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December 12, 2023

Honorable Governor Max Zuni
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Modification, Bella Group Lode Exploration Project, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI056EM

Dear Honorable Governor Zuni,

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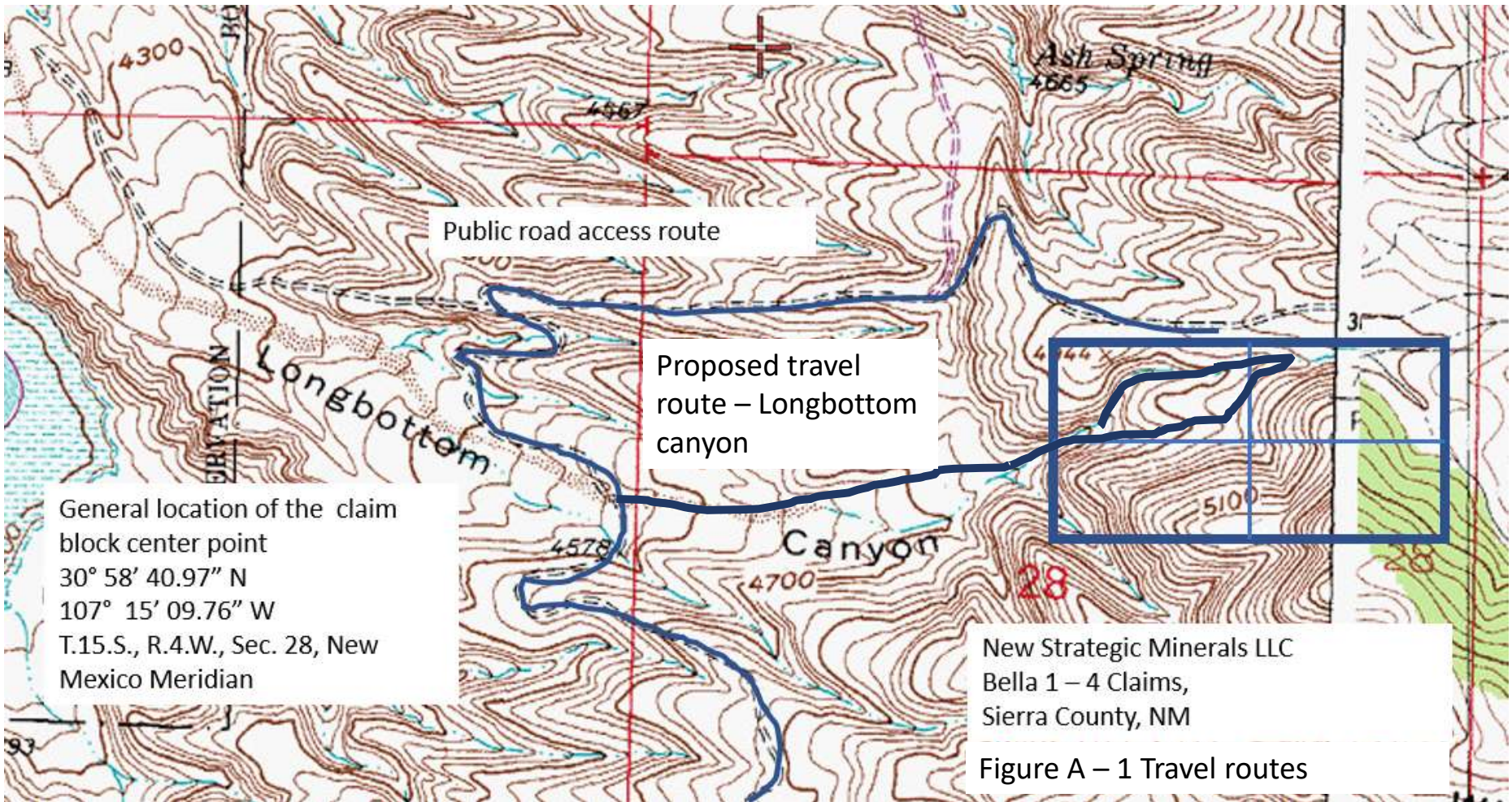


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Dr. Henry Walt
Pueblo of Isleta, THPO
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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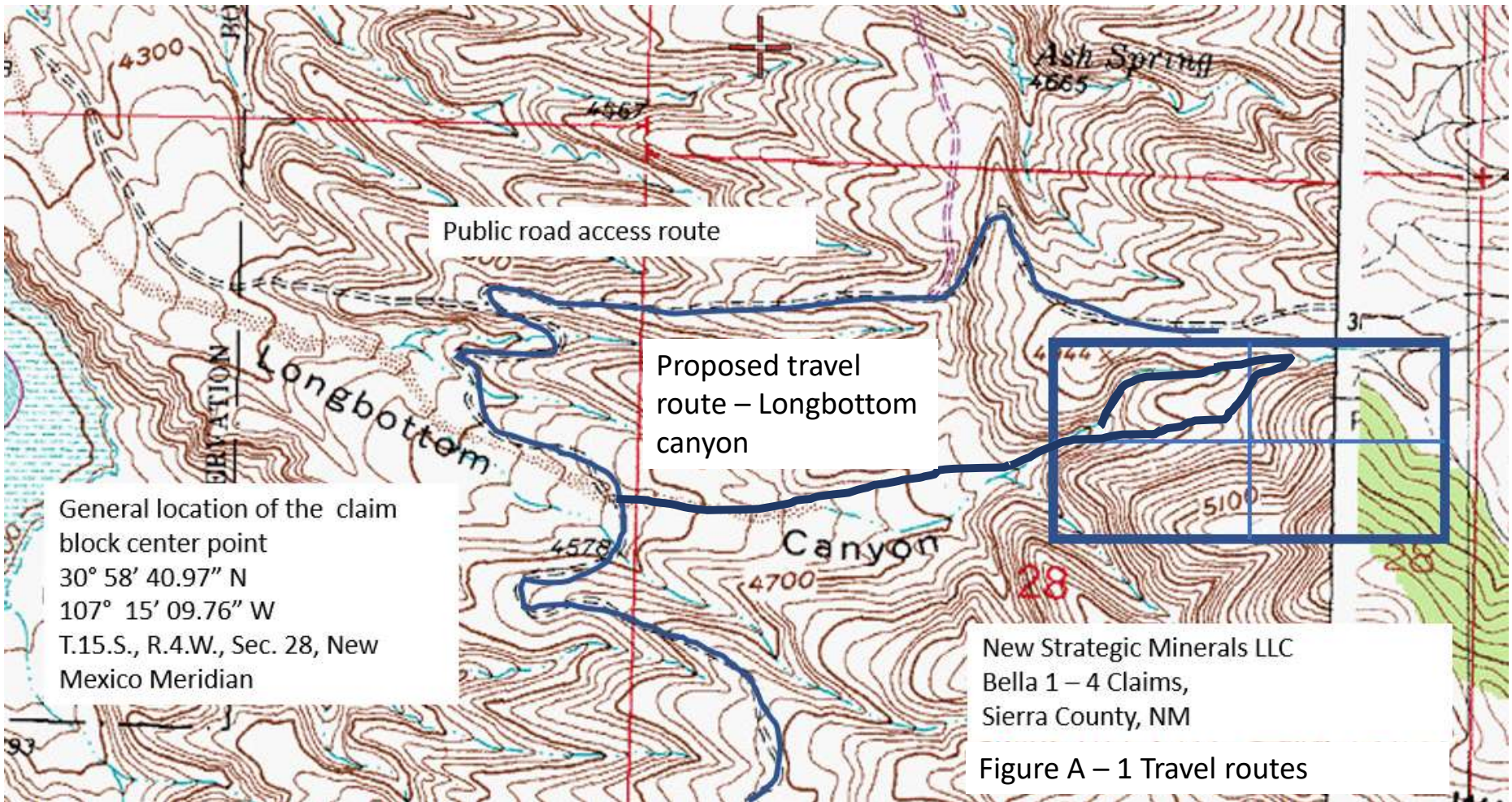


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Honorable Governor E. Michael Silvas
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
117 S. Old Pueblo Road
P.O. Box 17579
El Paso, TX 79907

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Modification, Bella Group Lode Exploration Project, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI056EM

