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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, Chloride North Face Place No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

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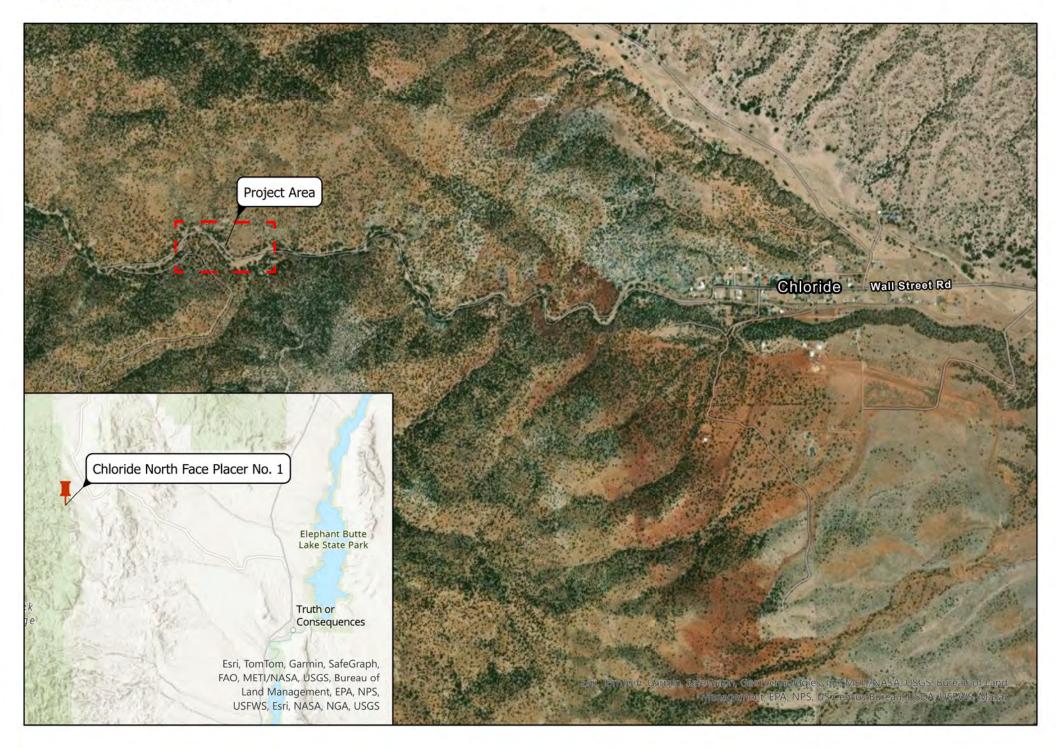
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Mrs. Margie Murrow Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, NAGPRA Director P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502

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

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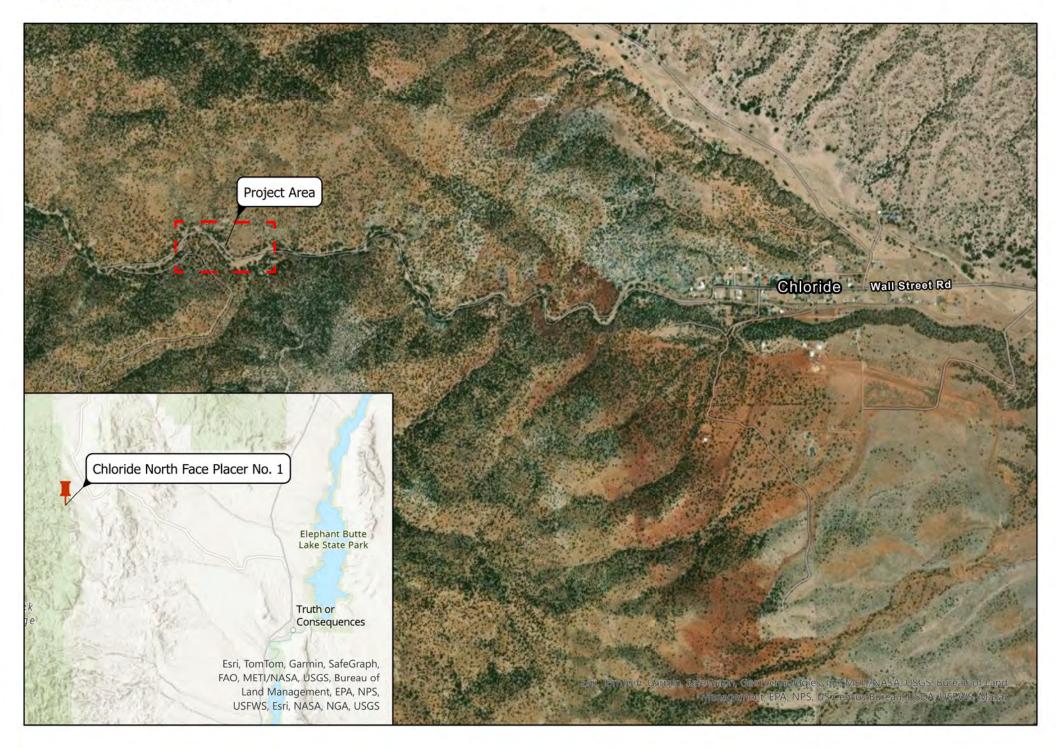
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Ms. Martina Minthorn Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, THPO P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502

