From: <u>Timothy Begay</u>

To: <u>Chisler, Clinton, EMNRD</u>

Subject: [EXT] BRONCO CREEK EXPLORATION PERMINT No. GR086EM

Date: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:23:56 AM

Dear Mr. Chisler:

The Navajo Nation Heritage and Historic Preservation Department's (NNHHPD) Traditional Culture Program is (TCP) in receipt of your letter regarding the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division Impact Exploration Permit Application, Malone District Exploration Project/Bronco Creek Exploration, Grant County, New Mexico.

After reviewing your letter and cross referencing our Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP's) database, NNHHPD-TCP has determined that there are No Navajo TCP's within the project area and you may proceed without further consultation for this project.

If you have any additional questions, concerns or would like to discuss these issues further, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (928) 871-7198 or (928) 871-7152. Thank you for including the Navajo Nation in the consultation process.

Sincerely,

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To: Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit GR086EM Minig Act Reclamation Program

Date: February 24, 2021

Re: Malone District Exploration Project/Bronco Creek Exploration Tracking No. GR086EM

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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the project dated; <u>February 17, 2021.</u> In regards to this, please attend to the following statement below.

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the satisfactory completion of Minimal Impact Exploration Permit for the Bronco Creek Exploration project, located in Grant County, New Mexico

Please be advised, we reviewed the consultation letter and the information provided, and we've determined the project will "*Not have an Adverse Effect*" on the tribe's cultural heritage resources and/or traditional cultural properties.

Thank you for your continued collaborations in protecting and preserving places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Altaha

White Mountain Apache Tribe – THPO Historic Preservation Office