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Mr. Rick Reycraft
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
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RE: Request for Additional Comments on Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Renewal and Modification, Summa Silver Mogollon Project, Catron County, New Mexico, Permit No. CA027EM

Dear Mr. Reycraft,

On September 4, 2023, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a revised document dated August 11, 2023, and entitled ‘A Cultural Resource Inventory of 30.52 Acres of Private Lands near Mogollon, Catron County, New Mexico for a Proposed Exploration Drilling Project’ (“CRI”) prepared by WestLand Engineering & Environmental Services, on behalf of Summa Silver Corporation, for a modification of the minimal impact exploration permit ID CA027EM in Catron County, New Mexico.

The Historic Preservation Division of the Department of Cultural Affairs had previously given comments on the Summa Silver Mogollon Project in a memorandum dated June 21, 2023; however, with the receipt of revised CRI, MMD is requesting additional comments from your agency specifically addressing if revisions to this document sufficiently address your previous comments, indicate that any part of the proposed permit area is located in an area with cultural resources listed on either the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Cultural Properties, or any other concerns your agency may have.

In accordance with 19.10.3.302.G NMAC, your agency has 20 days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to provide comments. The Director will consider these comments in making the determination of eligibility for minimal impact status. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or by e-mail at kevin.barnes@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes
Permit Lead
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cc: Mine File (CA027EM)