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June 28, 2024

Mr. Mark Altaha
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Fort Apache, AZ 85926

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Part 4 Regular Exploration Permit Modification, Turquoise Mountain Project, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR087ER

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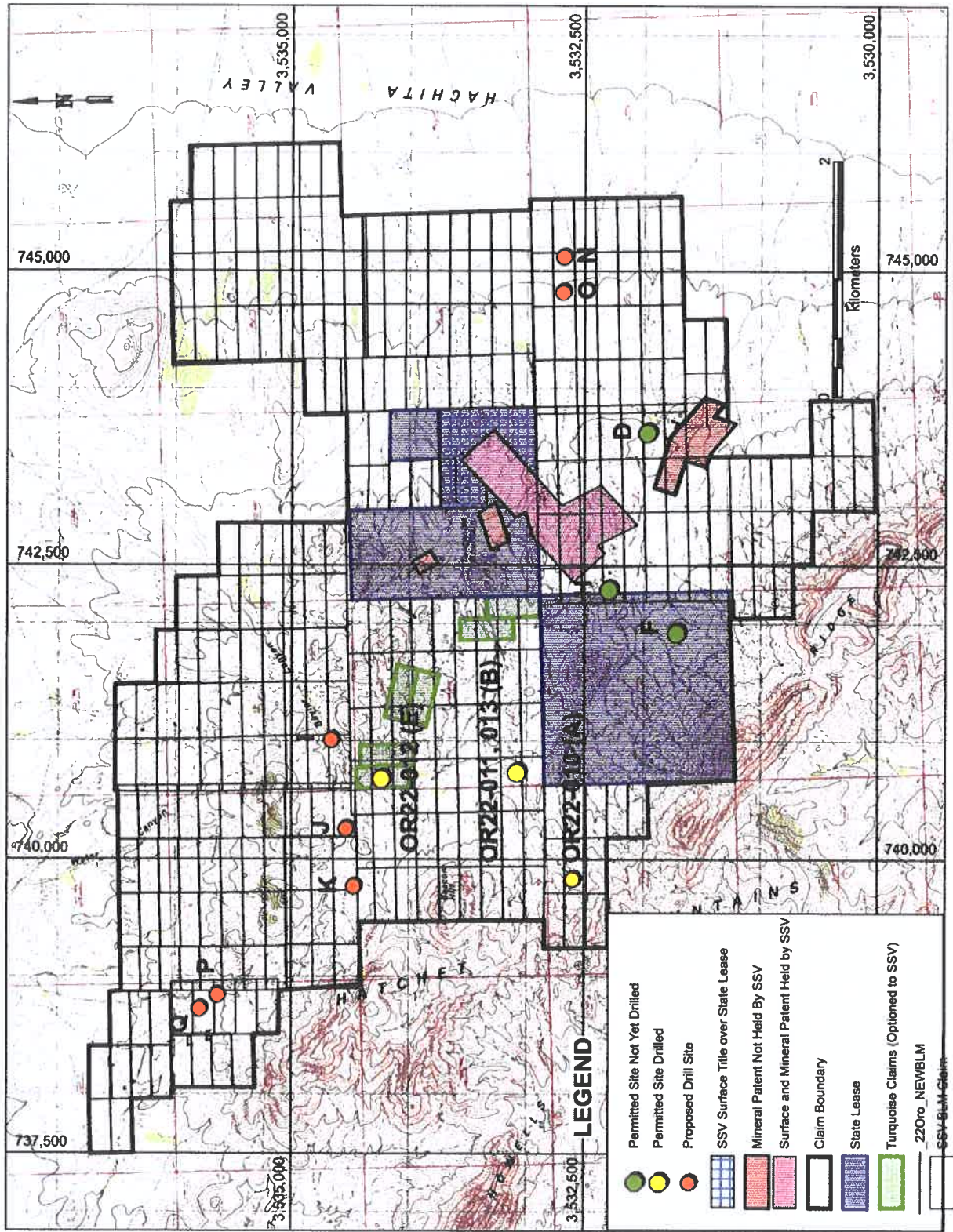
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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez
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Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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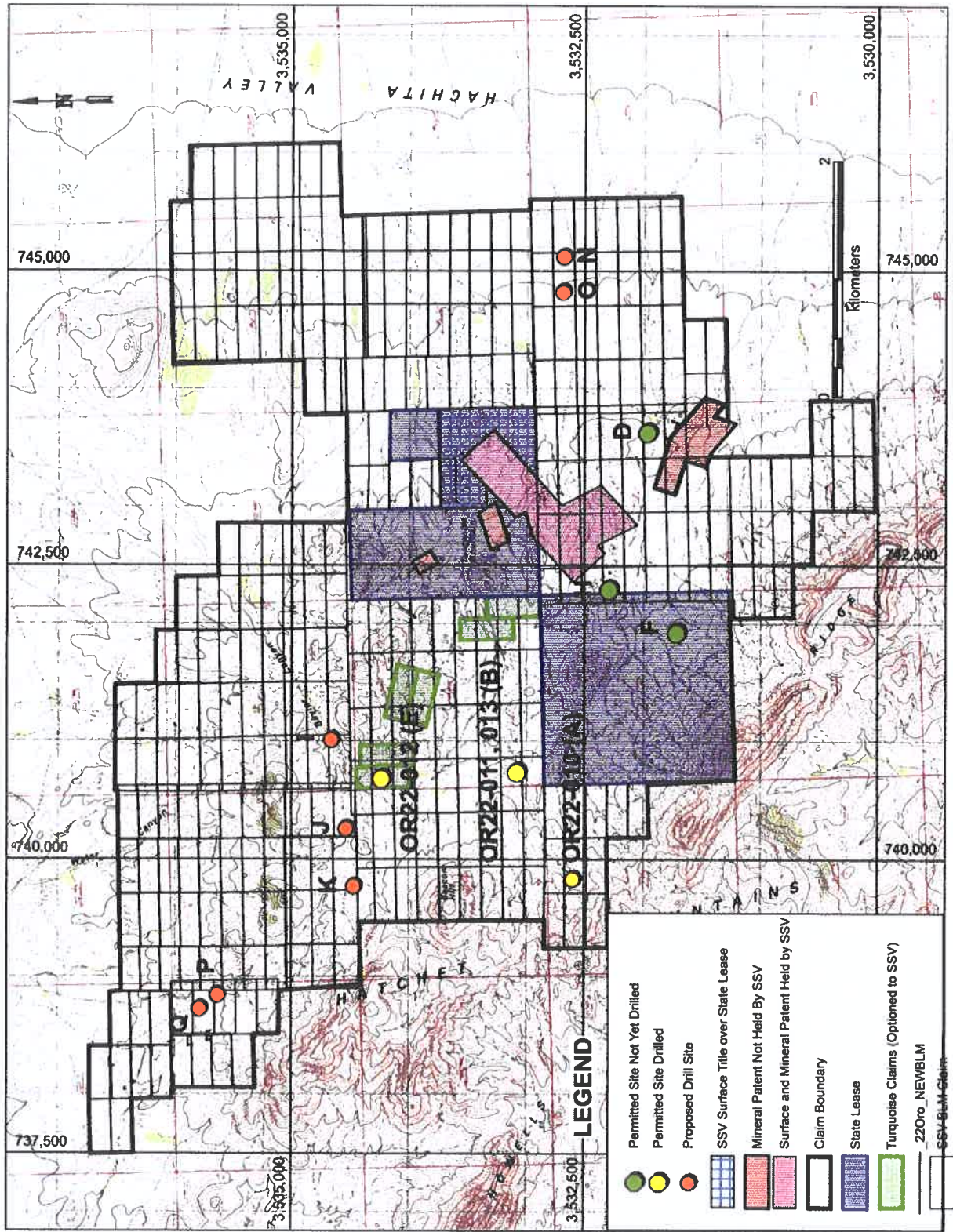
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Director Stewart Koyiyumtewa
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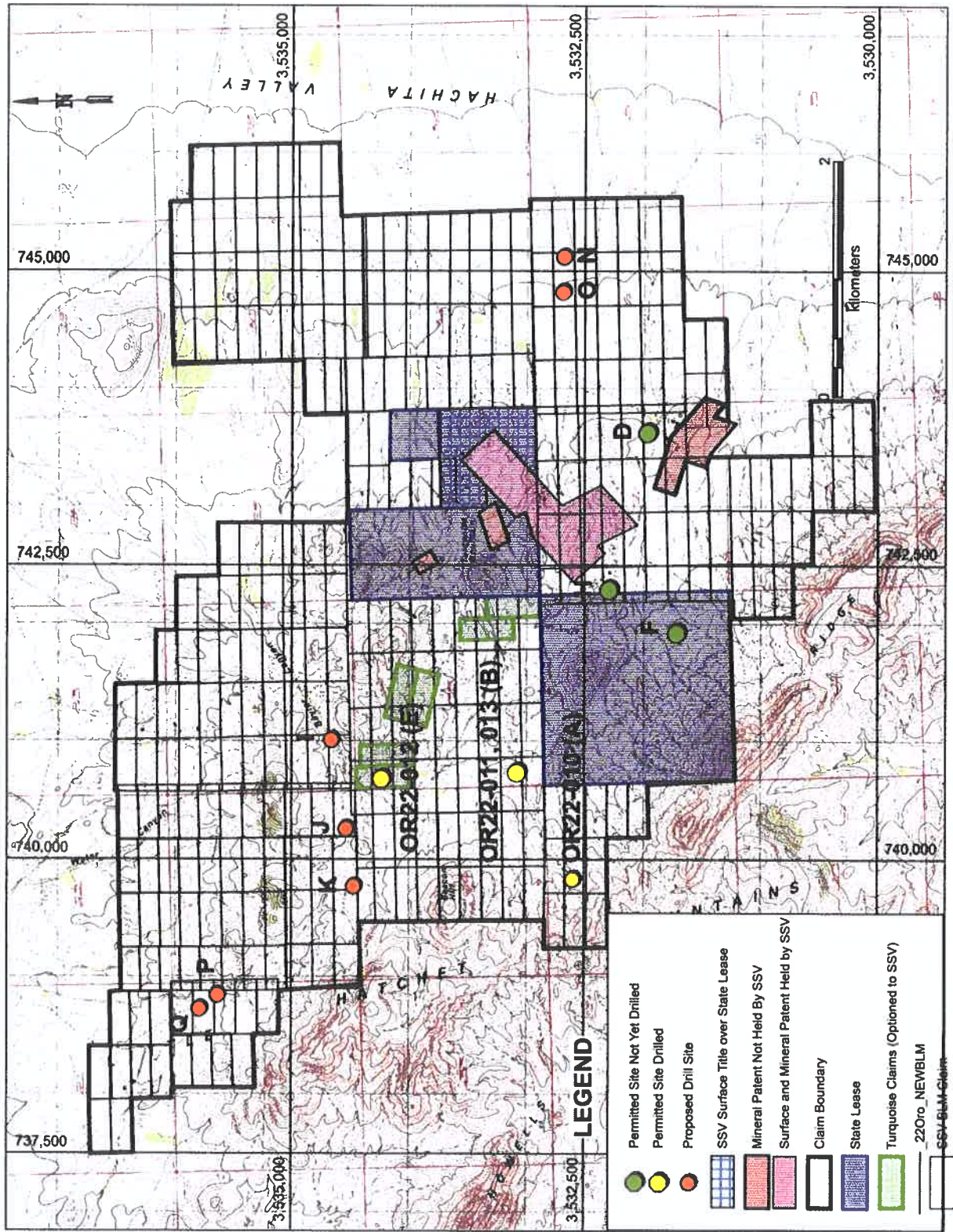