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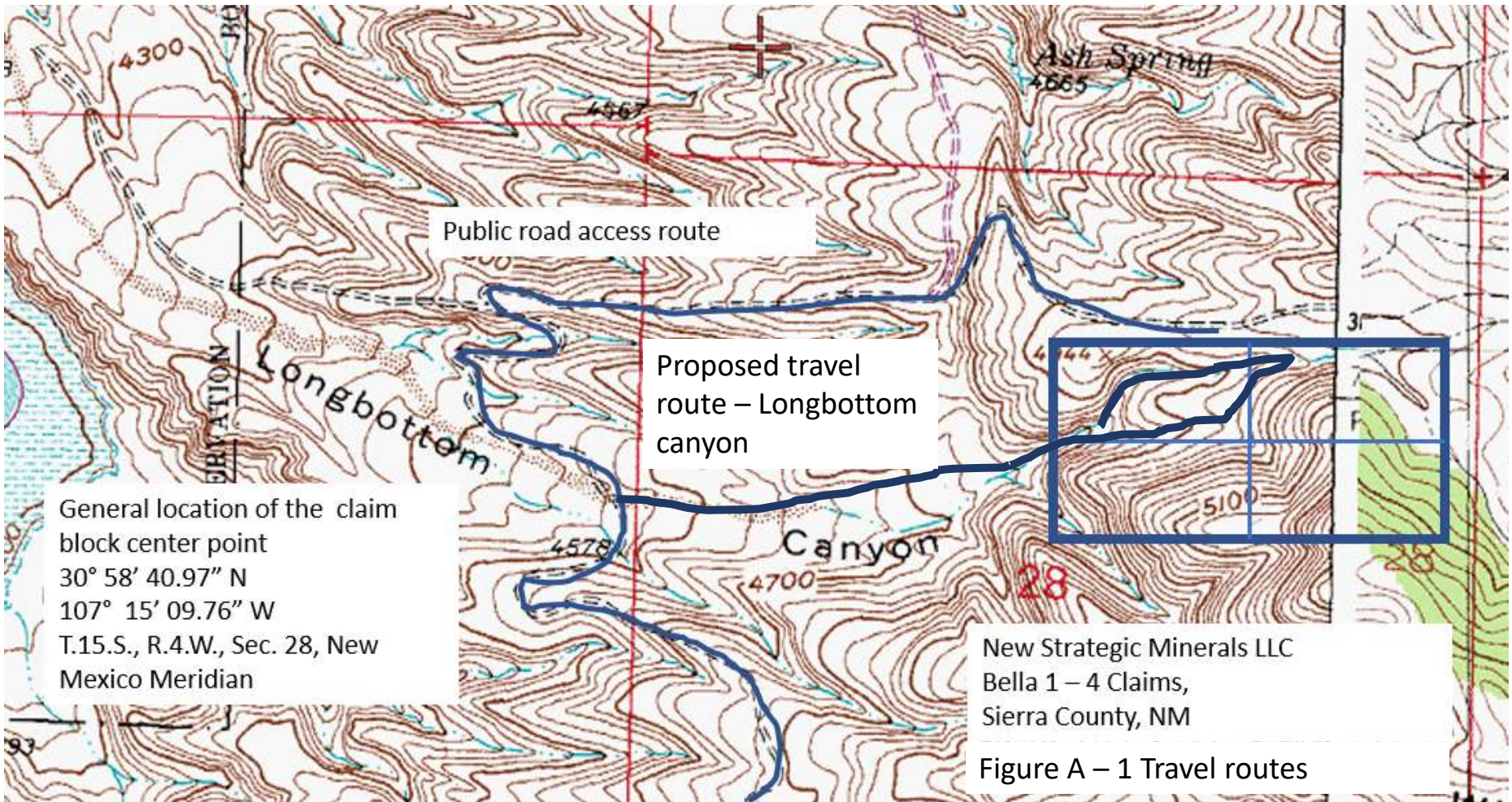


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Mr. Javier Loera
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, THPO
305 Yala Lane
El Paso, TX 79907

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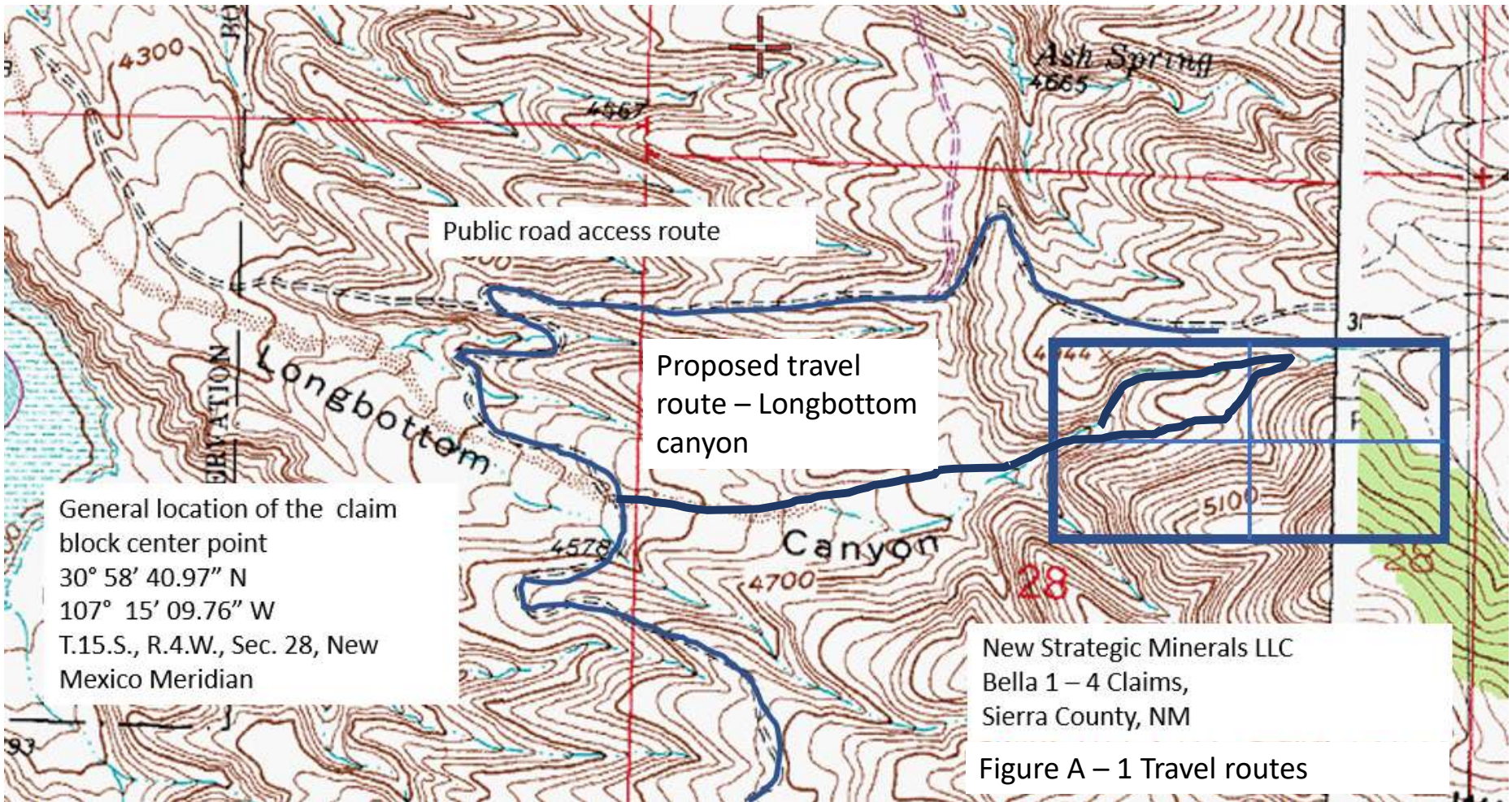


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Honorable Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Rt. 2, Box 121
Apache, OK 73006