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

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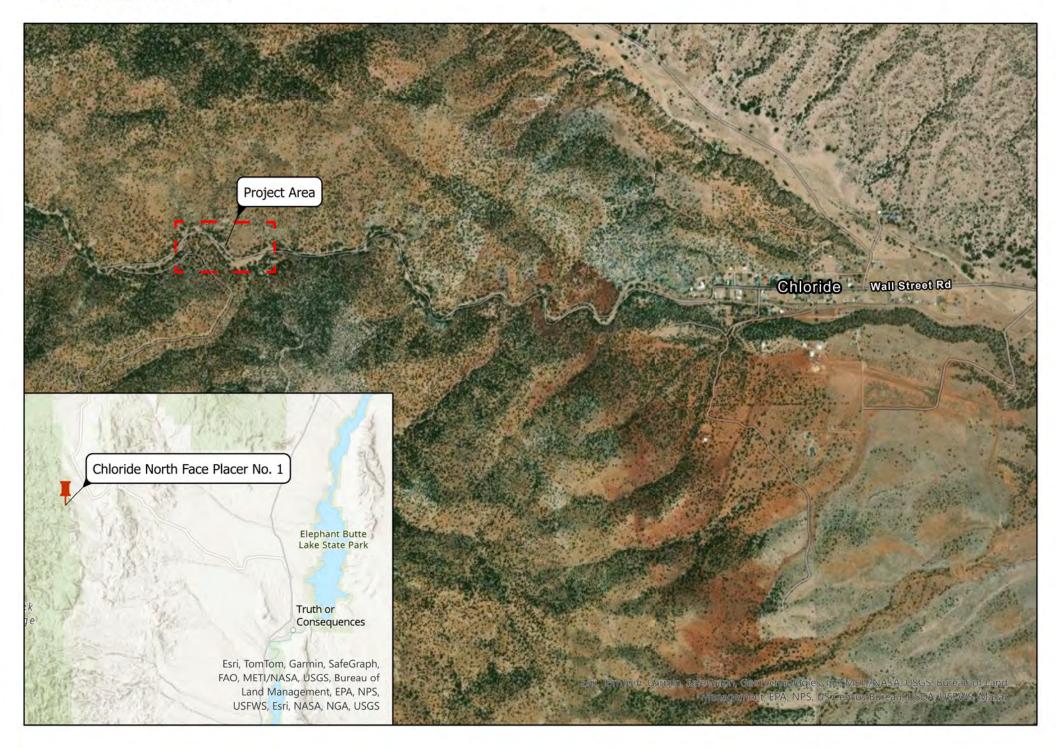
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Honorable Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma Rt. 2, Box 121 Apache, OK 73006

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

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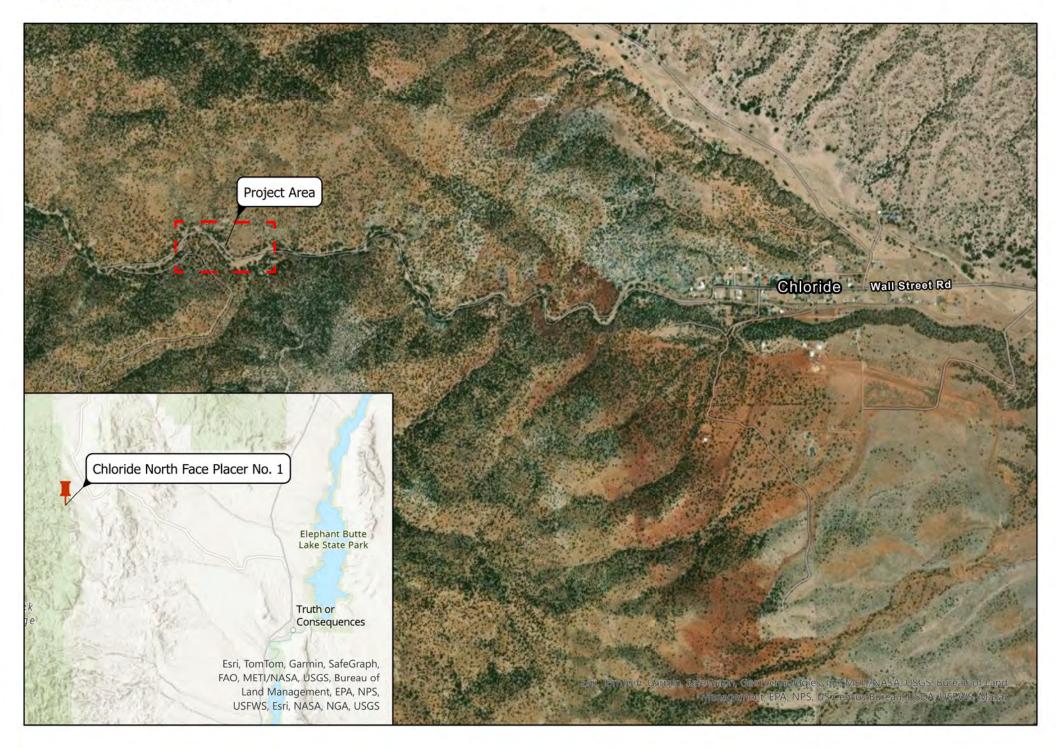
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Honorable President Eddie Martinez Mescalero Apache Tribe P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340

