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September 22, 2021

Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma Hopi Tribe P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Black Spring Section 4 and 9 Exploration Project, Menefee Mining Corporation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK055EM

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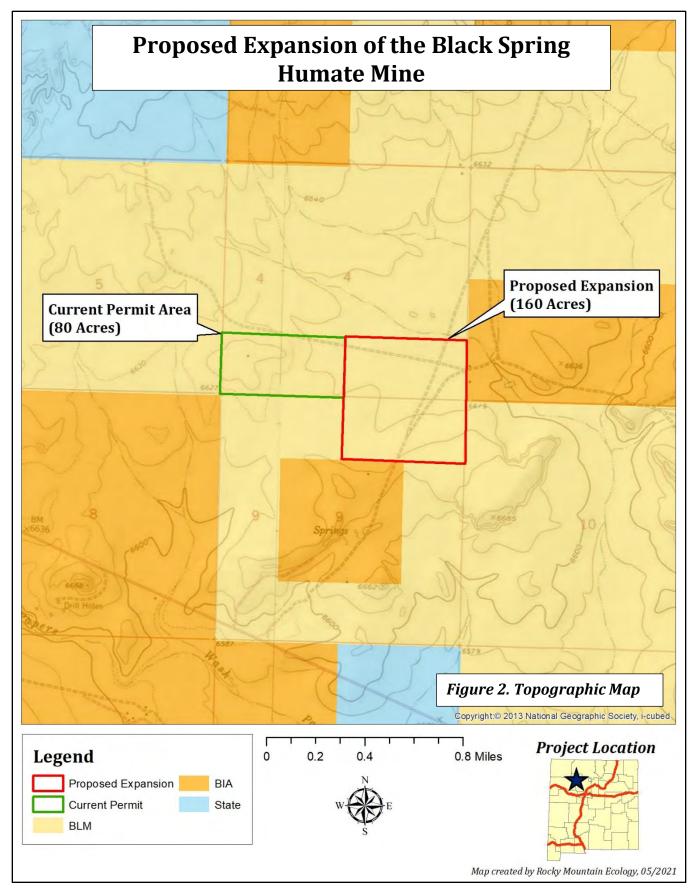
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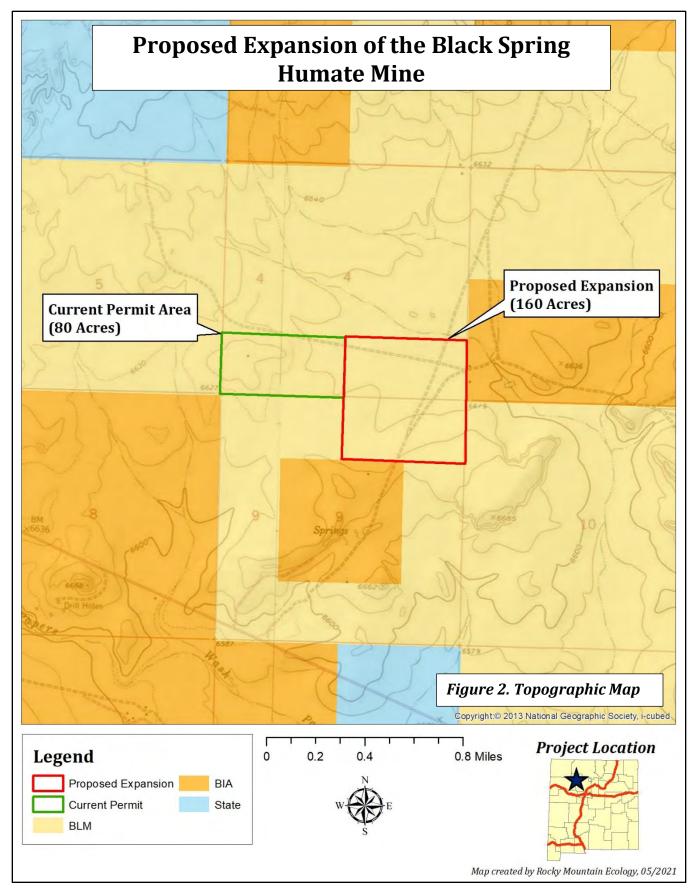
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Governor Vernon Abeita Pueblo of Isleta