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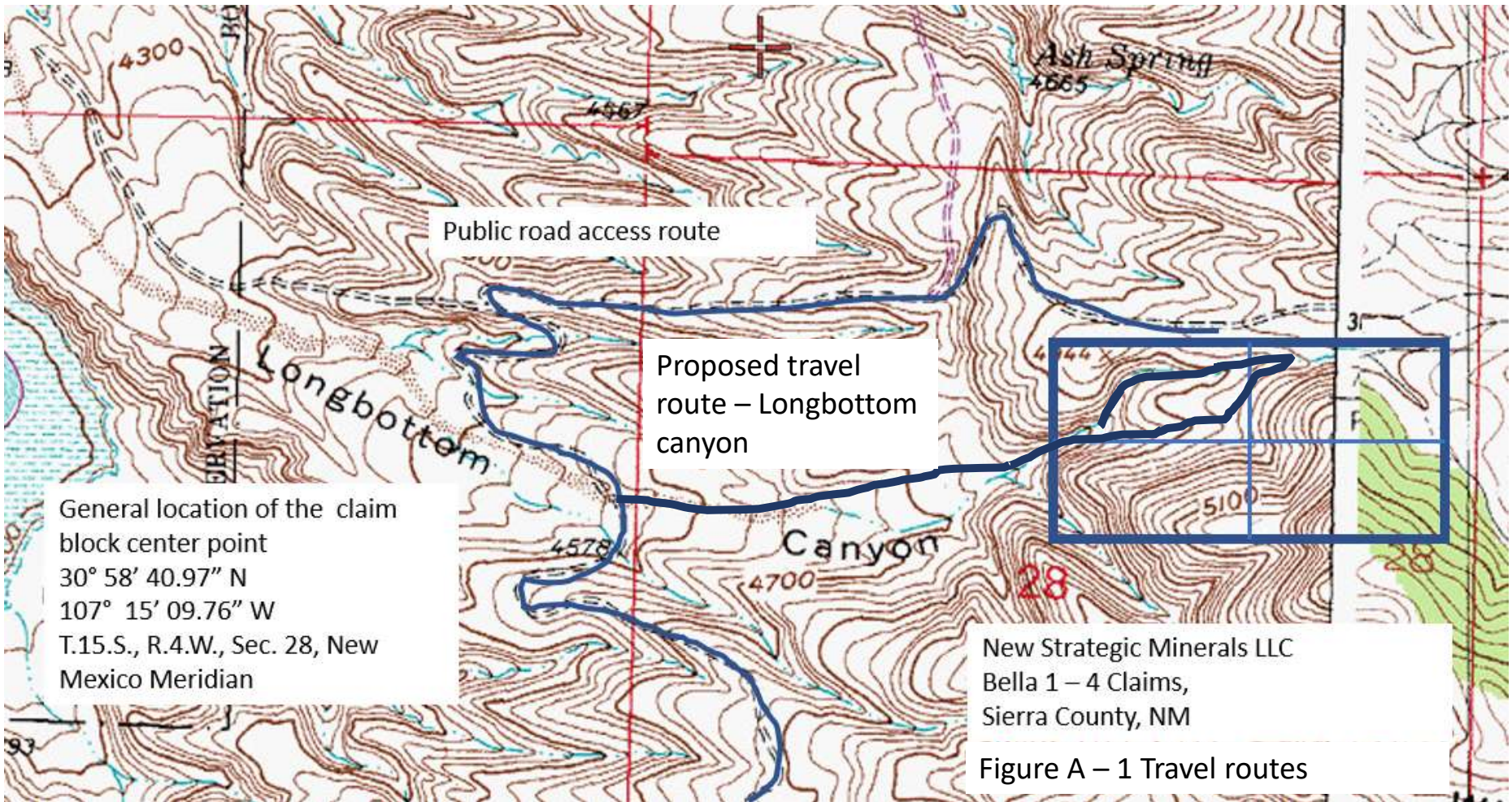


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Honorable President Eddie Martinez
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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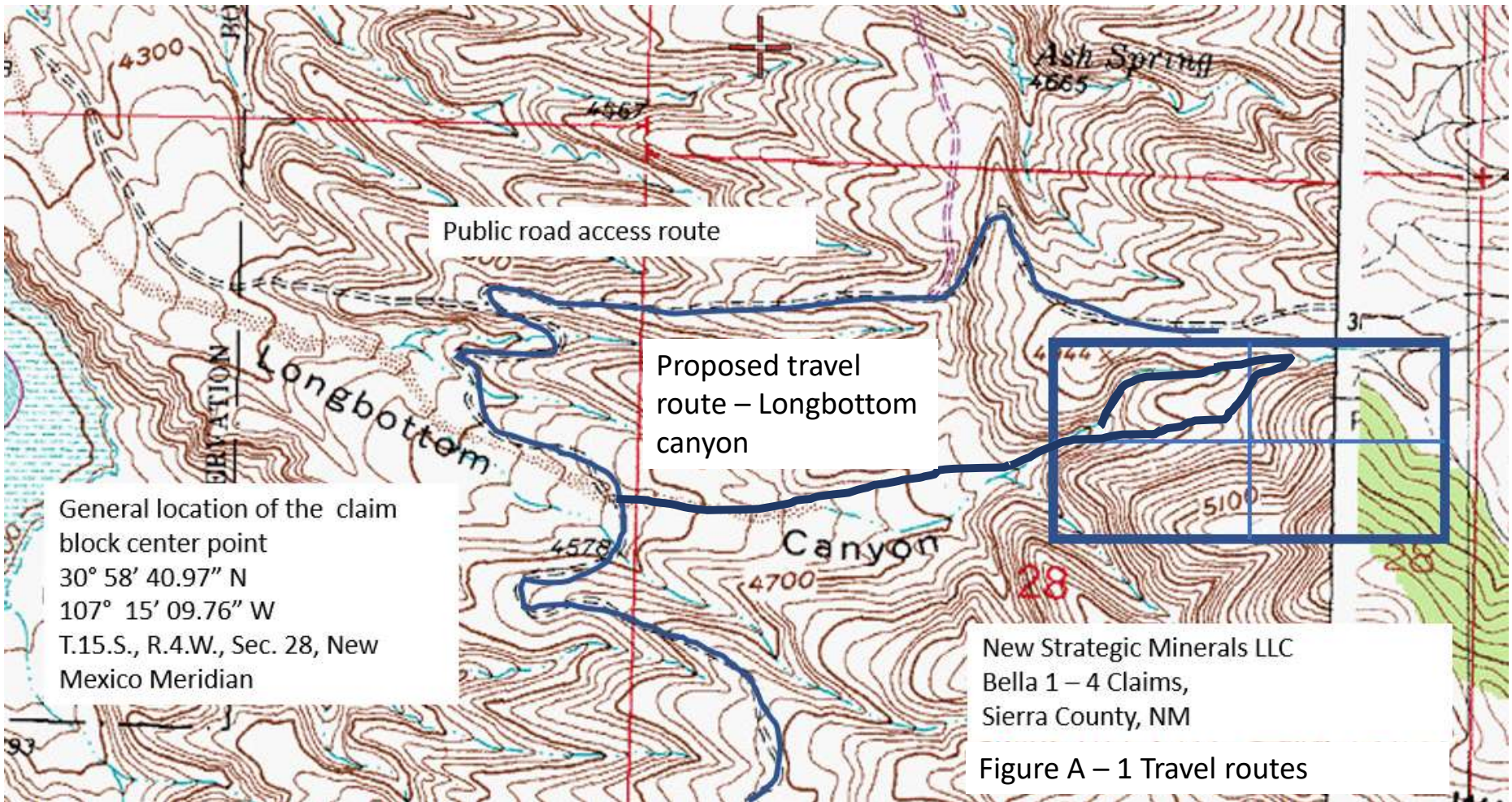