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

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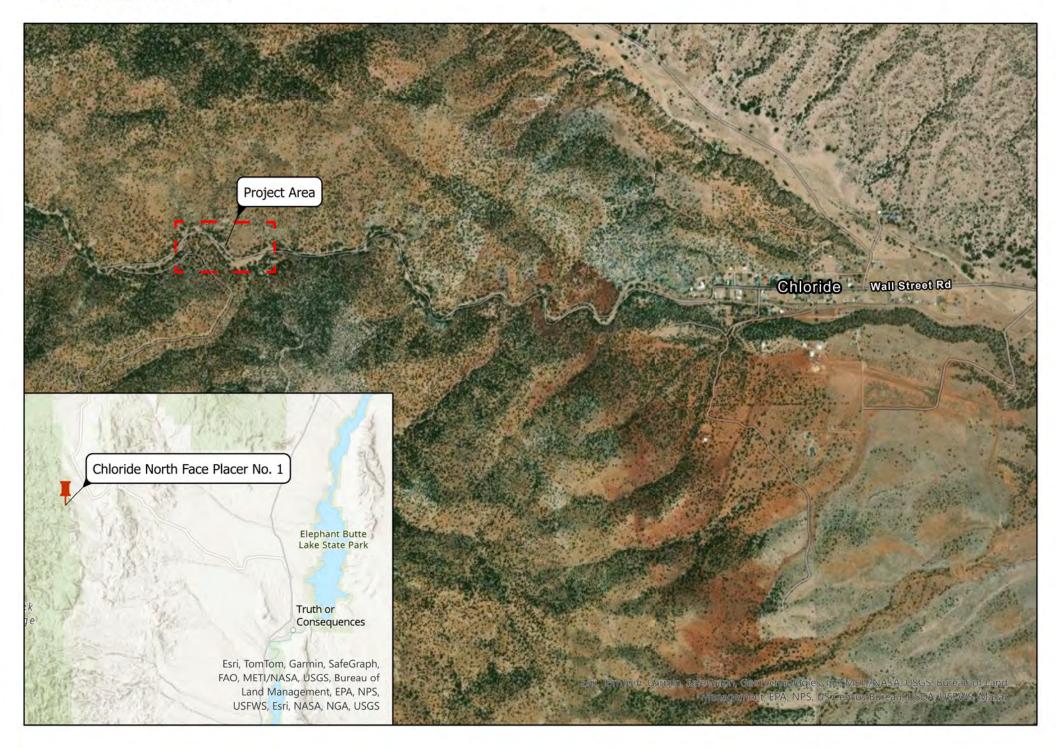
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Ms. Holly Houghton Mescalero Apache Tribe, THPO P.O. Box 227 Mescalero, NM 88340

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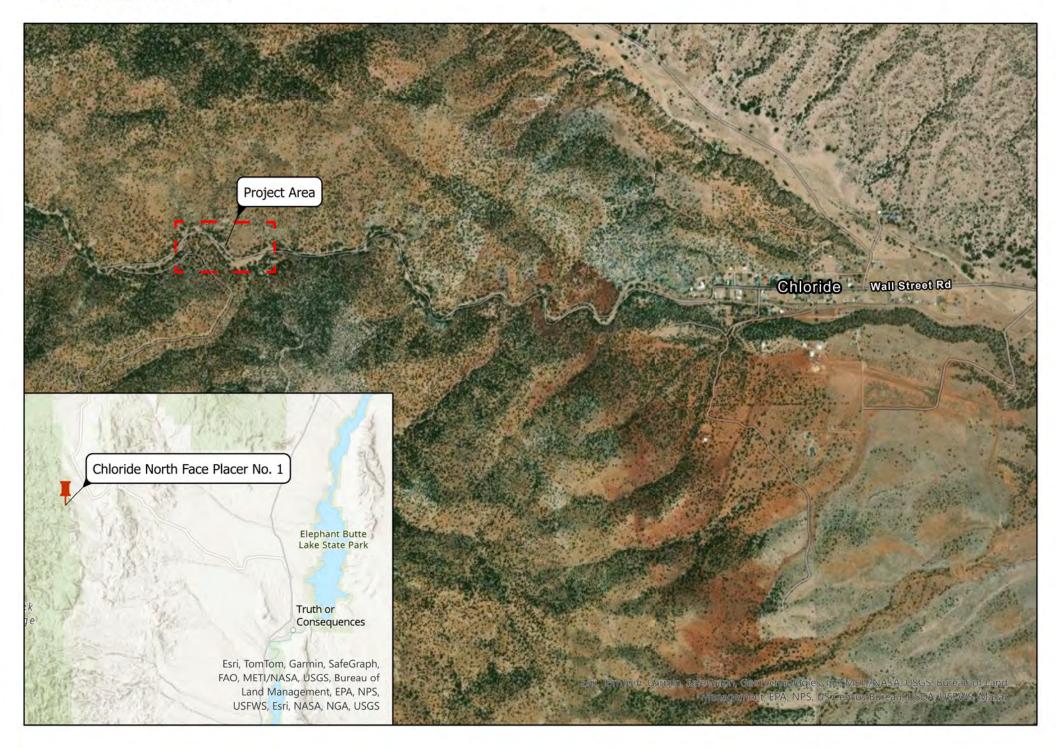
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Honorable President Buu Nygren Navajo Nation P.O. Box 7440 Window Rock, AZ 86515

