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May 1, 2023

Chairman Mark Woommavovah Comanche Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502

Re: Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Bella Group Lode Exploration, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI056EM

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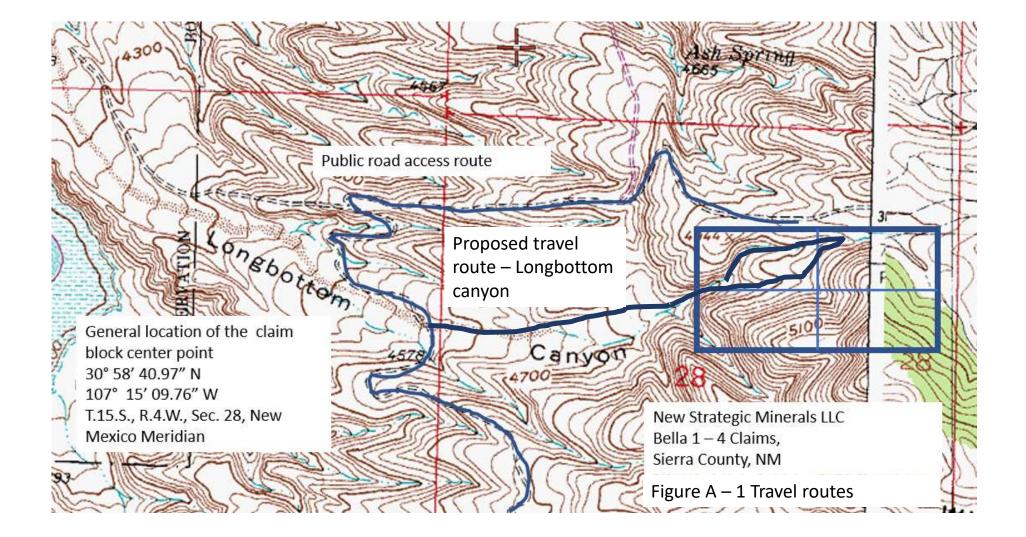