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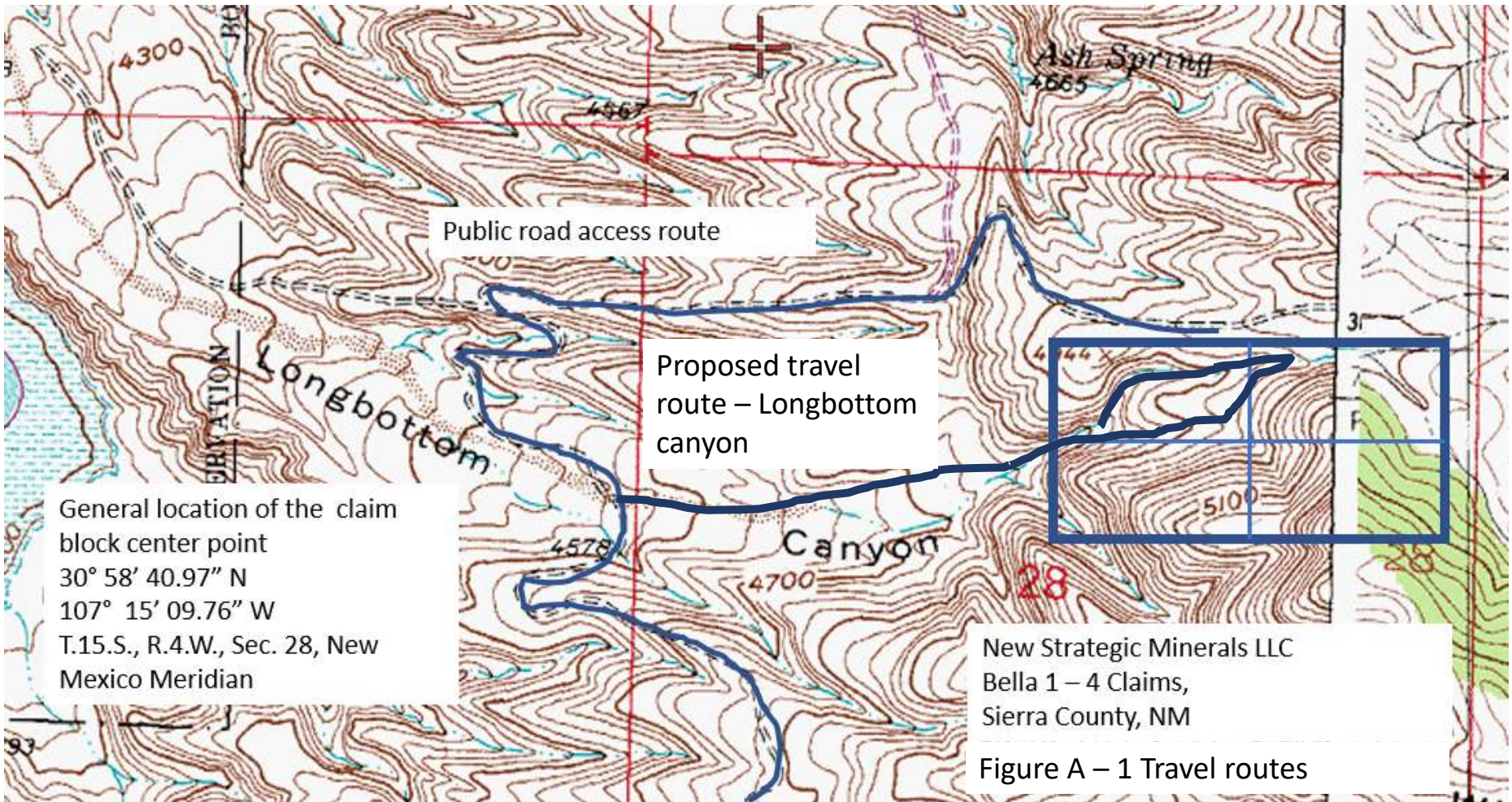


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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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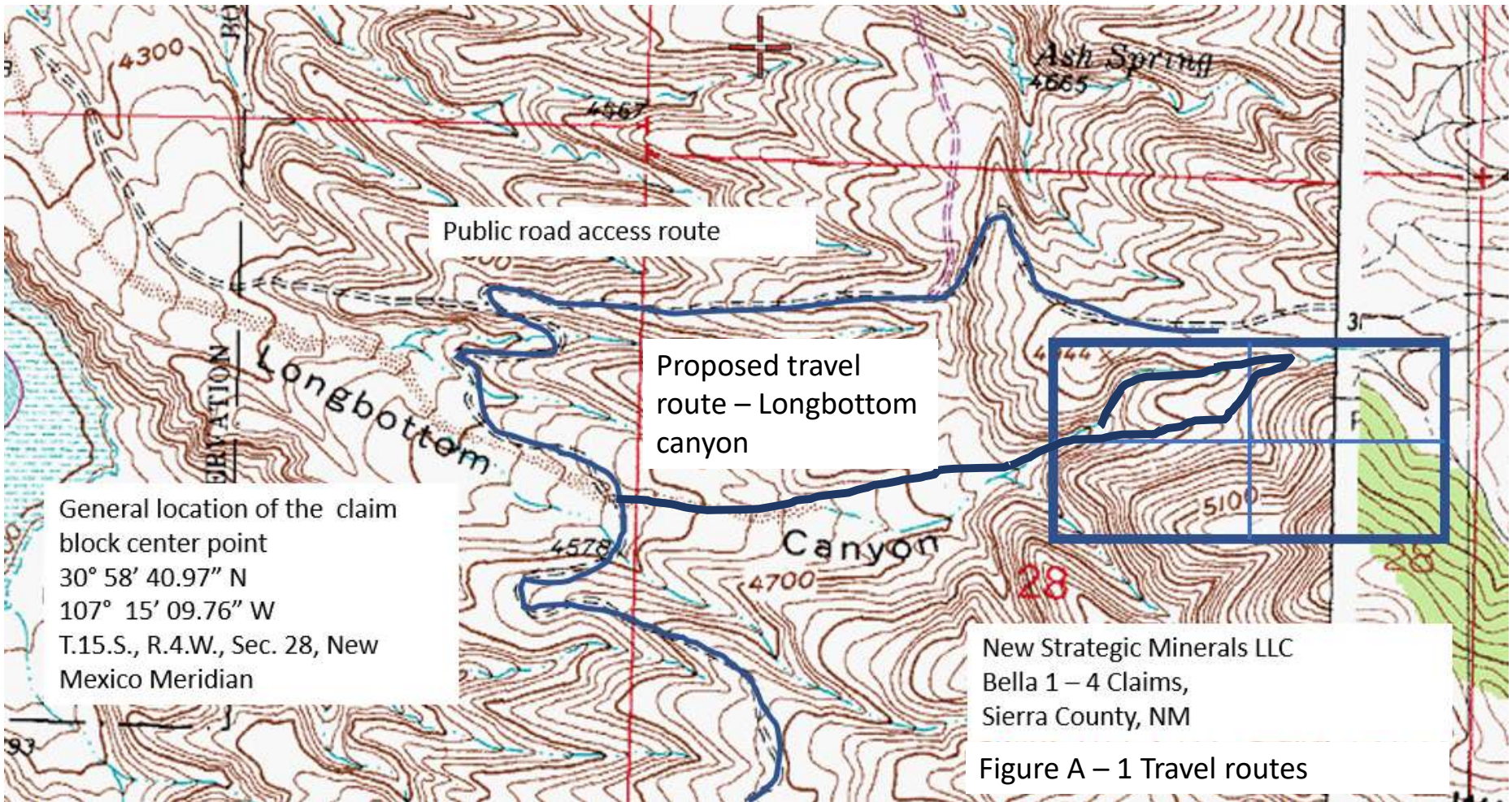


