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June 4, 2018

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

Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Mining Application, Modification 18-1 Expansion of Permit Area, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

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Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Director Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office
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Governor E. Paul Torres
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Dr. Henry Walt
Pueblo of Isleta, THPO
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Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Governor Virgil A. Siow
Pueblo of Laguna
P.O. Box 194
Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

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Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Dr. Ora Marek-Martinez
Navajo Nation, THPO
P.O. Box 4950
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Governor Fredrick Vigil
Pueblo of Tesuque
Route 42, Box 360-T
Santa Fe, NM 87506

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Enclosure (Project Vicinity Map)

cc: Project File (MK026MN, Modification 18-1)

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June 4, 2018

Mr. Kurt Dongoske
Pueblo of Zuni, THPO
P.O. Box 1149
Zuni, NM 87327

Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Mining Application, Modification 18-1 Expansion of Permit Area, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN

Dear Mr. Dongoske,

The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department has received an application from Menefee Mining Corporation ("Permittee") to modify the permit area for the Black Springs Mine in accordance with 19.10.3.304 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.). The proposed modification ("Modification 18-1") is located in Section 4 and Section 5, Township 19 North, Range 5 West in McKinley County. The project will involve increasing the permit area to a total of approximately 1,280 acres.

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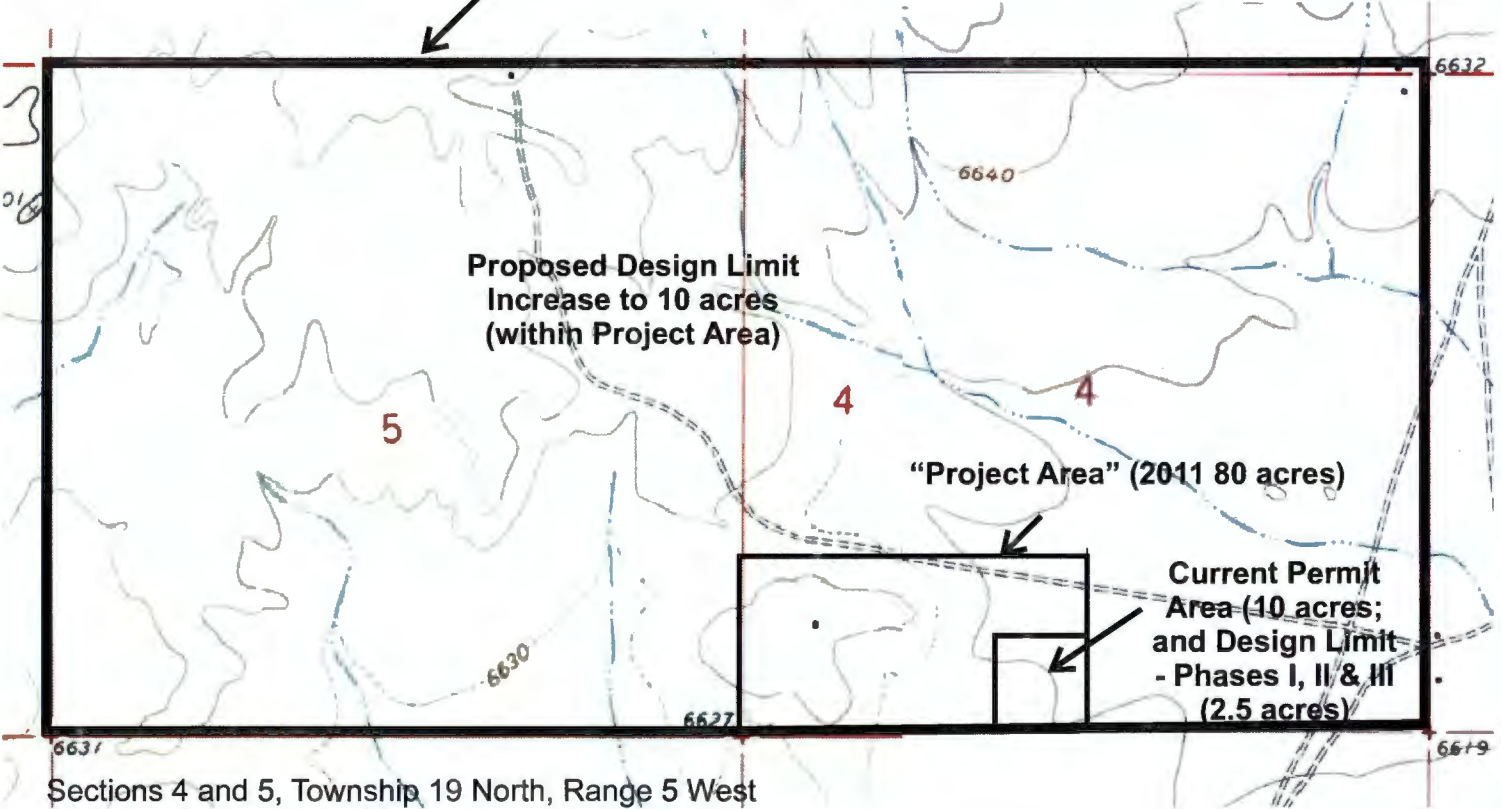
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Proposed Permit Area (1280 ac)



Sections 4 and 5, Township 19 North, Range 5 West
McKinley County, New Mexico



Scale (~1000 ft)