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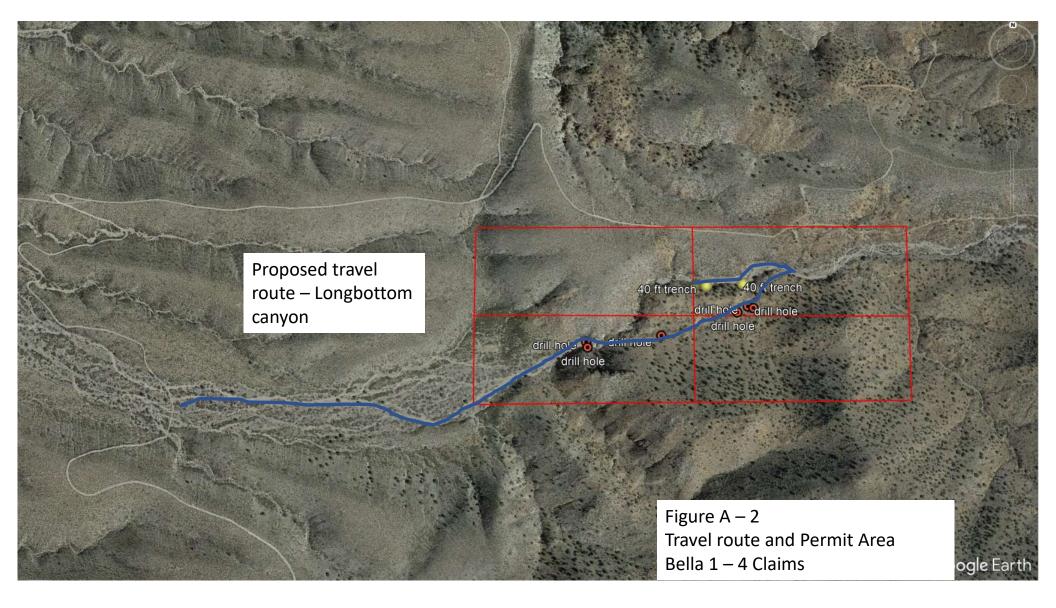
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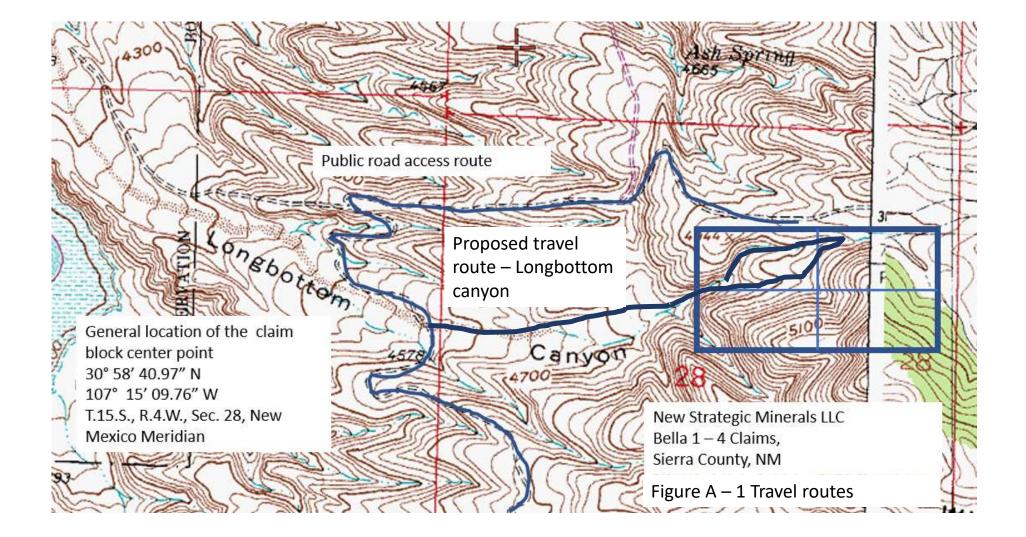
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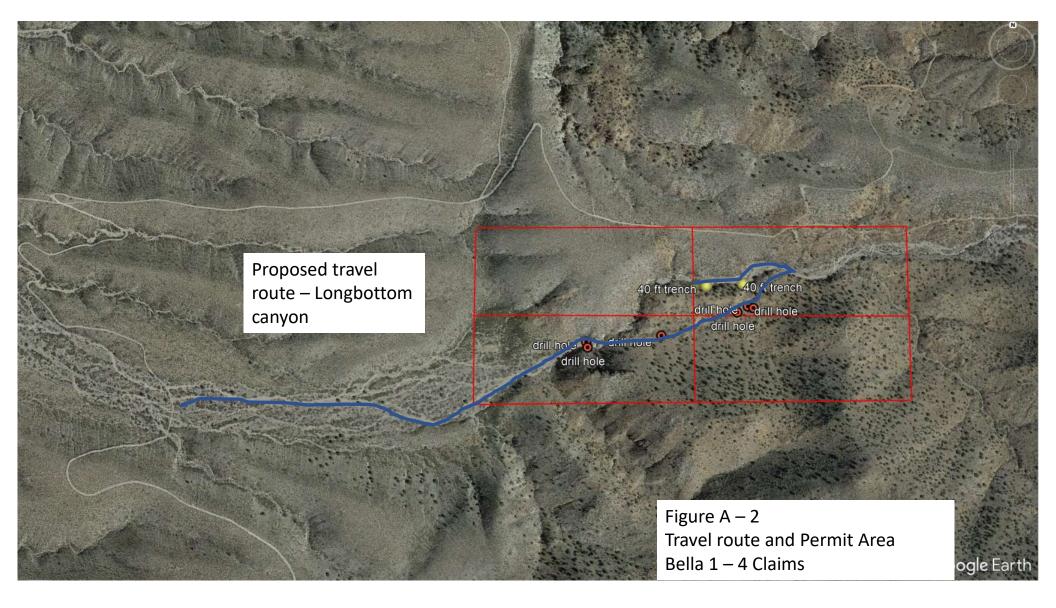
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Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware Fort Sill Apache Tribe Route 2, Box 121 Apache, OK 73006