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

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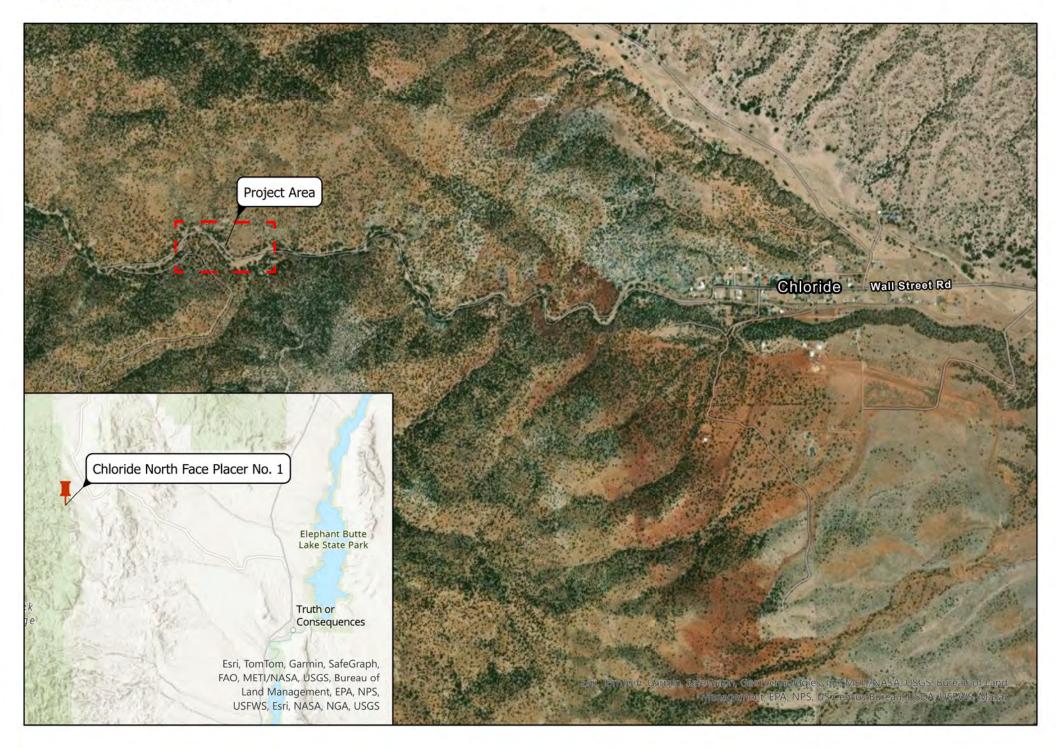
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Mr. Richard M. Begay Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division P.O. Box 4950 Window Rock, AZ 86515

