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November 9, 2020

Richard Reycraft, Ph.D., Archaeologist
Historic Preservation Division
NM Department of Cultural Affairs
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Revision Application for Standby Status, Updated Closeout Plan, and Financial Assurance (“Revision 20-1”), Pyramid Peak Mining LLC; Banner Mill, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI001RE

Dear Dr. Reycraft:

Pursuant to §19.10.7.701 E. NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) has determined that the Revision 20-1 Application submitted on March 12, 2020 is administratively complete and the operator is moving forward with the public participation process. The application submitted by Pyramid Peak Mining LLC is for its Banner Mill, Permit No. HI001RE. Revision 20-1 Application is requesting that the Banner Mill Site be put on Standby Status per §19.10.7.701 NMAC. Additionally, the Revision 20-1 Application is also proposing an updated Closeout Plan and Financial Assurance.

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Please provide any comment regarding the proposed Revision 20-1 Application to MMD by December 9, 2020. A site visit is scheduled for the afternoon of November 16, 2020. Please contact Clint Chisler at (505) 467-9589 or via email at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us with any questions or if you wish to attend the inspection.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit HI001RE
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARPP”)/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
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Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

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NM State Forestry Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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