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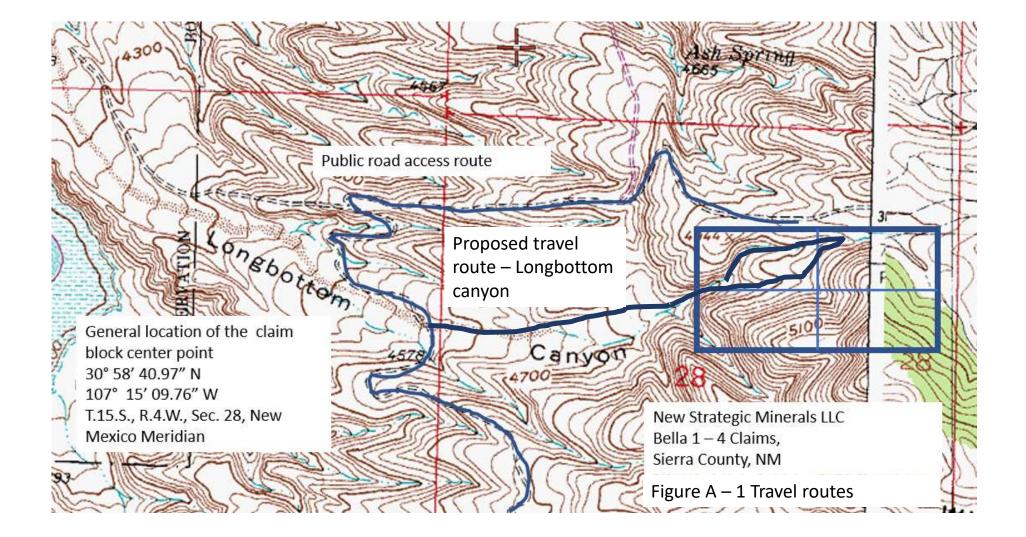
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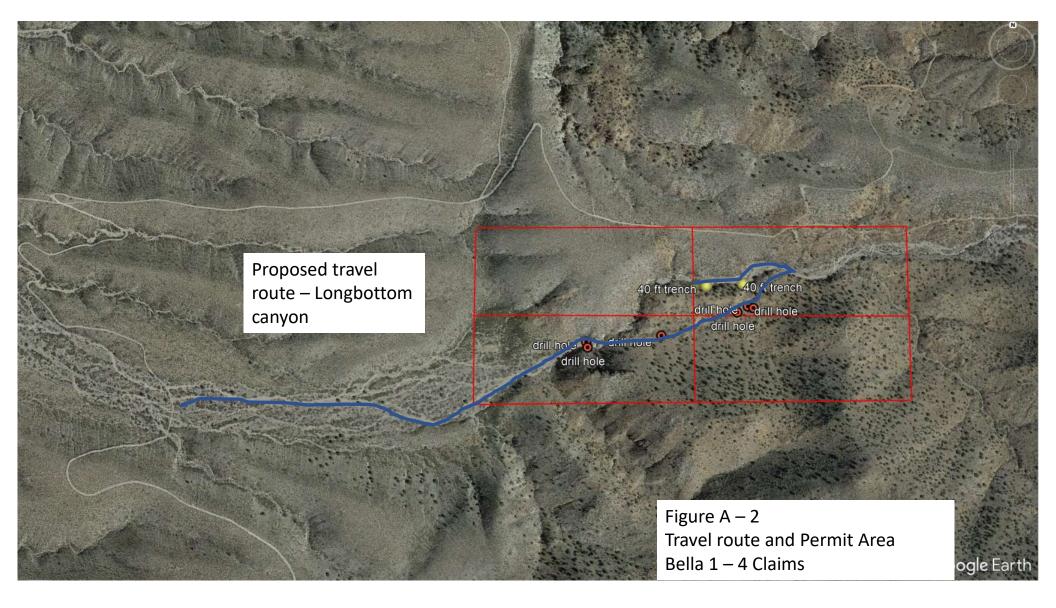
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Director Stewart Koyiyumptewa Hopi Cultural Preservation Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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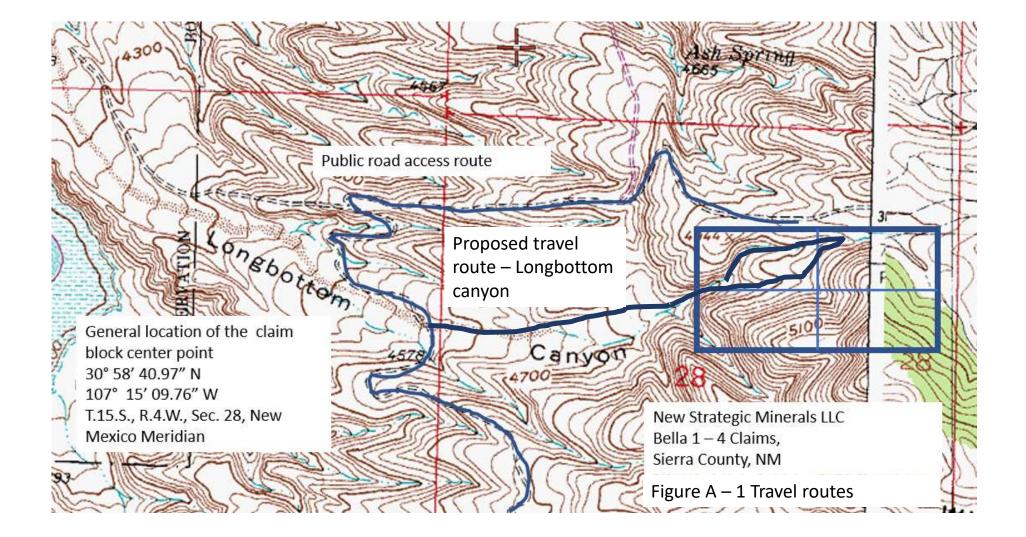