P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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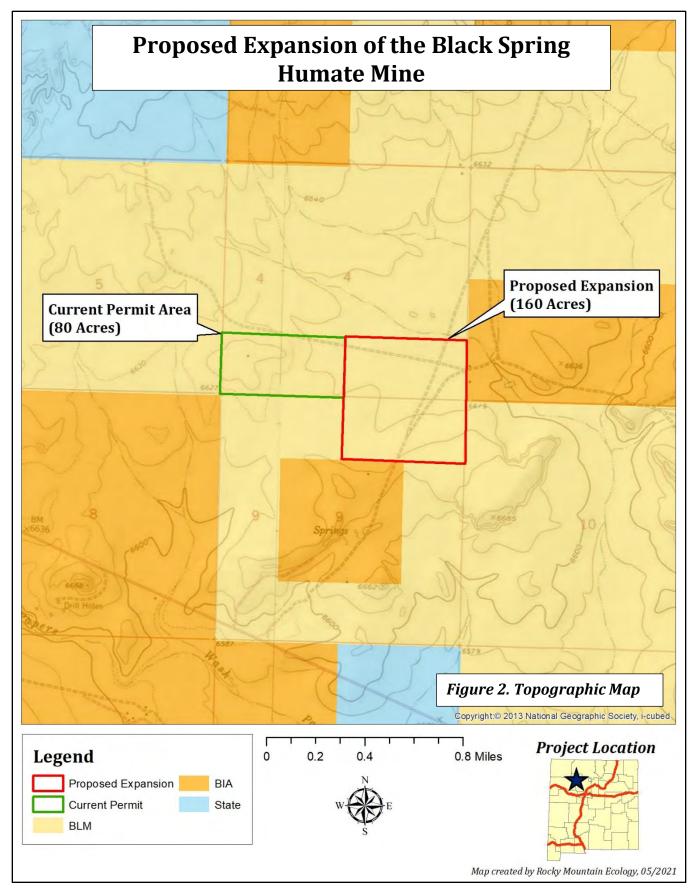
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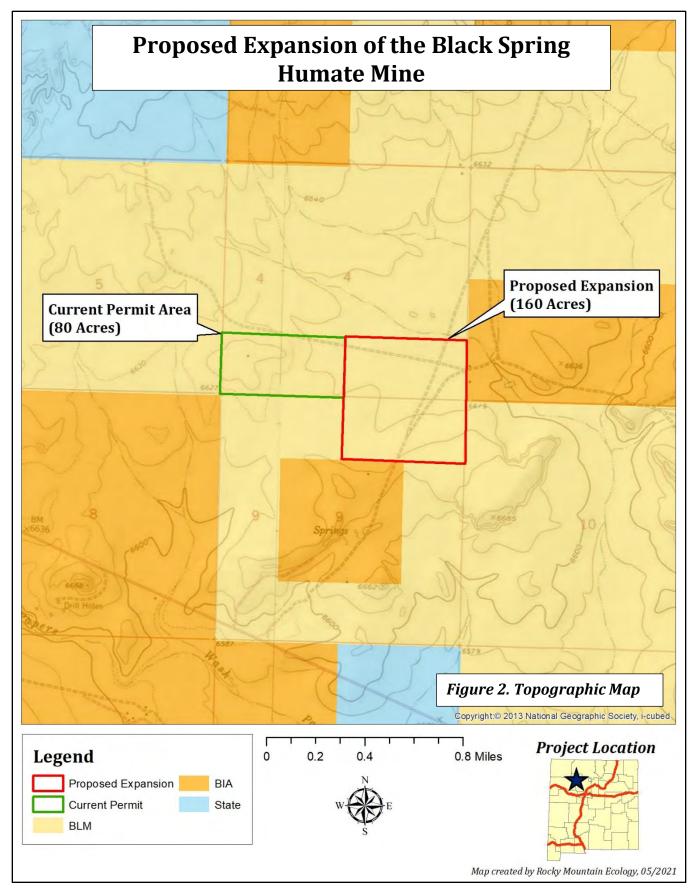
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President Jonathan Nez Navajo Nation P.O. Box 7440 Window Rock, AZ 86515