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Fort Apache, AZ 85926

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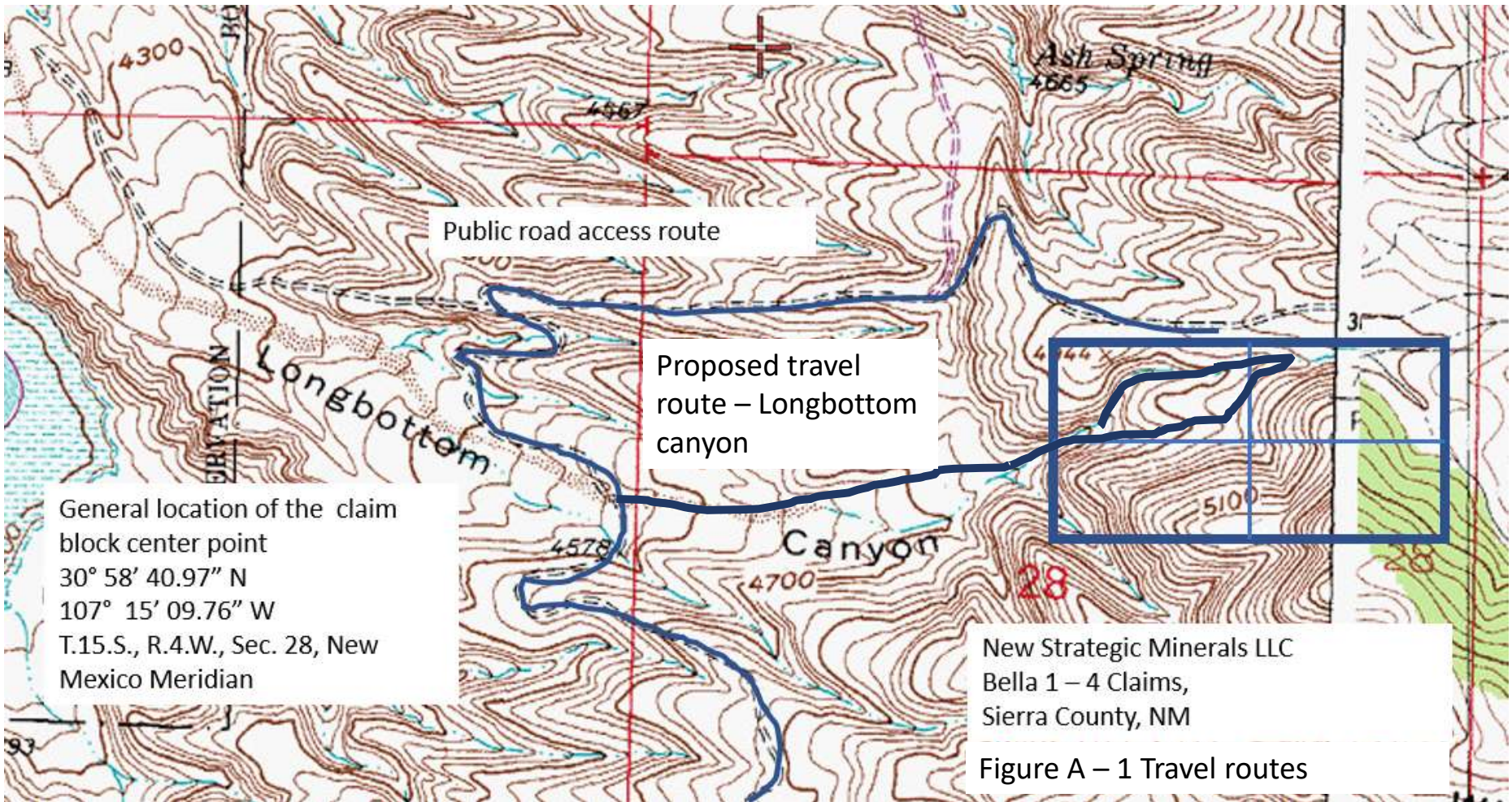


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Honorable Chairman Mark Woommavovah
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
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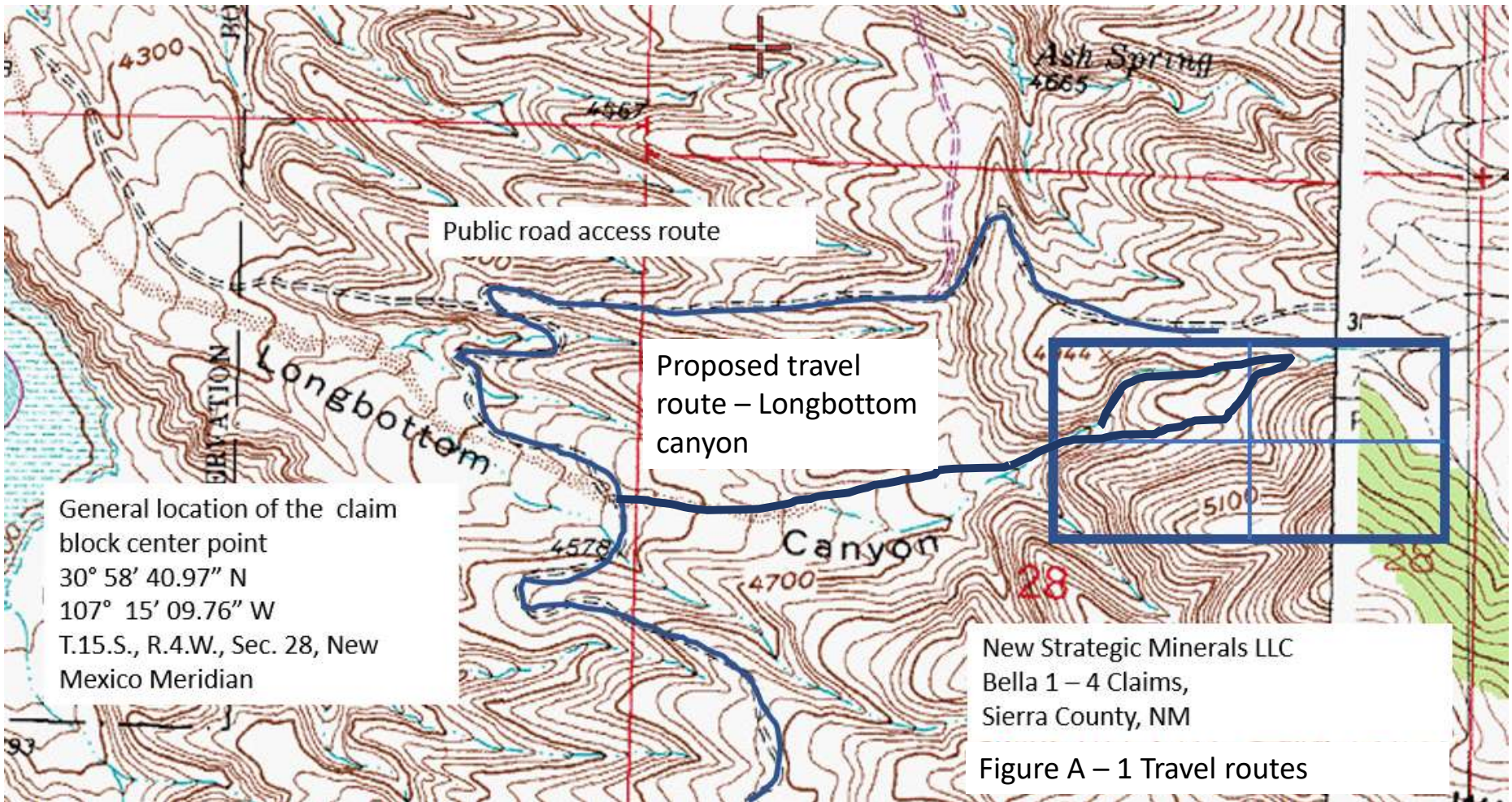


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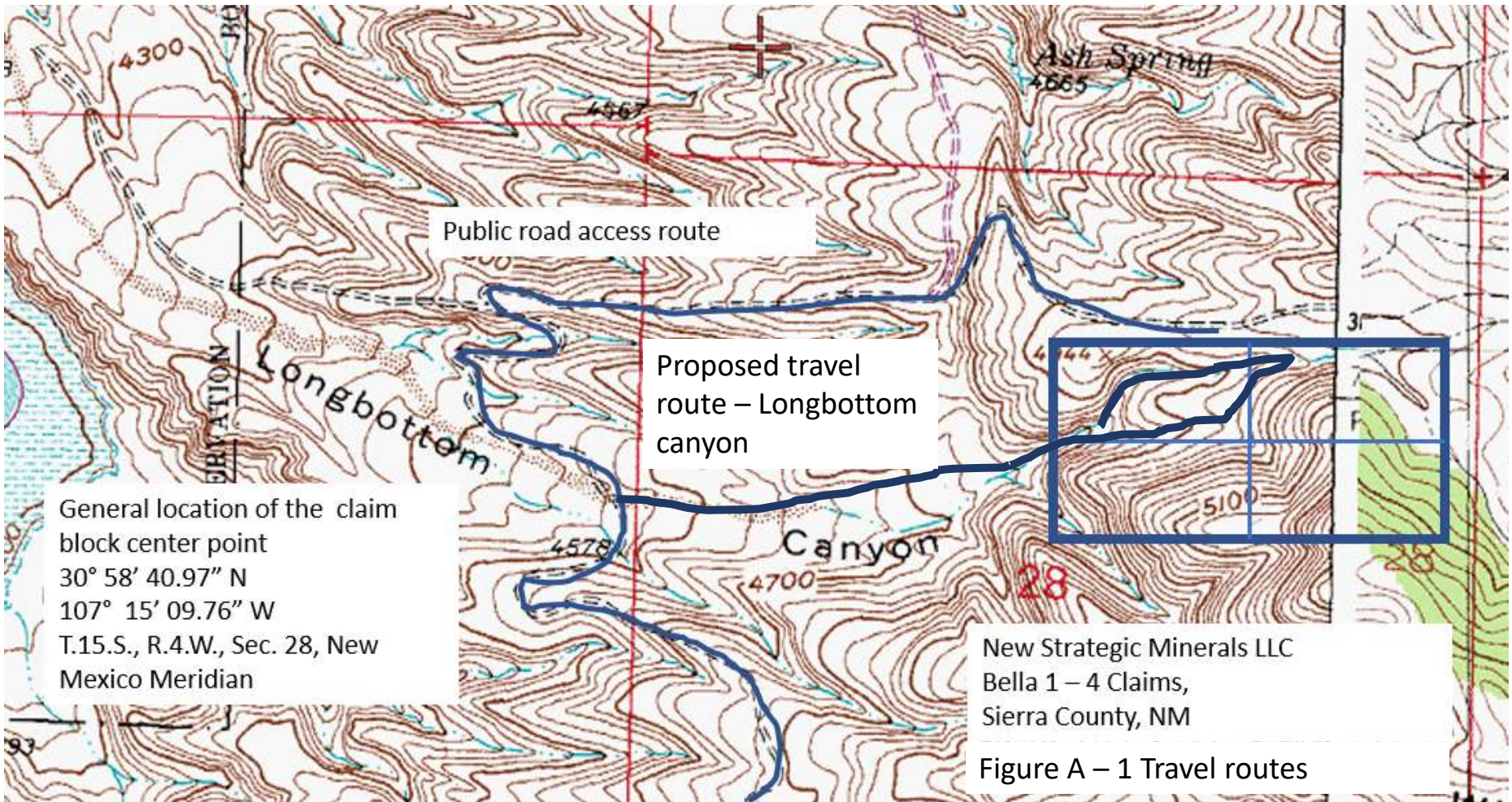