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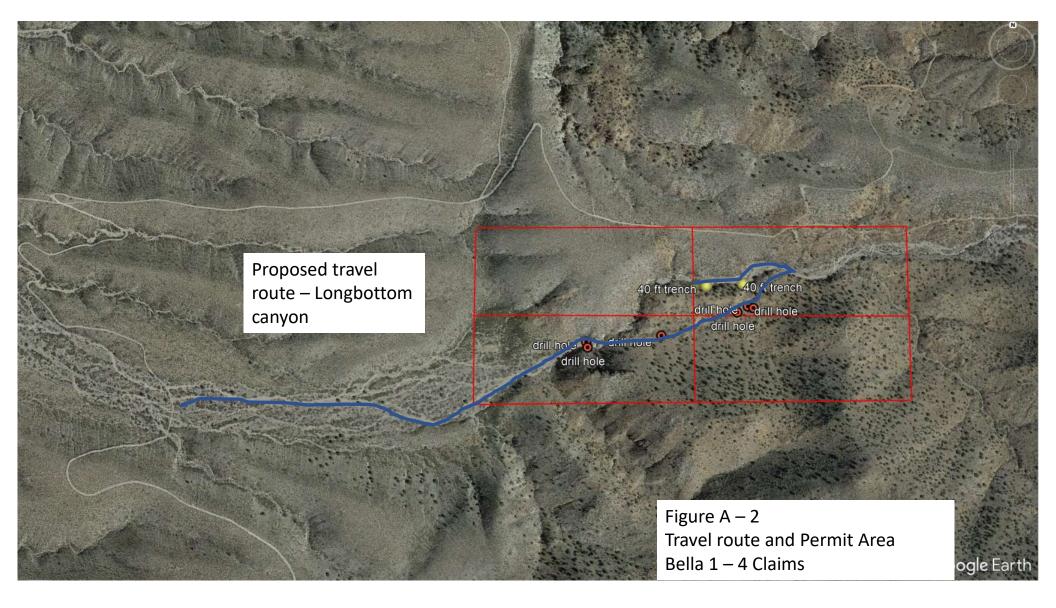
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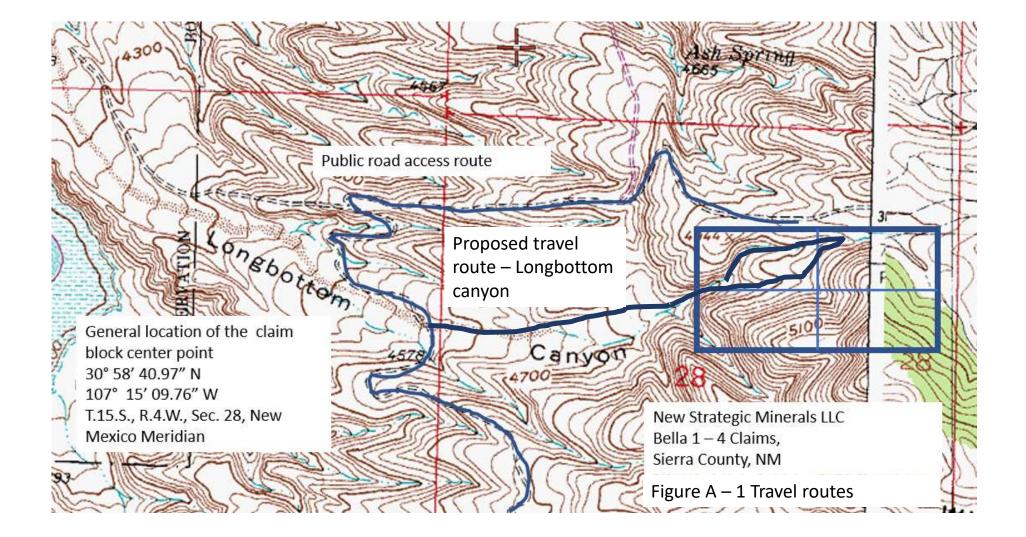
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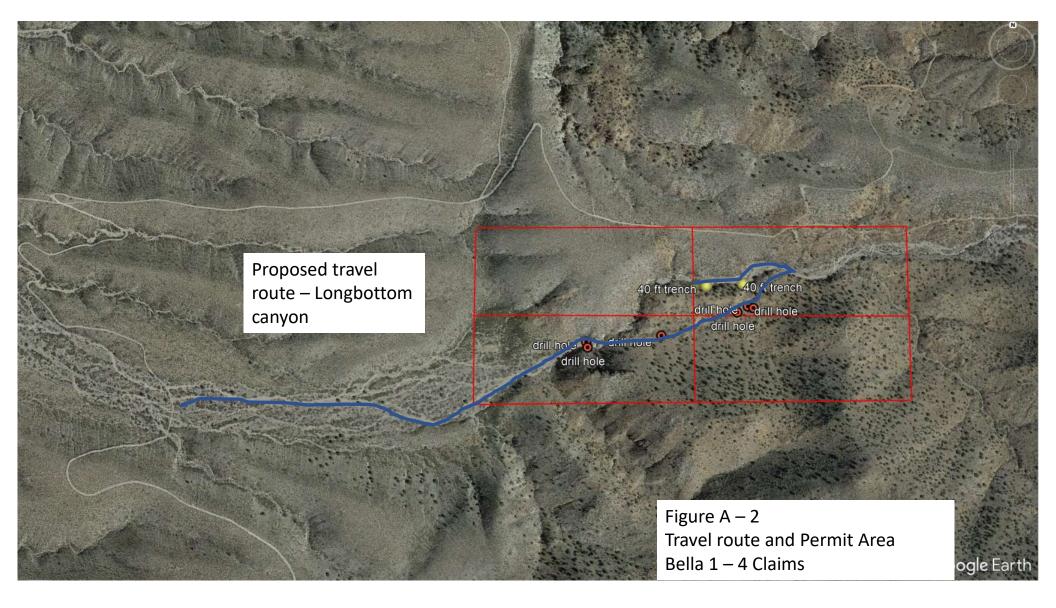
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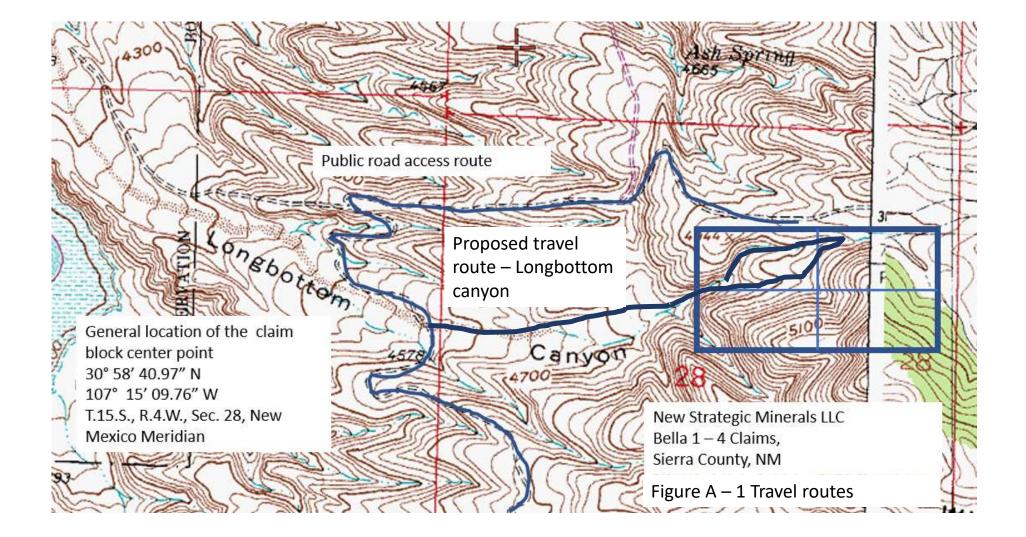
