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Ms. Leighandra Keeven
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Re: Request for Agency Comments on SRCE R2 Financial Assurance Proposal (Dated August 2019), Copper Flat Mine, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. SI027RN:

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Pursuant to §19.10.6.605.C of the New Mexico Administrative Code, MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the SRCE R2 Financial Assurance Proposal, which can be downloaded from MMD's website at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/mmd/MARP/PermitSI027RN.html>.

Please provide any comments your agency may have on the SRCE R2 Financial Assurance Proposal within 30 days from the date of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3434 or by email at david.ennis@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: Mine File (SI027RN)

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