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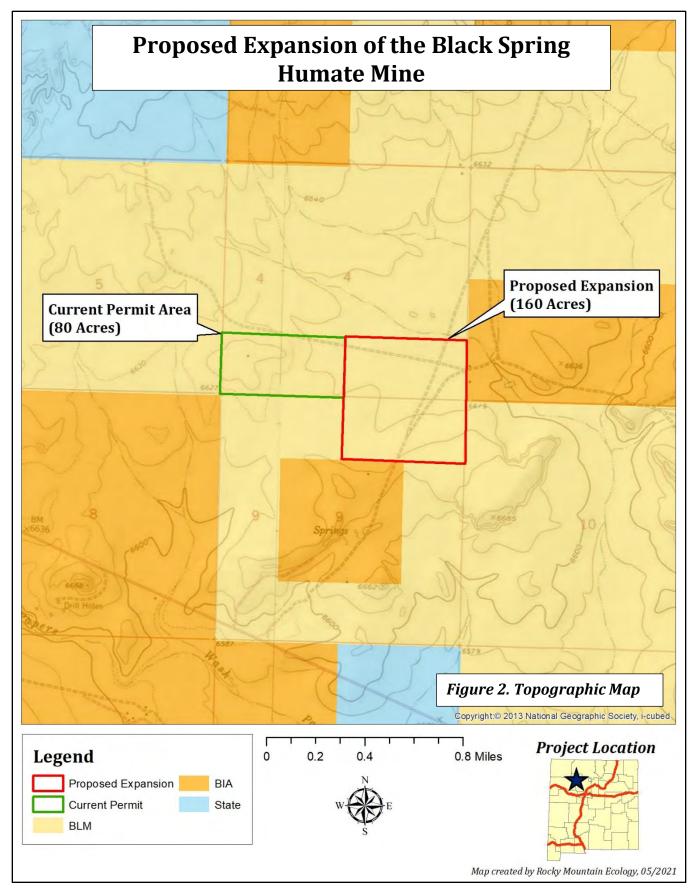
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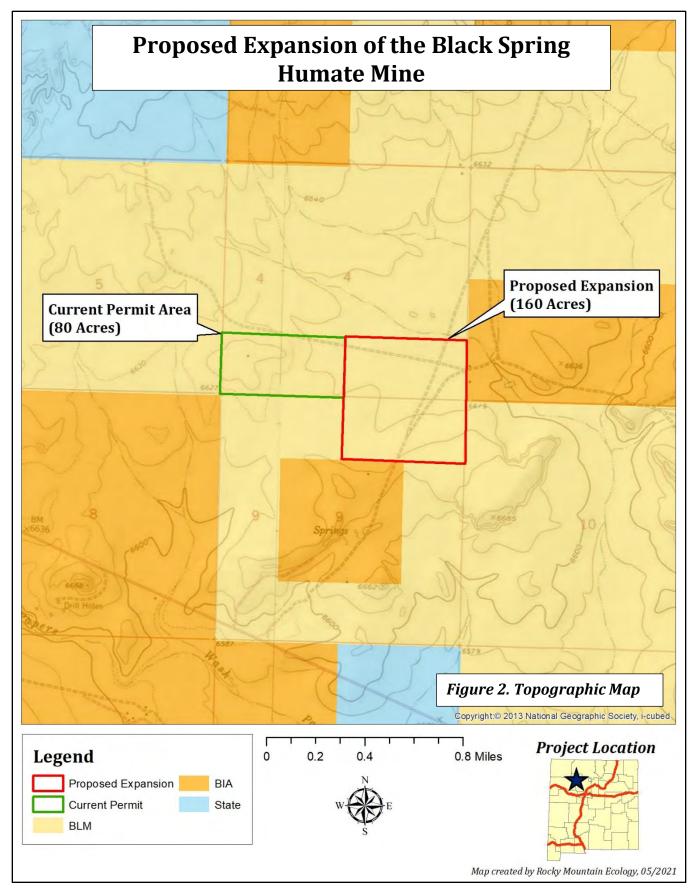
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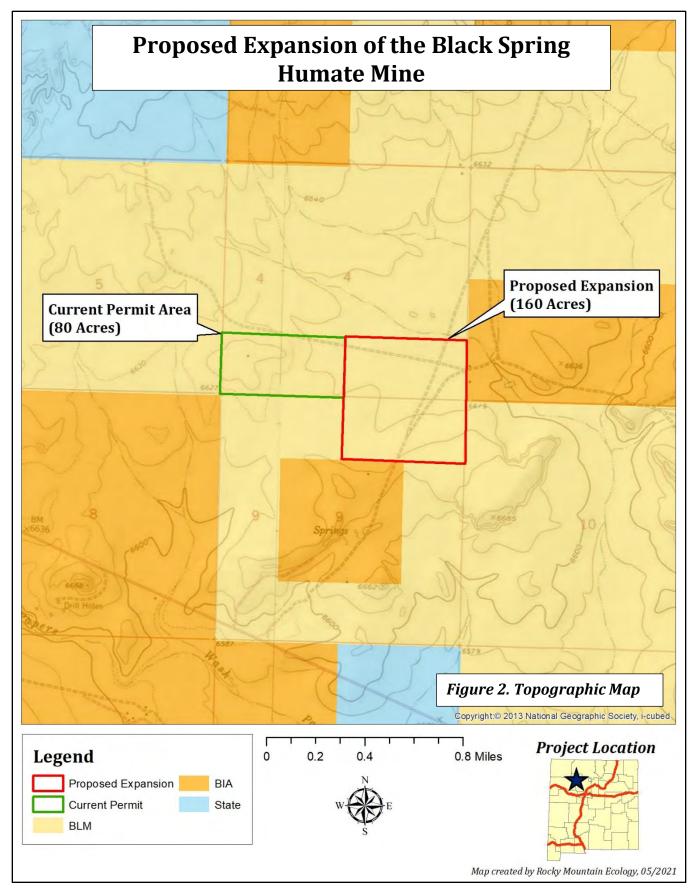
