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Ms. Laura McCarthy
NM State Forestry Division
P.O. Box 1948
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application,
Turquoise Mountain Project, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR087EM**

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

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Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARF)

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARF Program Manager
Mine File (GR087EM)

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Dr. Ghassan Musharrafiieh
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P.O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Comments on New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application,
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Dear Dr. Musharrafiieh,

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Dr. Matthew Wunder
NM Department of Game and Fish
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Mr. Rick Reycraft
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
407 Galisteo St., Suite 236
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Mr. Joseph Navarro
BLM Las Cruces
1800 Marquess St.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Mr. Bryan Victor
State Land Office
310 Old Santa Fe Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Dear Mr. Victor,

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