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March 8, 2021

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

**RE: New Minimal Impact Mining Operation Permit Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU042MN**

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

On February 12, 2021, the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a permit application from Gila Mining, LLC for a new, minimal impact mining operation permit in Luna County, New Mexico. Pursuant to 19.10.3.304.H NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency regarding the application. The application received from the operator can be downloaded from MMD's website at [http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/AlphaMine\\_LU042MN.html](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/MARP/AlphaMine_LU042MN.html).

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Sincerely,

Jenn Johnson  
Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager  
Mine File (LU042MN)

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

**RE: New Minimal Impact Mining Operation Permit Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU042MN**

Dear Dr. Musharrafieh,

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

**RE: New Minimal Impact Mining Operation Permit Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU042MN**

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

**RE: New Minimal Impact Mining Operation Permit Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU042MN**

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Ms. Anne Maurer  
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P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: New Minimal Impact Mining Operation Permit Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU042MN**

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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