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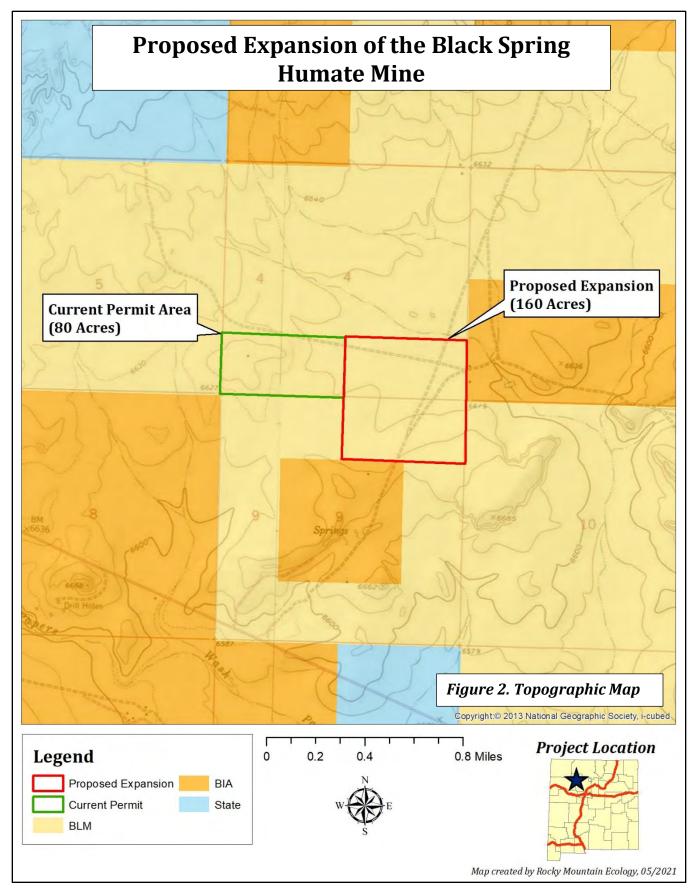
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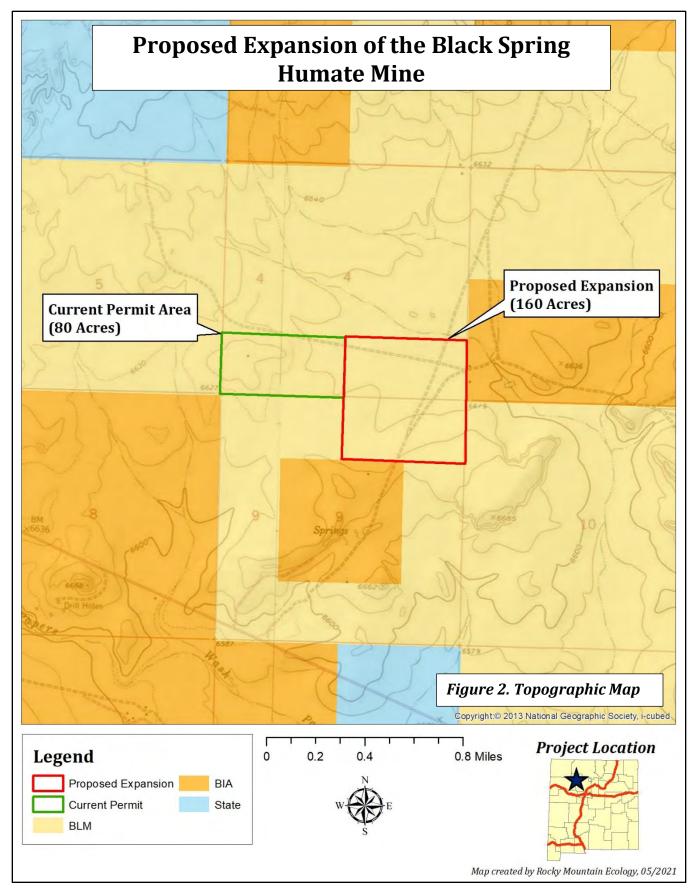
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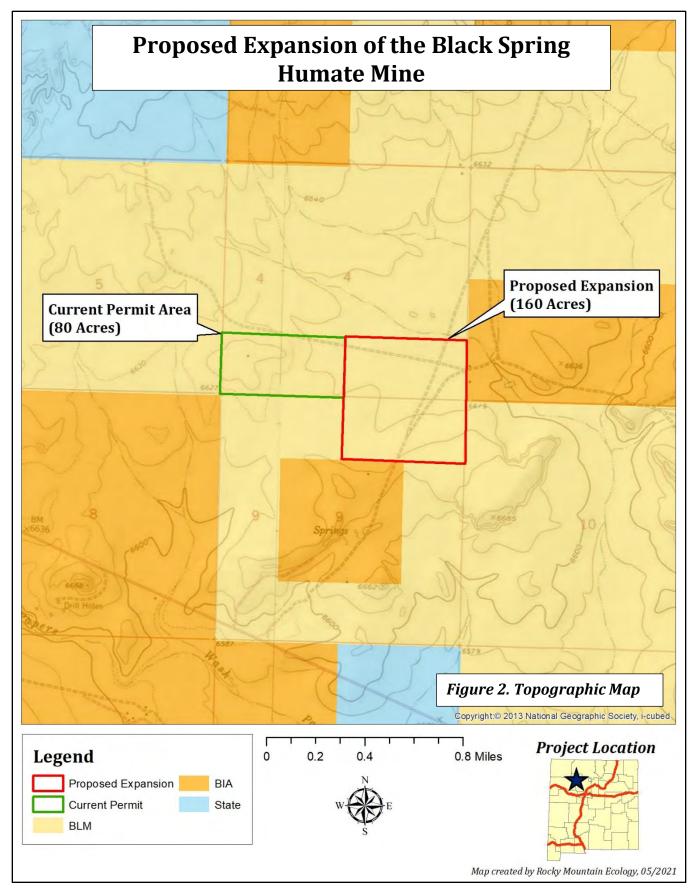
