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Subject: [EXT] Denial of Lordsburg Playa Exploration Permit
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Mr. Clint Chisler
NM State Mining and Minerals Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive,
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RE: Pending Denial of Exploration Application, Lordsburg Playa, NM Permit # HL01EM

Dear Mr. Chisler –

I received your letter regarding the denial of my mineral's exploration permit on Saturday, March 23, 2019. As you are well aware, my proposed exploration program than includes geophysics and drilling has been delayed by circumstances totally out of my control, specifically the Lordsburg Playa was flooded by heavy rain last October making it impossible for me to conduct any kind of exploration related activity. I've attached a picture. I have been monitoring this situation closely and the playa has finally dried off enough to permit exploration activities. I am in the process of contracting a geophysical company based in Tucson, AZ to conduct a gravity and MT survey on the playa and have already contracted a drill to conduct exploration drilling once the geophysical survey is complete and drill targets have been finalized.

I have no intention of withdrawing my application and would like to request an extension based on the circumstances described above to August 31, 2019. The extension will enable me to complete the geophysical survey and to complete the first phase of exploration drilling. I have notified my partner of the current situation and the need to post the financial assurance as quickly as possible.

Please advise me ASAP if my requested extension will be permitted. I may be contacted at frankbain7@aol.com or 307-231-1404.

Regards,

Frank Bain
Project Owner and Geologist