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Caleb King, Land Manager Bronco Creek Exploration 1815 E. Winsett St. Tucson, AZ 85719

RE: Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Determined Administratively Complete Permit Tracking No. GR086EM, Bronco Creek Exploration, Malone Exploration Project in Grant County, NM

Dear Mr. King,

Pursuant to §19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division has determined that a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application ("application") submitted on February 12, 2021 is administratively complete. The application was submitted by Bronco Creek Exploration ("Bronco Creek"), for its Malone District Exploration Project and proposes to disturb a total of up to 3.938 acres of United States Forest Service ("USFS") property (28 drill holes on 14 drill pads) within the boundaries of claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approx. 15.6 miles NE of Lordsburg, NM off of State Hwy 90 in Grant County New Mexico. Because Bronco Creek has agreed not to exceed 5 acres of total disturbance at all times, MMD is processing this application as a minimal impact exploration permit pursuant to §19.10.3.302 (A) NMAC.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for Bronco Creek's Malone District Exploration Project, Permit Tracking No. GR086EM is administratively complete. MMD will now distribute the application to other reviewing state, federal and tribal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.3.302 (G) NMAC. A site visit for this inspection has been set for March 9, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3413 or via e-mail at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead - Permit Tracking No. GR086EM

Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)/MMD

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