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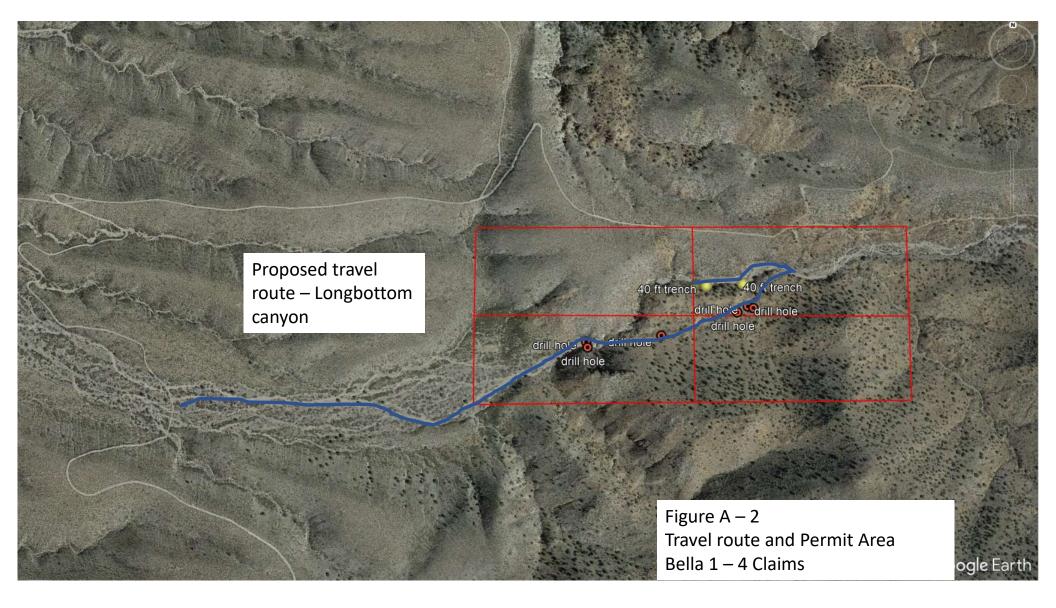
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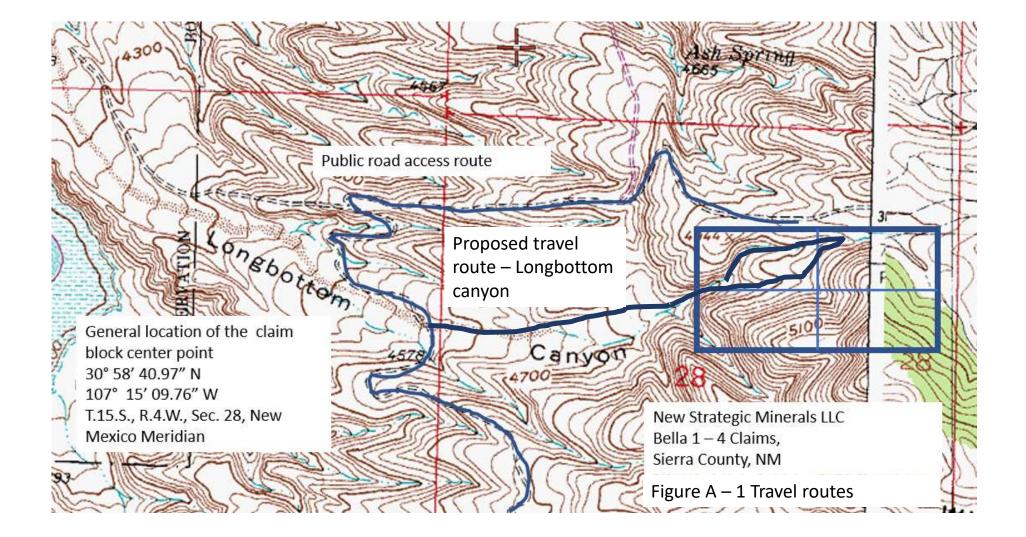
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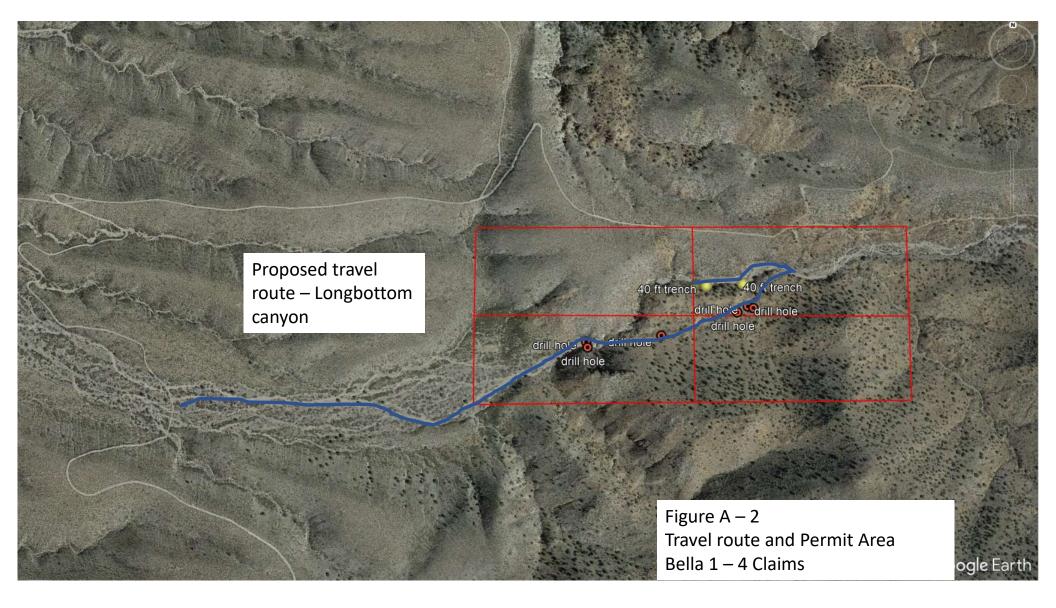
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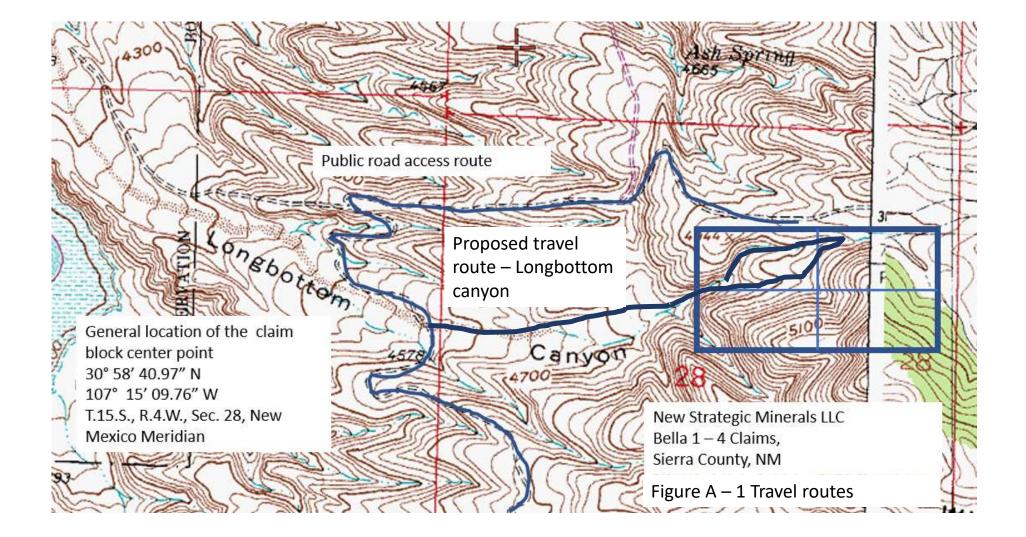