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

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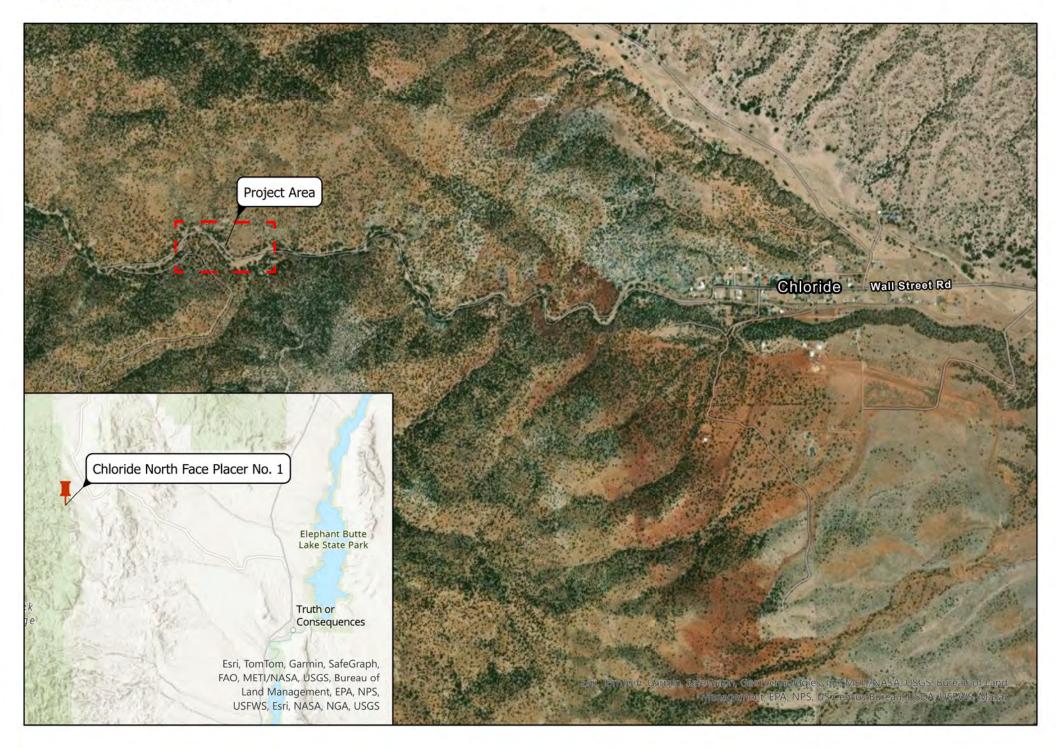
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Honorable Governor Max Zuni Pueblo of Isleta P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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