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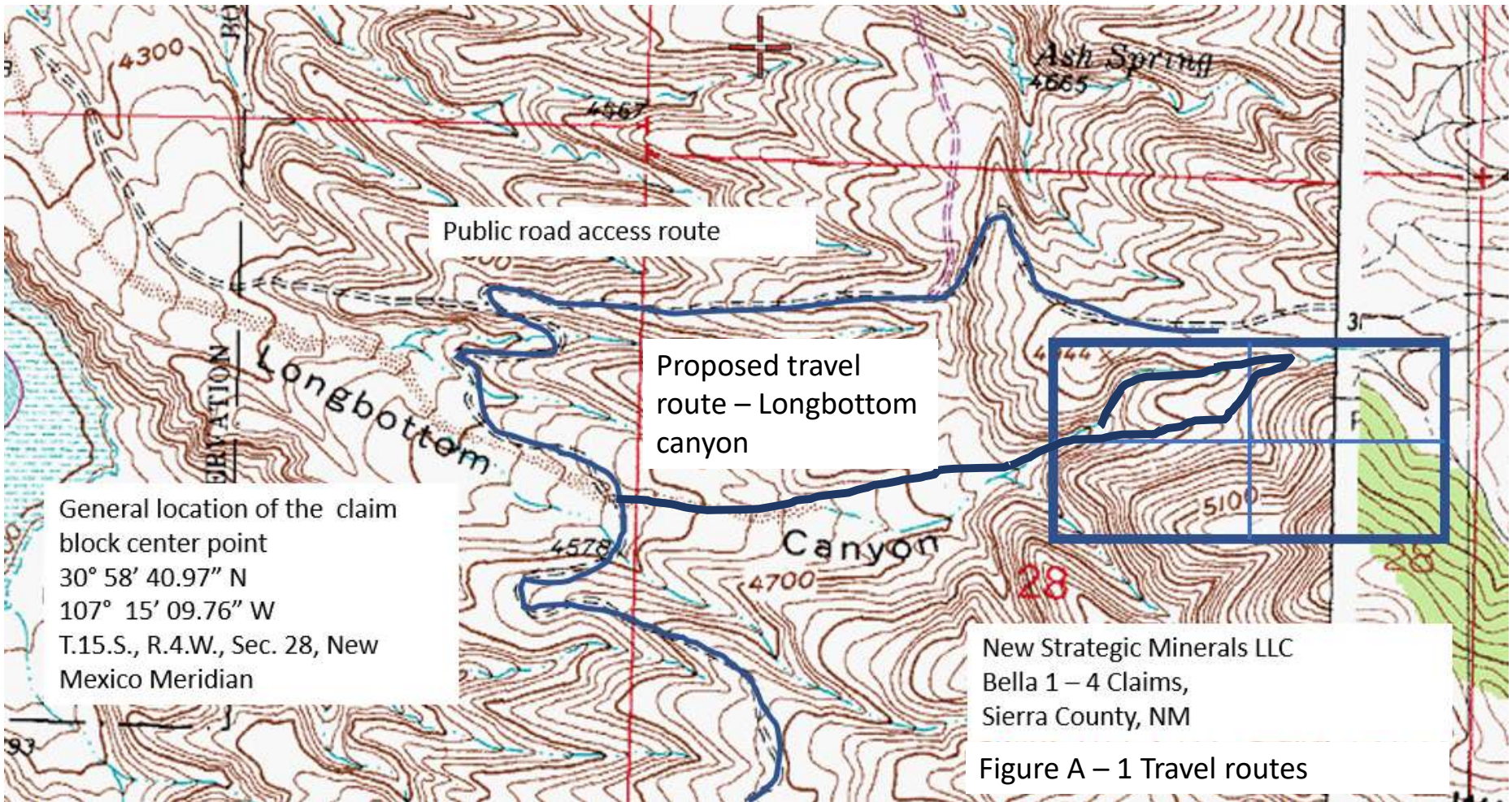


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Honorable Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, OK 73015

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Modification, Bella Group Lode Exploration Project, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI056EM

Dear Honorable Chairman SpottedBird,

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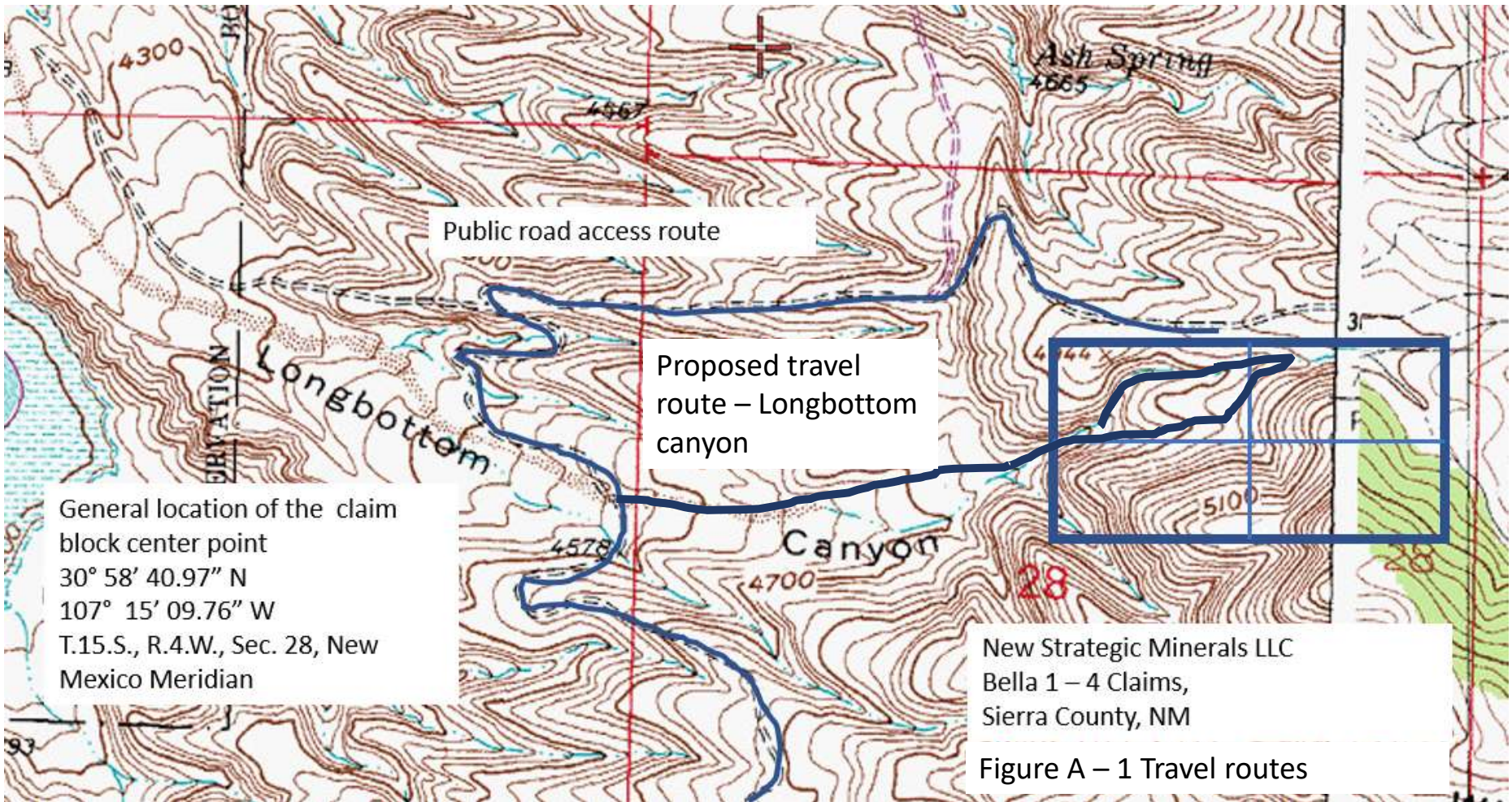