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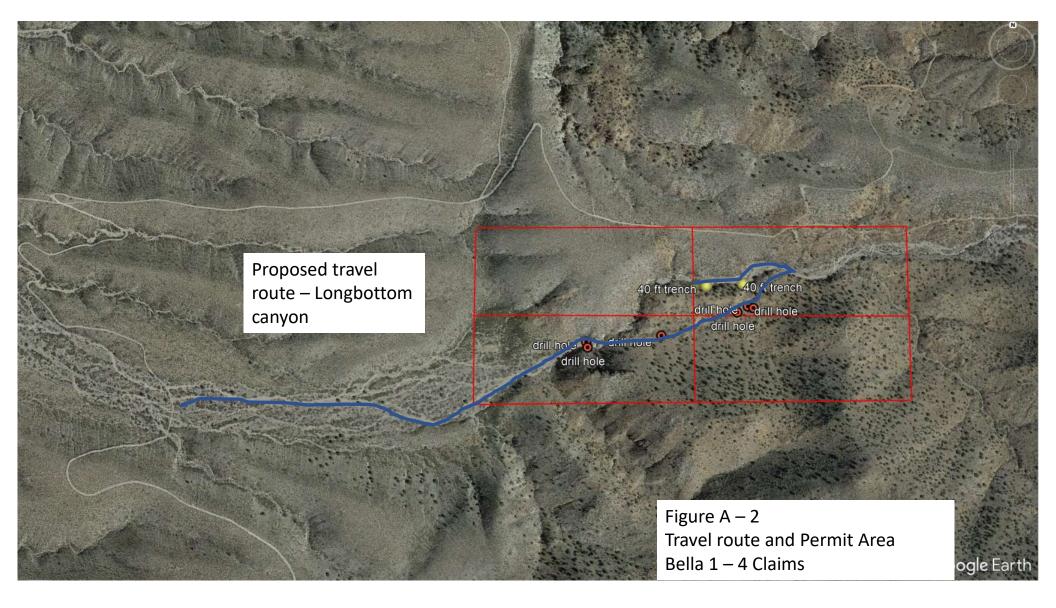
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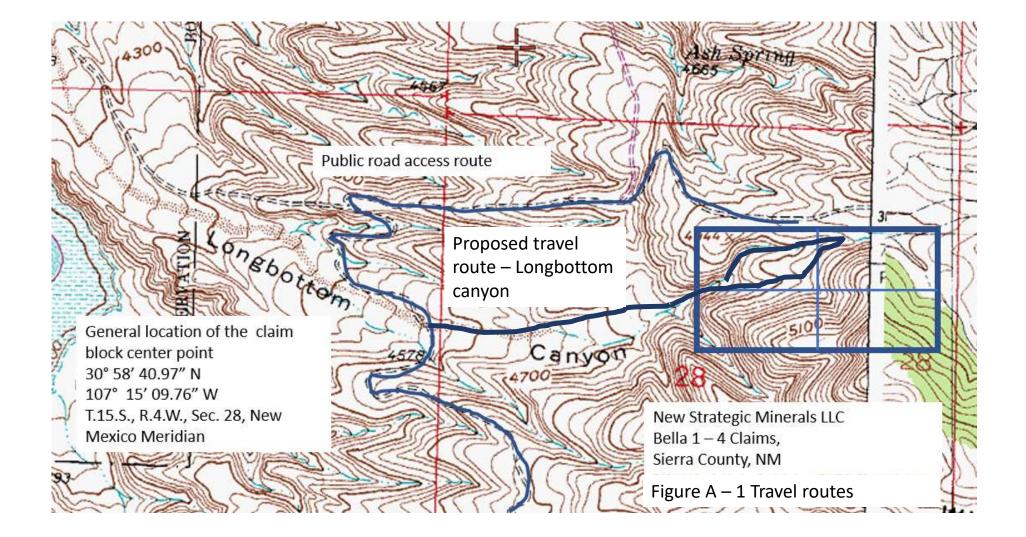
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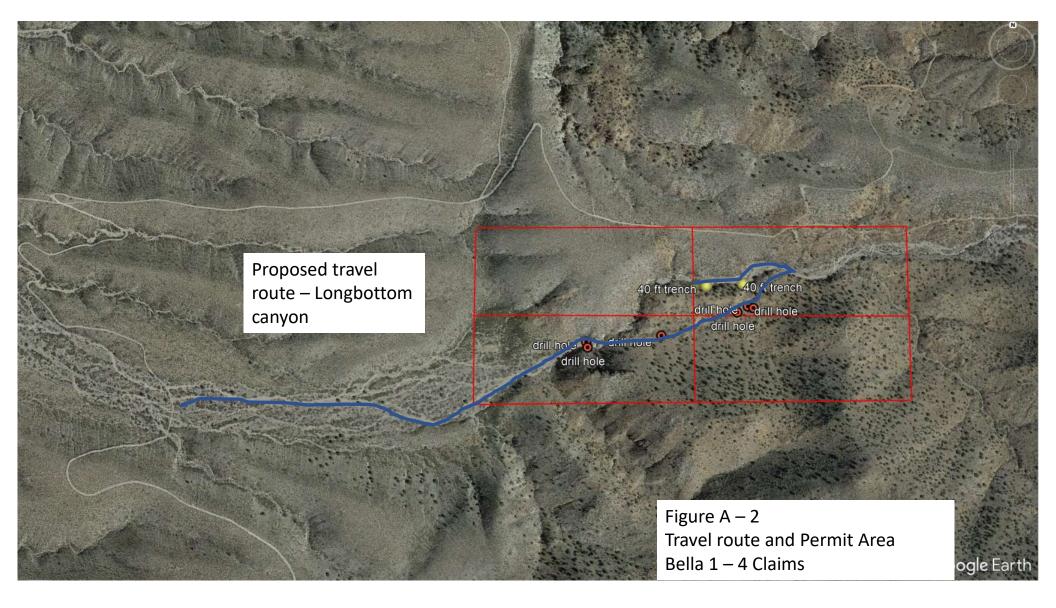
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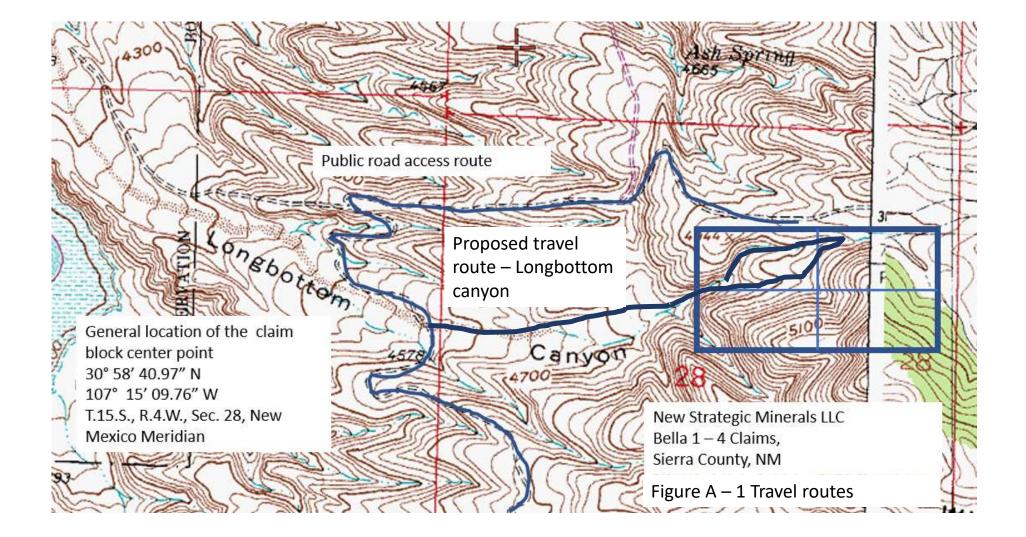
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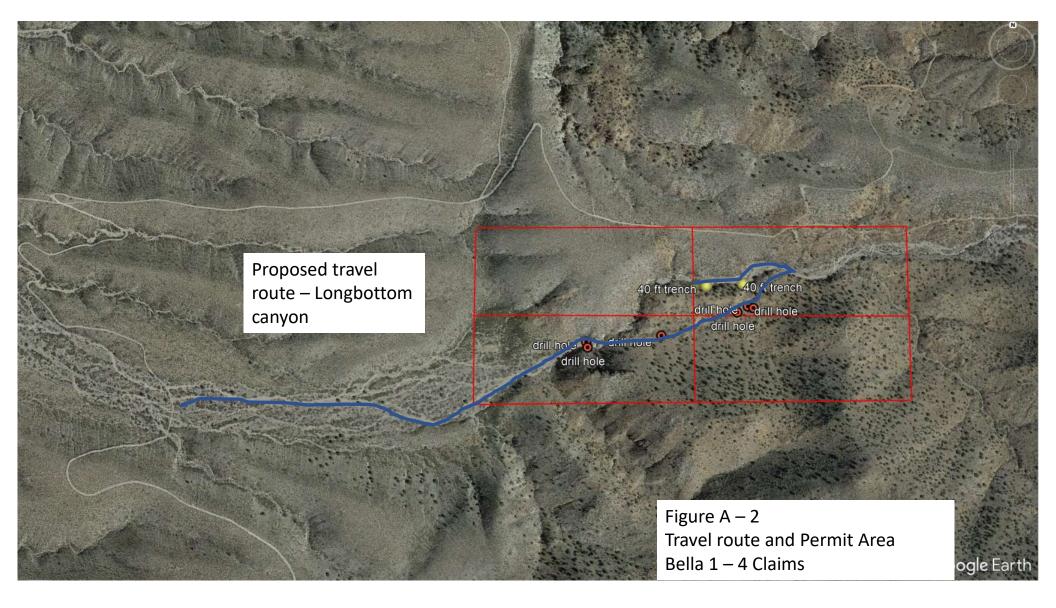