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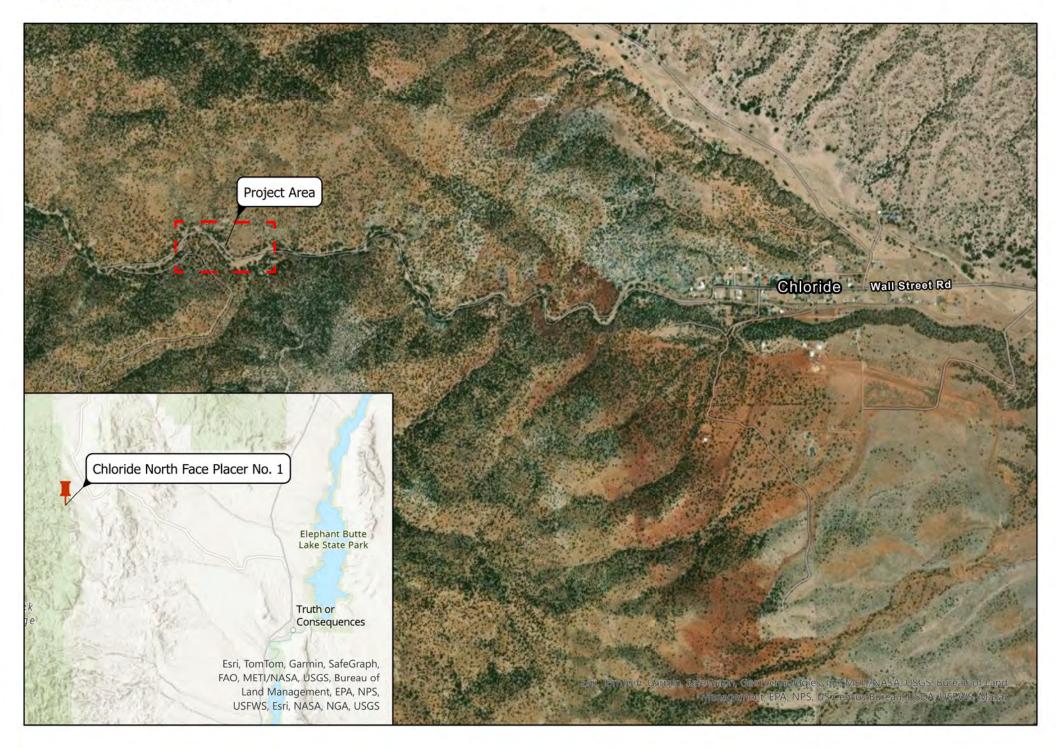
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Dr. Henry Walt Pueblo of Isleta, THPO P.O. Box 1270 Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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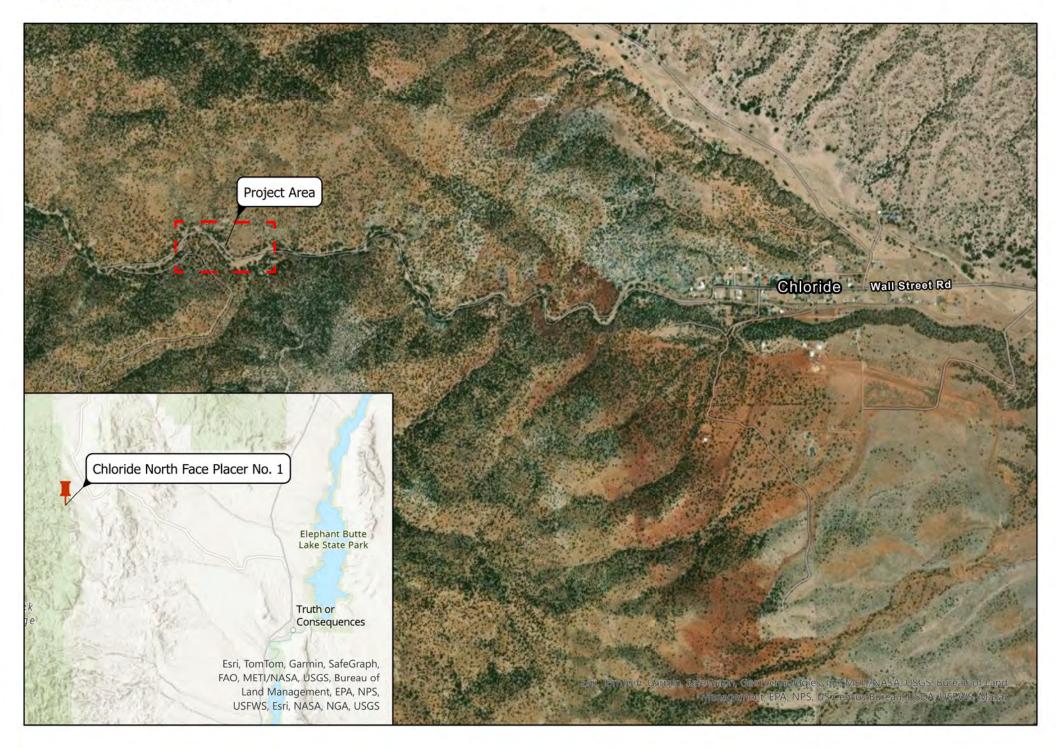
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Honorable Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma The Hopi Tribe P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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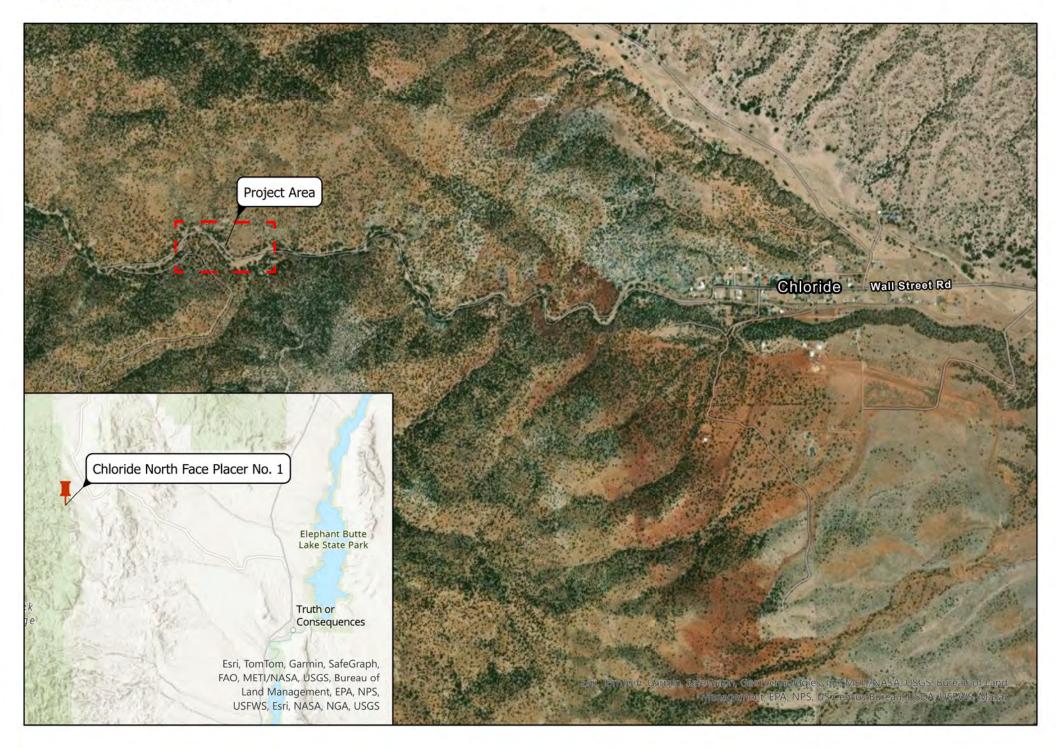
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Director Stewart Koyiyumptewa The Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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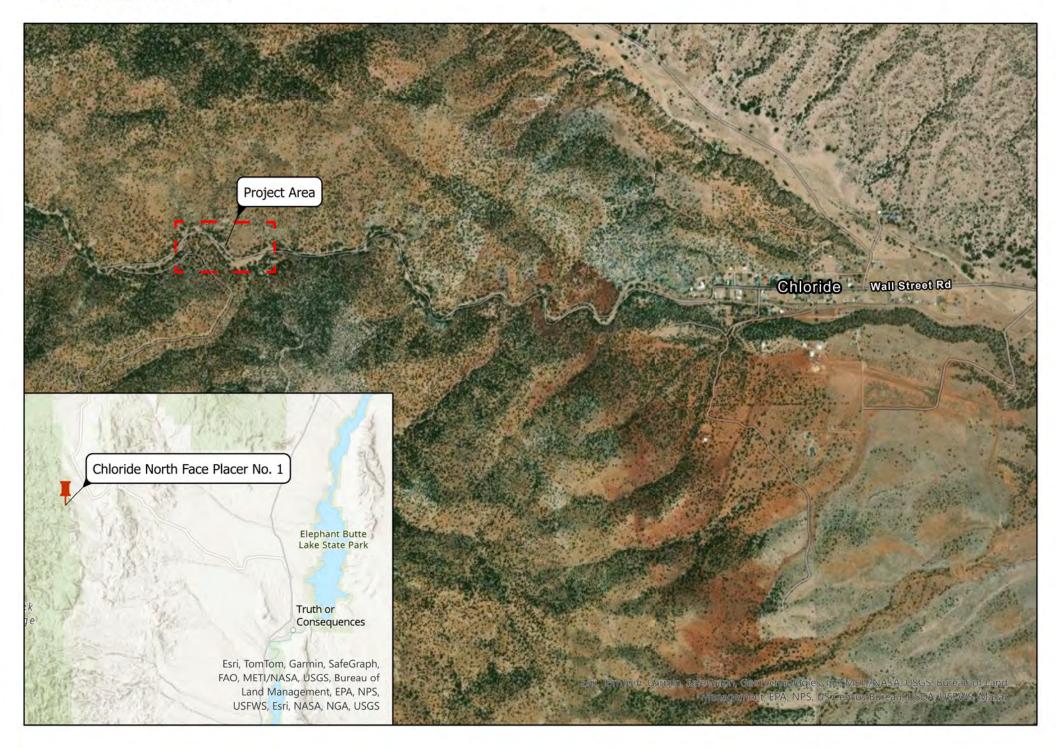
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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez White Mountain Apache Tribe P.O. Box 700 Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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

