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September 21, 2021

Mr. Christopher Wenman
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Farmington, NM 87402

**RE: New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Black Springs Section 4 and 9
Exploration Project, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. MK055EM**

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