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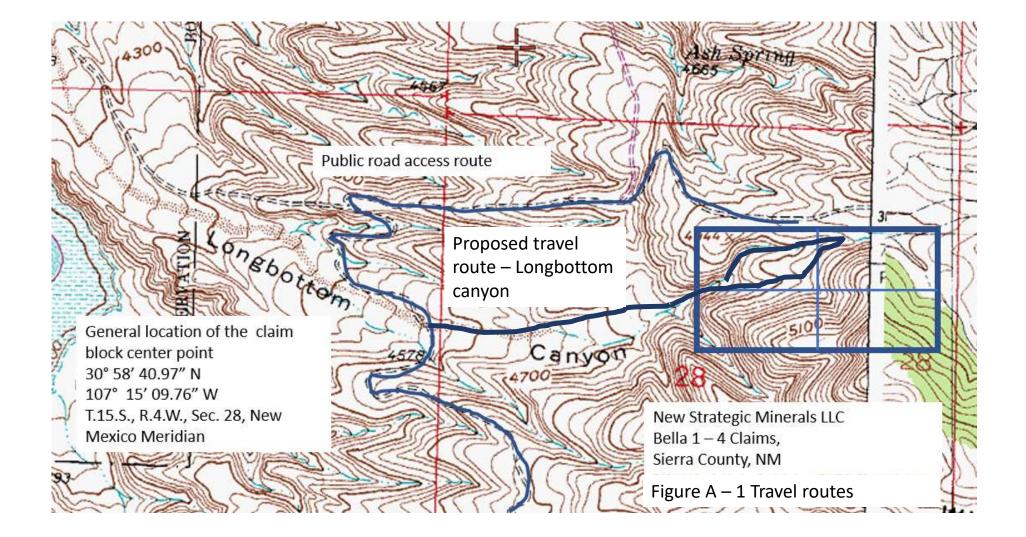
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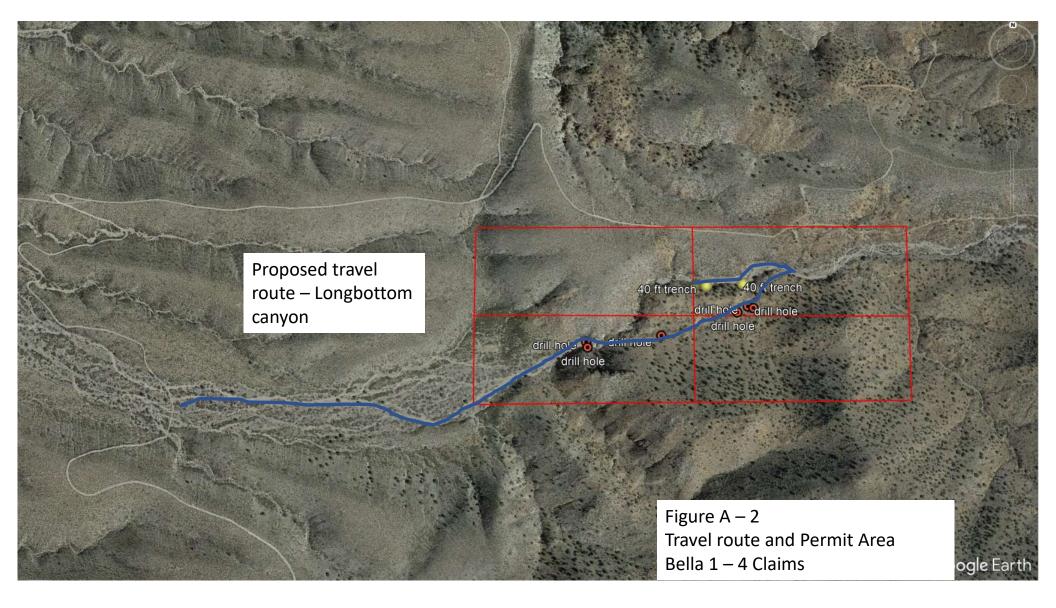
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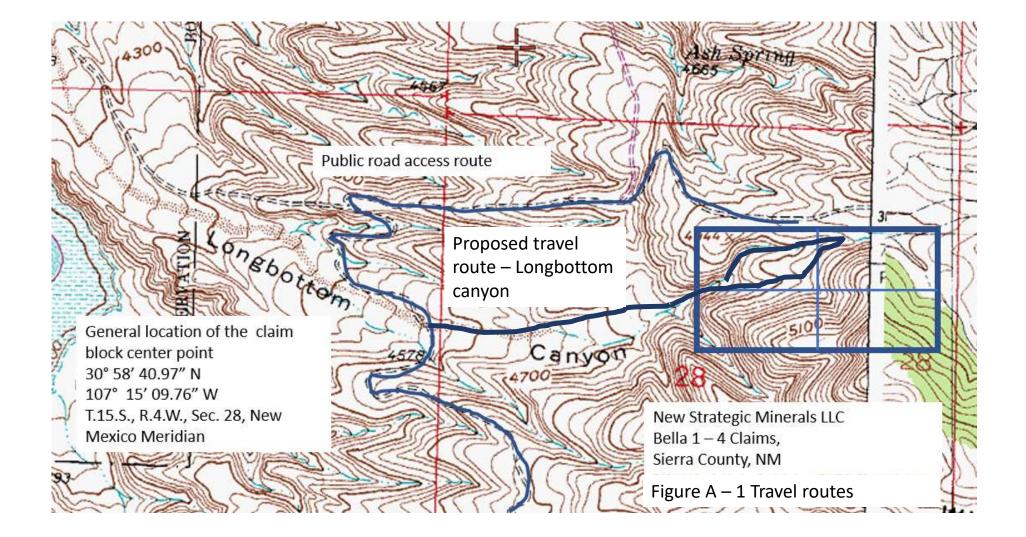
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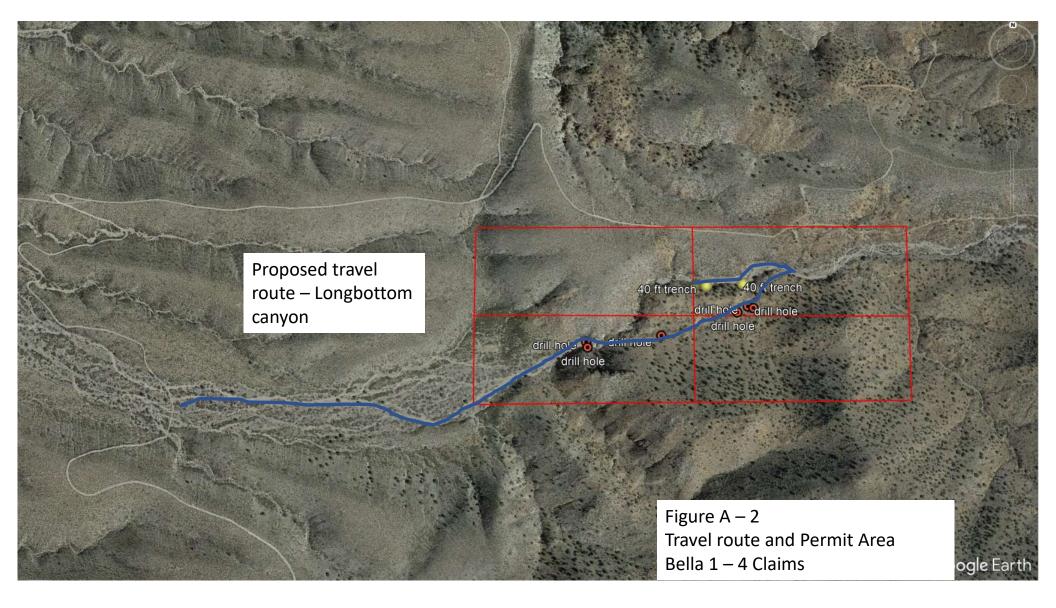