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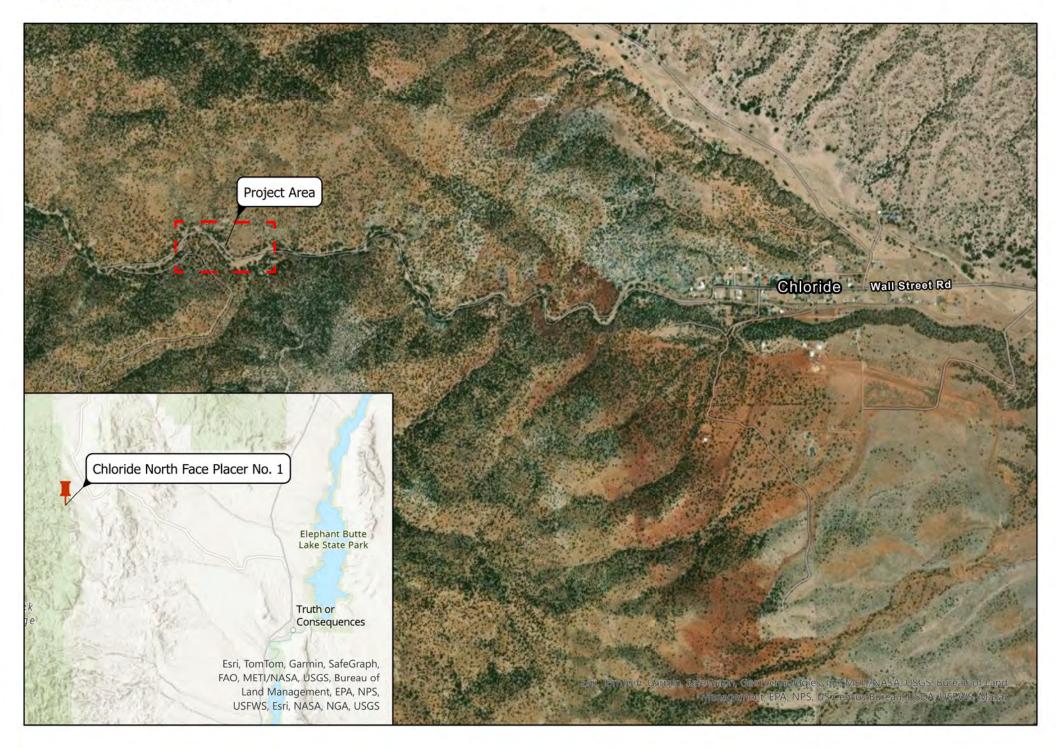
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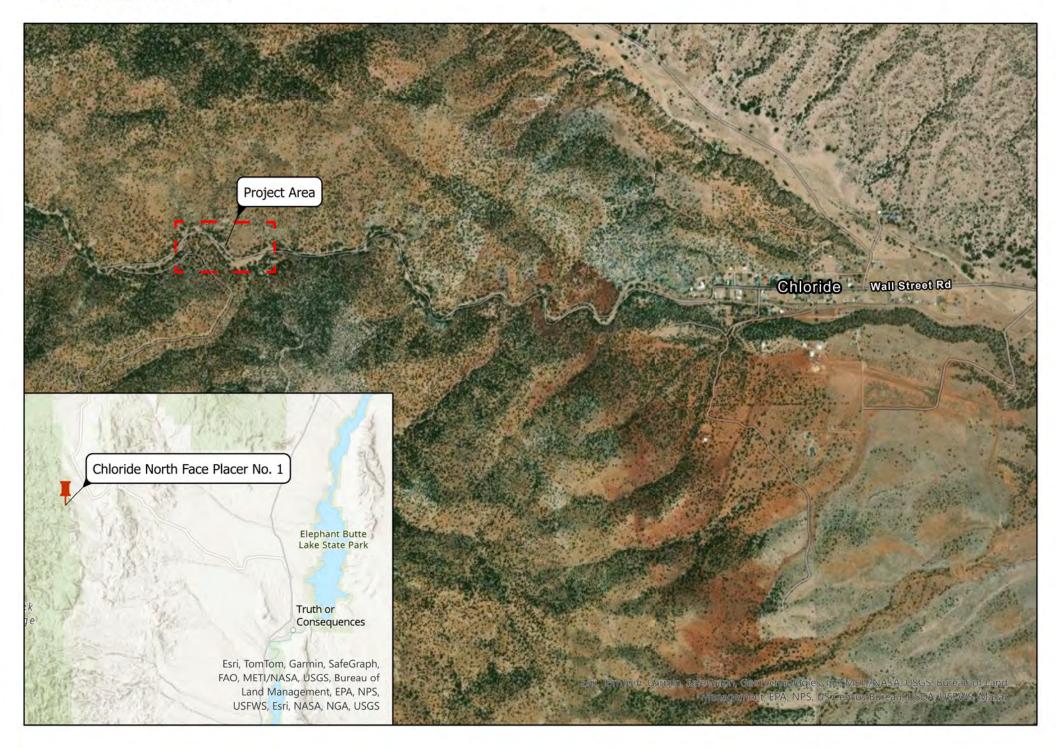
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Honorable Governor E. Michael Silvas Ysleta del Sur Pueblo 117 S. Old Pueblo Road P.O. Box 17579 El Paso, TX 79907

