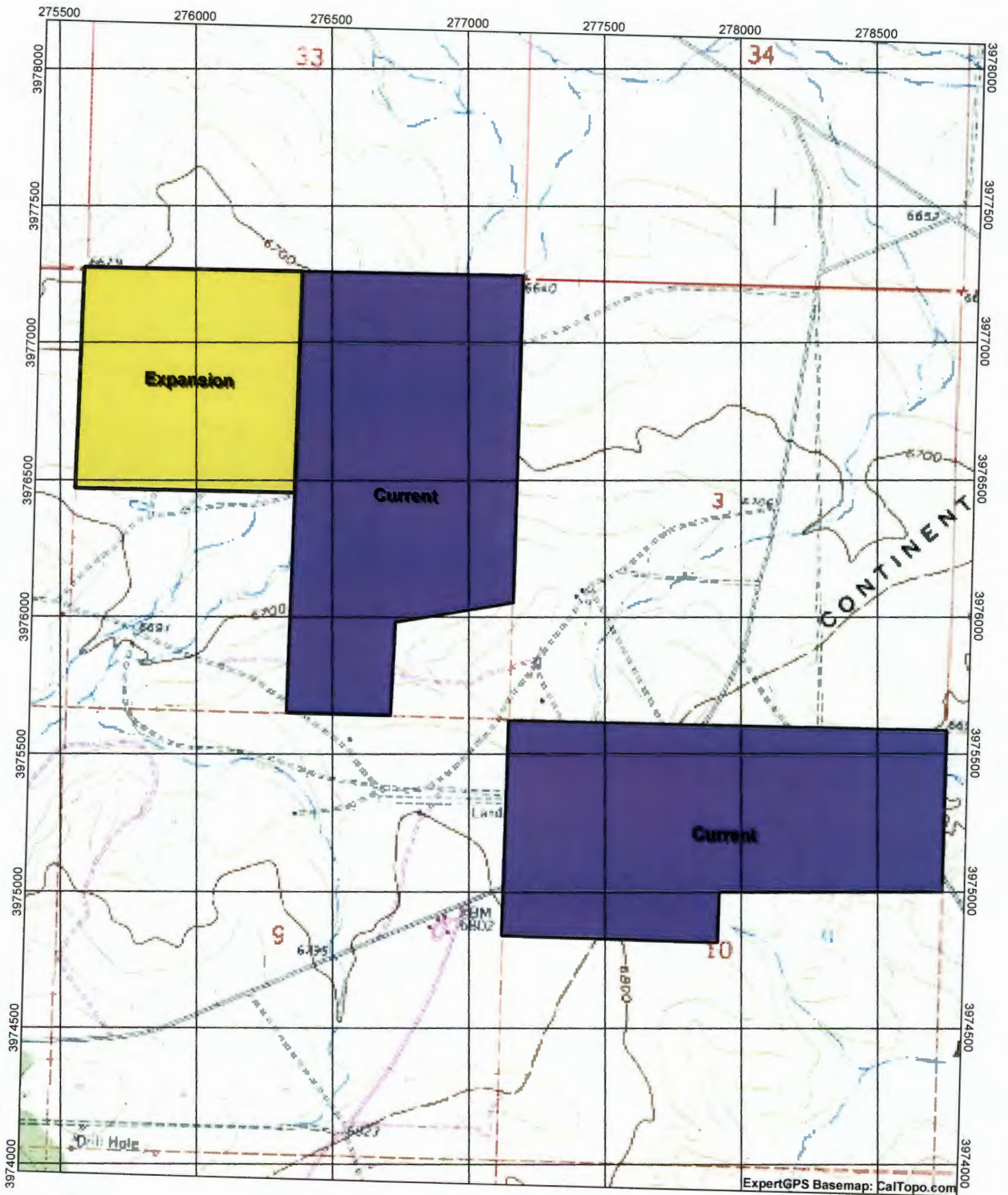
Please contact me at (505) 476-3435, or David J. (DJ) Ennis of my staff at (505) 476-3434 with any questions or if you wish to meet to discuss the MVR application.

Sincerely,

Fernando Martinez, Director
Mining and Minerals Division

Enclosures (Proposed Permit Area Map)

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
Mine File (MK007ME)



Star Lake Mine - Current Permit Area & Proposed Expansion