



# White Mountain Apache Tribe

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**To:** Jennifer Johnson, Permit Lead – new Mexico Mining and Minerals Division

**Date:** July 21, 2021

**Re:** *Turquoise Mountain Exploration, Grant County, New Mexico Permit No. GR087EM  
New Mining Operations Permit, Deming Alpha Mine, Luna County, Permit No. LU042MN*

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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the project dated; July 2021. 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 above State of New Mexico proposed intent to issue a minimal impact permits for the two exploration projects, located in Luna and Grant Counties, New Mexico .

Please be advised, we reviewed the consultation letter and the information provided, and we've determined that the proposed project plans 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*

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Historic Preservation Office