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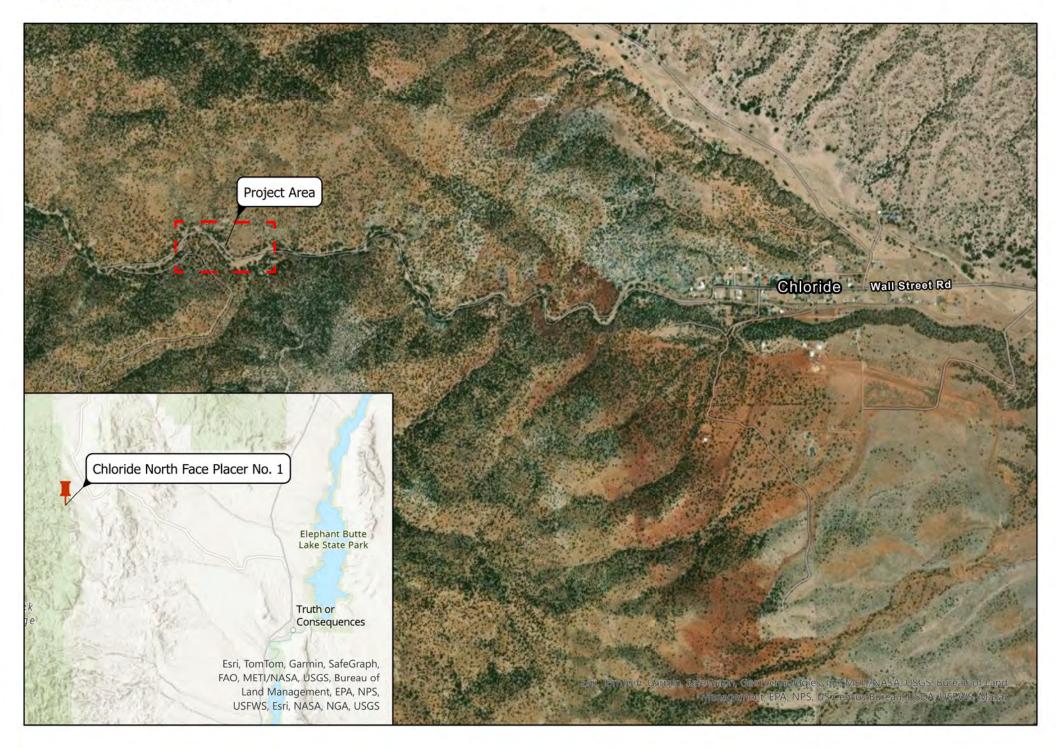
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Mr. Javier Loera Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, THPO 305 Yala Lane El Paso, TX 79907

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)