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Honorable President Buu Nygren
Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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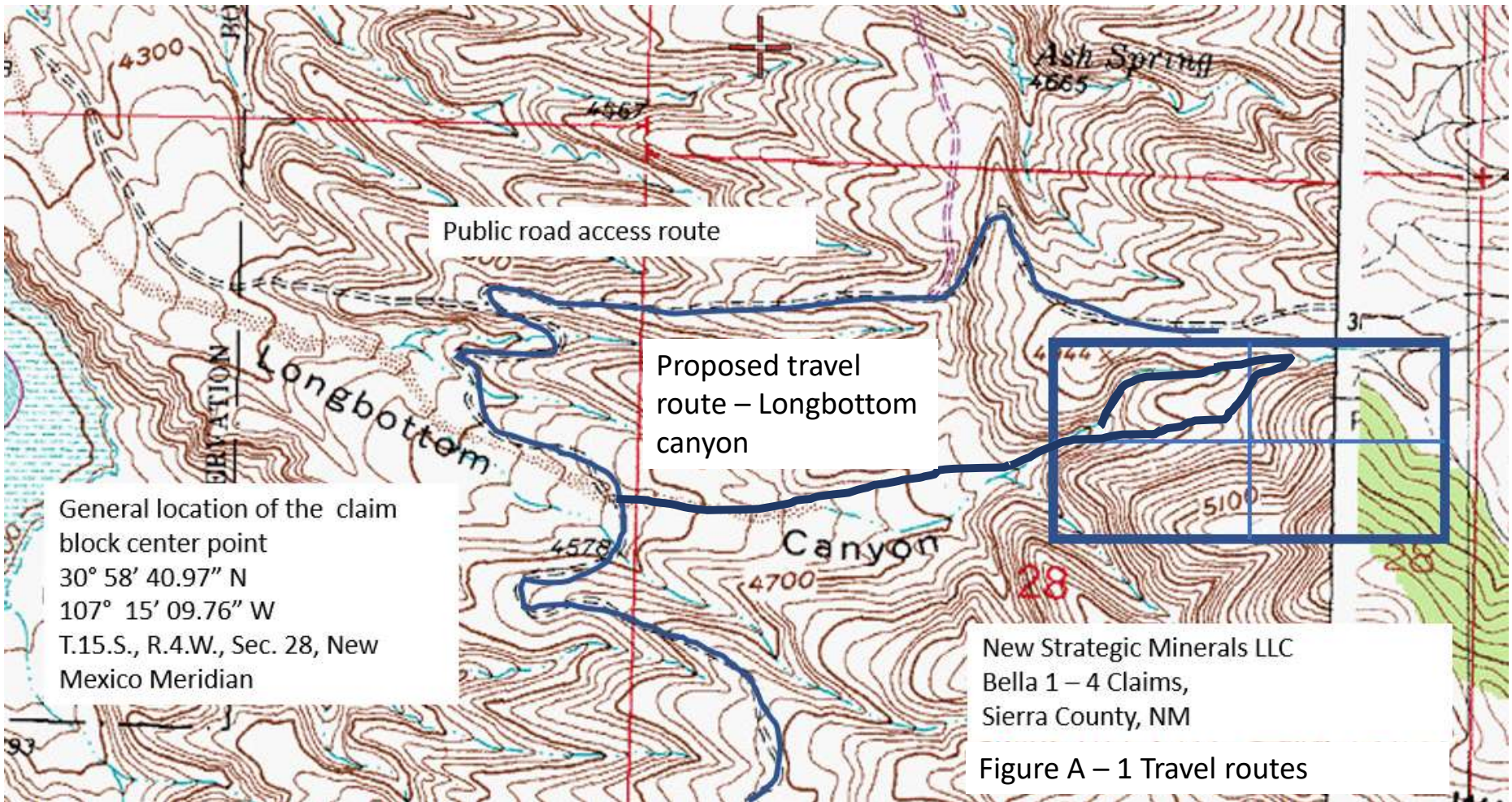
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Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division
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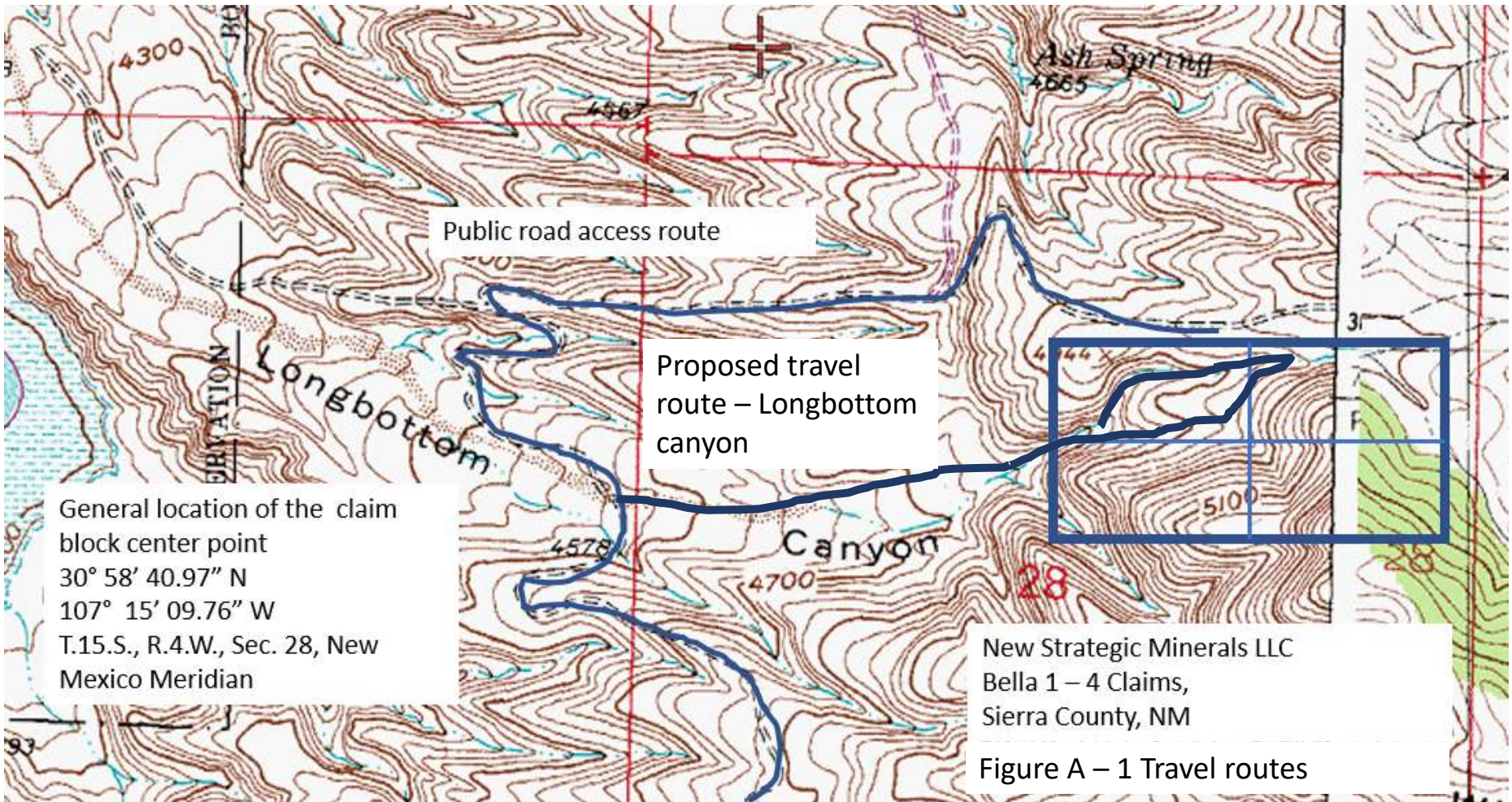