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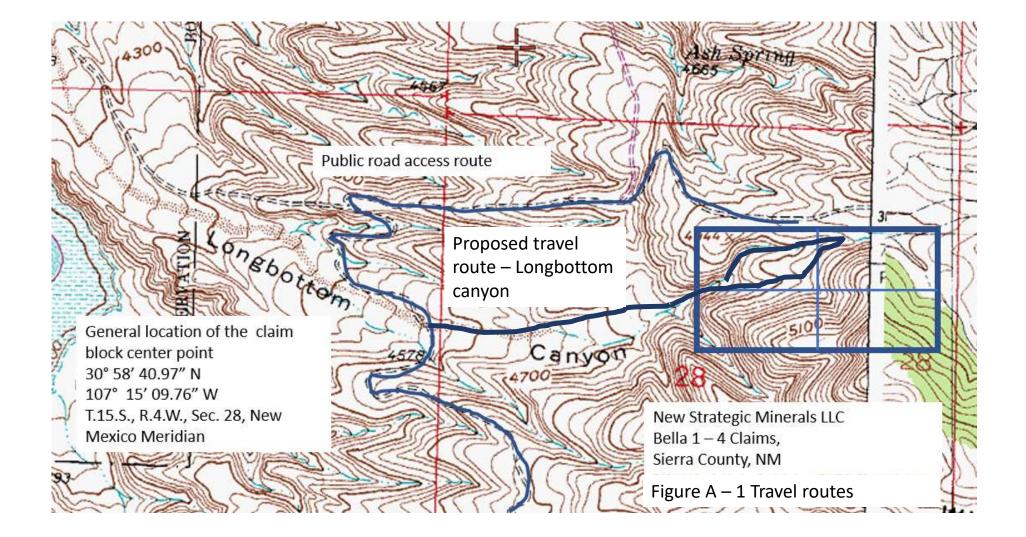
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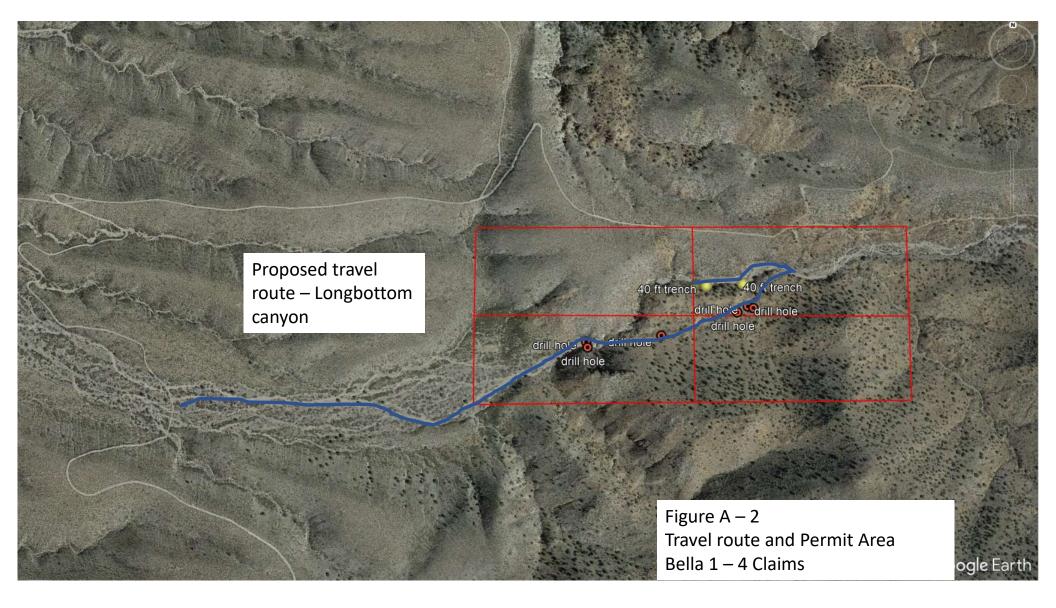
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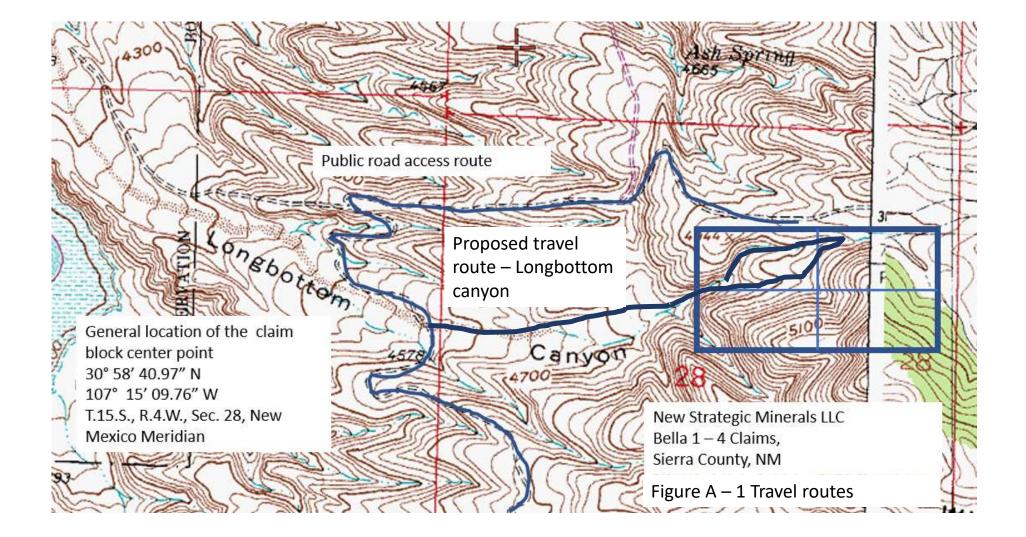
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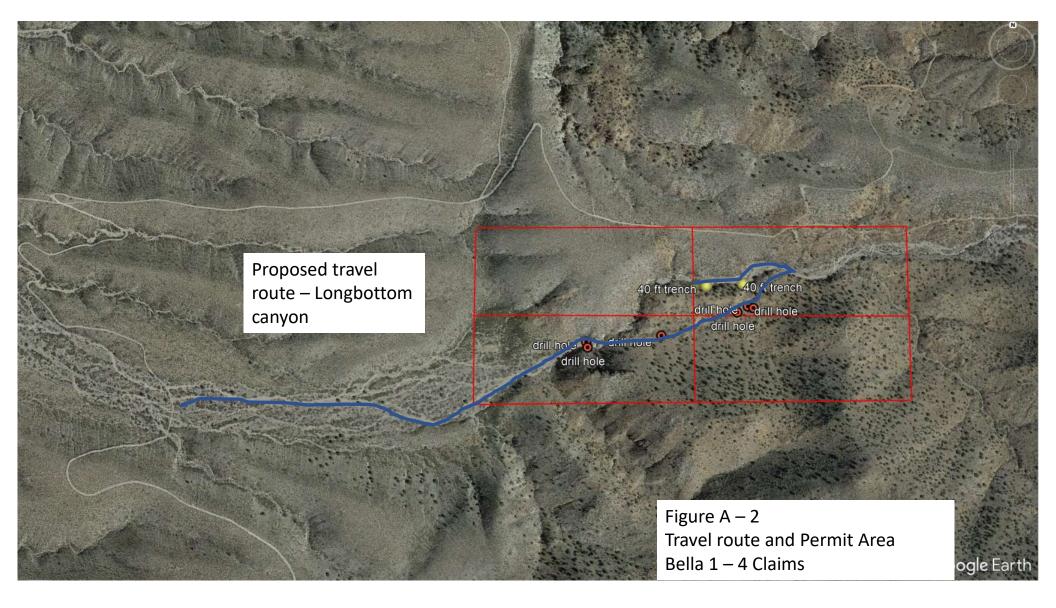
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