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September 22, 2021

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

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

Dear Mr. Reycraft,

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Mr. Christopher Wenman  
BLM Farmington Field Office  
6251 College Blvd.  
Farmington, NM 87402

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

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Ms. Daniela Roth  
EMNRD-Forestry Division  
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

Dear Ms. Roth,

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Dr. Matthew Wunder  
NM Department of Game and Fish  
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

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Ms. Anne Maurer  
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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Dr. Ghassan Musharrafieh  
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**Re: Request for Agency Comments, Modification 21-1, Black Springs Mine, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK026MN**

Dear Dr. Musharrafieh,

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