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Subject: Technical Comments - Black Spring Explor Sections 4 and 9, MK055EM
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Attachments: Various permit area maps.pdf

Hi Bob,

MMD has a few technical comments on the application for exploration in Sections 4 and 9, permit tracking number MK055EM:

1. Proposed boreholes BSME-15 and BSME-16 appear to be located within the permit area for the Morningstar Minerals Mine, permit number MK011MN. The locations of these boreholes cannot be approved due to their location within the permit area of another mining operation. If you believe MMD is in error on the assessment of this location, we can certainly discuss that. Alternatively, Menefee may propose to move the locations of BSME-15 and BSME-16 to avoid the Morningstar Minerals permit area. See attached permit area maps.

2. Proposed borehole BSME-14 appears to be located close to (but seemingly outside of) the northern edge of the permit area for the Jaramillo Mine, permit number MK012MN. MMD encourages due diligence on the part of Menefee to ensure that this borehole will not be drilled in the permit area of the Jaramillo mining operation. See attached permit area maps.

3. Proposed boreholes BSME-6 and BSME-12 appear to be close to (but seemingly outside of) the eastern edge of the permit area for the Ojo Encino Mine, permit number MK043MN. MMD encourages due diligence on the part of Menefee to ensure that these boreholes will not be drilled in the permit area of the Ojo Encino mining operation. See attached permit area maps.

4. The application states that reseeding will not be performed (see Section 7.D of the application). However, MMD will require reseeding after completion of the exploration project. This will be incorporated as a permit condition.

5. MMD can provide you with a FA estimate for this project depending on what you decide to do with BSME-15 and -16. The first acre of disturbance is $8,900 and $4,900 for every acre after that. Borehole abandonment is $6/foot.

6. Comments from the cooperating agencies (NMED, G&F, HPD, State Forestry, OSE) can be found at https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-exploration-applications/minimal-impact/mk055em-menefee-black-spring-exploration-section-4-and-9/ and should be addressed.

7. MMD will need acknowledgement or approval from BLM prior to issuance of the MMD permit.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,
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