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September 24, 2024

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

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear Governor Zuni,

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

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear THPO Walt,

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

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear Governor Silvas,

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THPO Javier Loera
305 Yala Lane
El Paso, TX 79907

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Dear THPO Loera,

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Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware
Rt. 2, Box 121
Apache, OK 73006

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear Chairwoman Gooday-Ware,

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President Eddy Martinez
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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Dear President Martinez,

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THPO Holly Houghton
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear THPO Houghton,

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Chairman Kasey Velasquez
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear Chairman Velasquez,

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THPO Mark Altaha
P.O. Box 1032
Fort Apache, AZ 85926

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear THPO Altaha,

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Chairman Mark Woommavovah
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

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Dear Chairman Woommavovah,

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THPO Martina Minthorn
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

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NAGPRA Director Margie Murrow
P.O. Box 908
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P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, OK 73015

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THPO Amanda Hill
100 Kiowa Way
Carnegie, OK 73015

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

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Copper Flat Exploration 2024, Sierra Count, New Mexico, Permit No. SI061EM

Dear President Nygren,

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THPO Richard M. Begay
P.O. Box 4950
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Dear THPO Begay,

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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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