

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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May 2, 2024

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

**Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Minimal Impact New Mining Permit Application,
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Mrs. Margie Murrow
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, NAGPRA Director
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

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Ms. Martina Minthorn
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, THPO
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Lawton, OK 73502

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

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Mescalero Apache Tribe, THPO
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Mescalero, NM 88340

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Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Mr. Richard M. Begay
Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division
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Window Rock, AZ 86515

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

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

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Honorable Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
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P.O. Box 123
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Director Stewart Koyiyumtewa
The Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez
White Mountain Apache Tribe
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Mr. Mark Altaha
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Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Minimal Impact New Mining Permit Application, Chloride North Face Place No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear Mr. Loera,

The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department has received an application from Mitchell Vokaty for a minimal impact new mining project under 19.10.3 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.). The proposed project is located in Sierra County and will involve mining placer gold deposits in the Chloride Creek wash utilizing a trommel screen and a mini-excavator. The applicant anticipates disturbing approximately 0.5 acres associated with the exploration activities. This notification of application is being submitted to you pursuant to the State Tribal Collaboration Act. MMD is requesting comments from you on any traditional, cultural and or religious properties that you would like MMD to take into consideration and is offering to consult with you on the application.

Minimal Impact mining means that disturbances related to the mining operation shall not exceed 10 acres total. The application can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the MMD web site at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/si060mn-chloride-north-face-placer-no-1/>

Please provide any comments or request a formal consultation by May 20, 2024. If you wish to consult with us on this application or have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or kevin.barnes@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes, Permit Lead
Mining and Minerals Division

Enclosure (Project Vicinity Map)

cc: Mine File (SI060MN)

Chloride North Face Placer No. 1 Project Area

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