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Honorable Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
The Hopi Tribe
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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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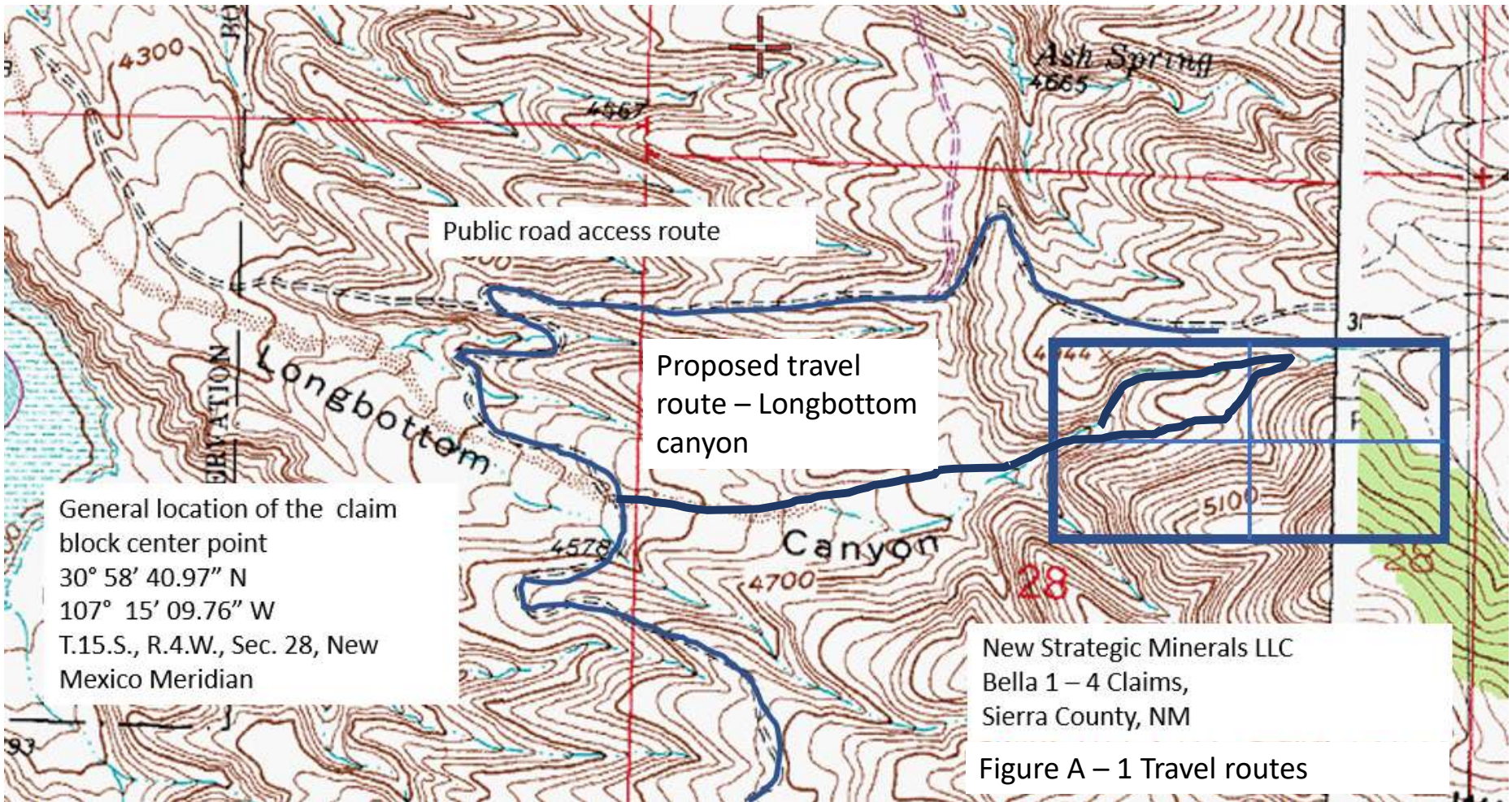


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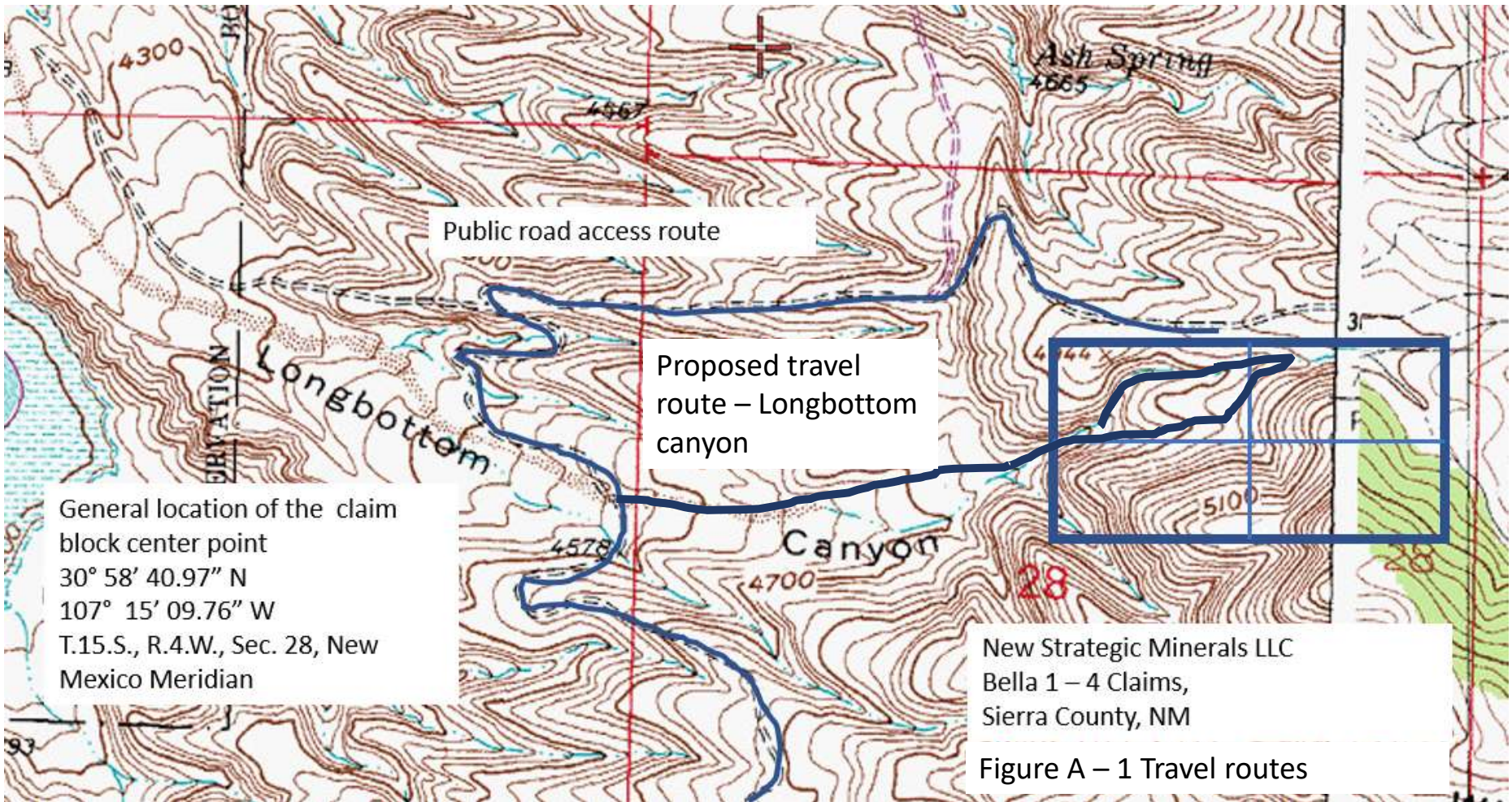


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