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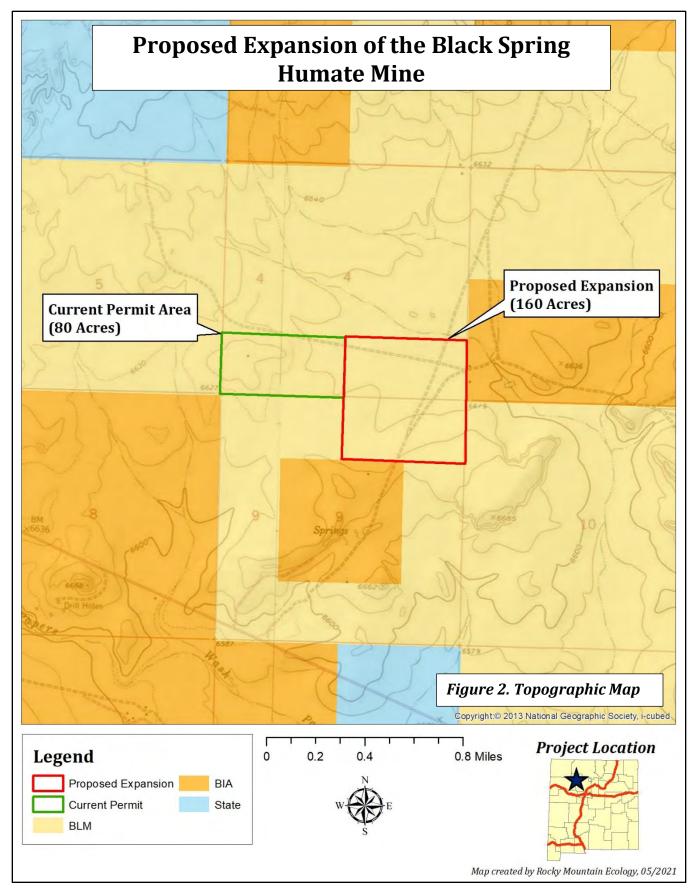
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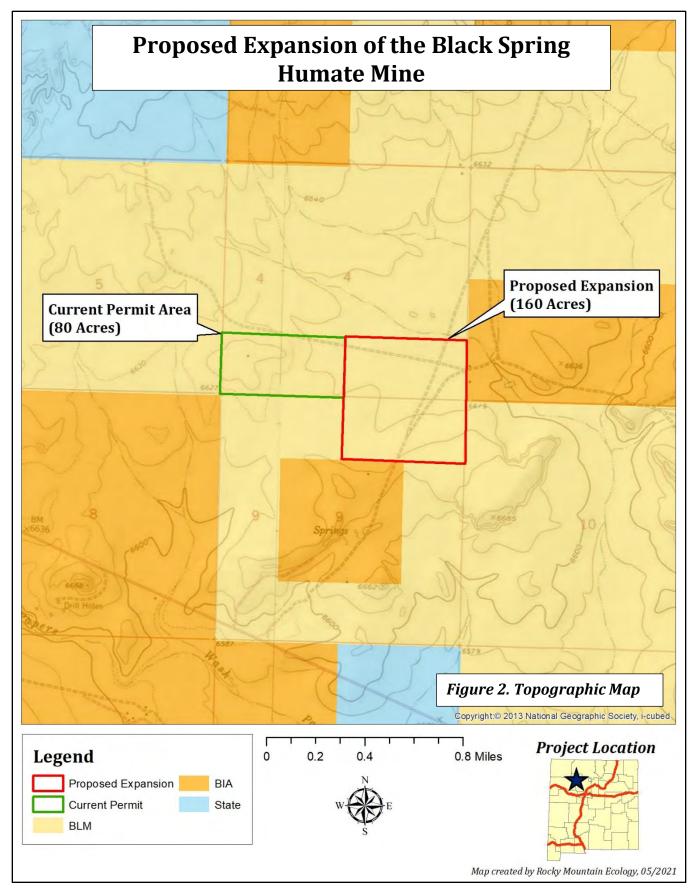
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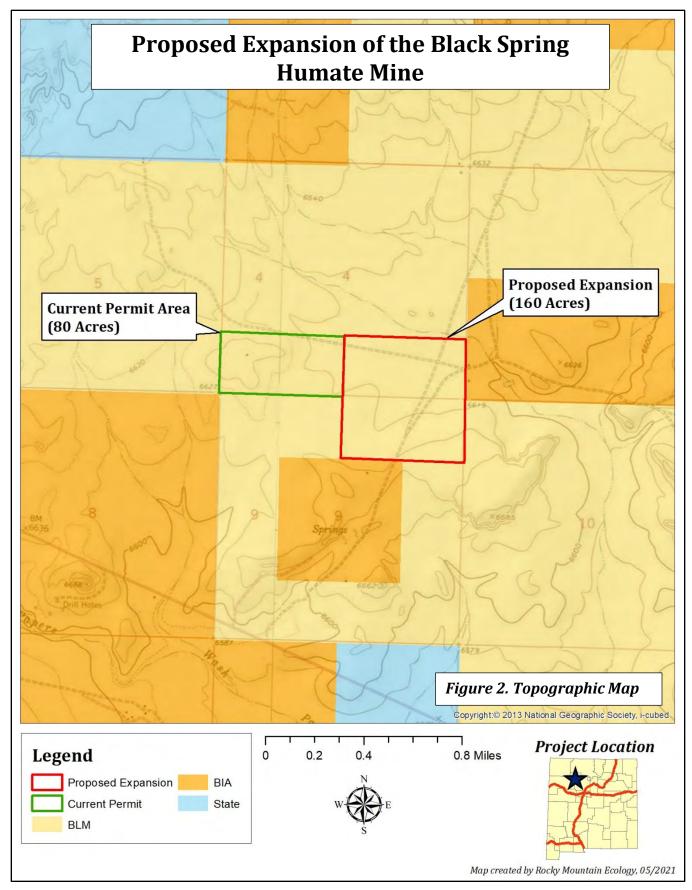
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