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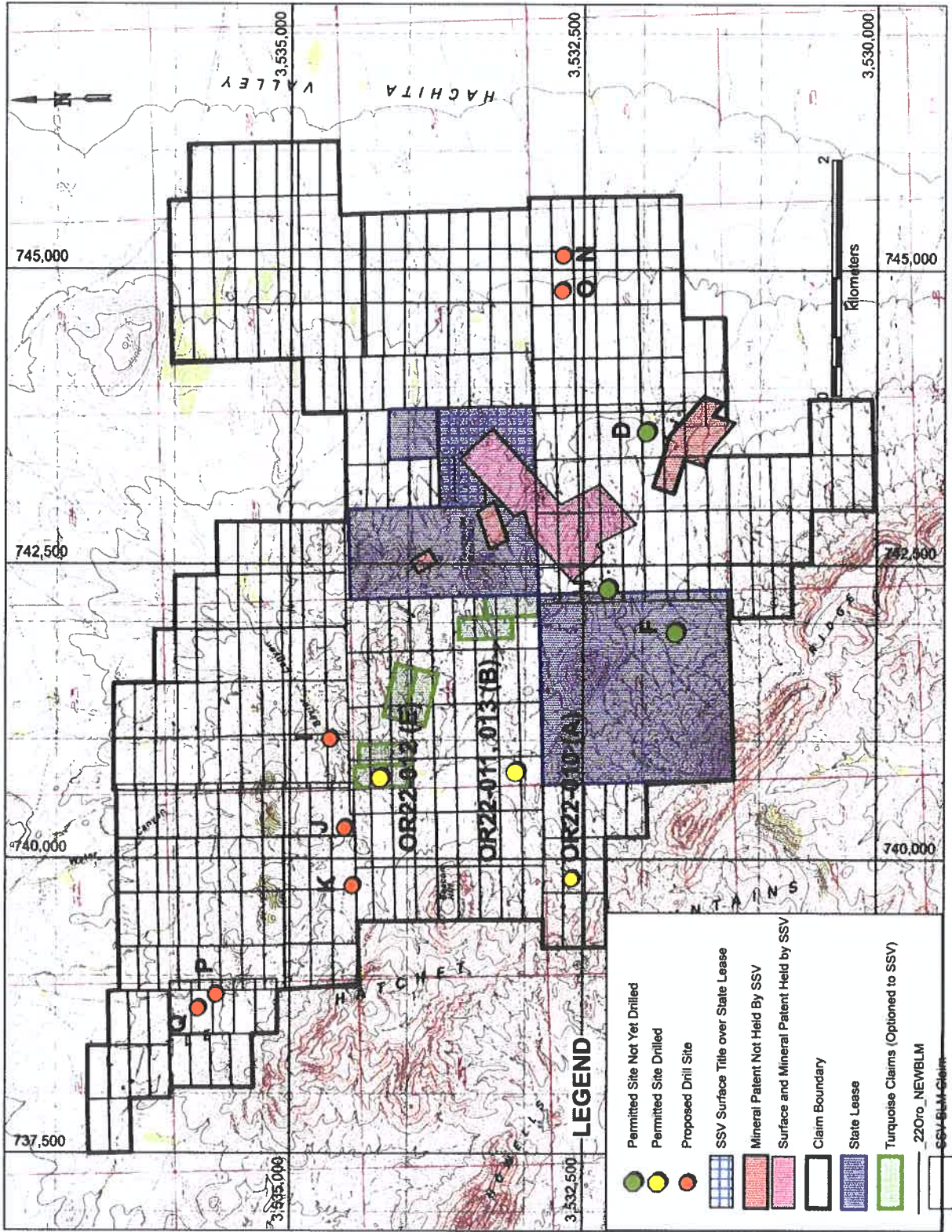
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Mr. Kurt Dongoske
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Zuni, NM 87327

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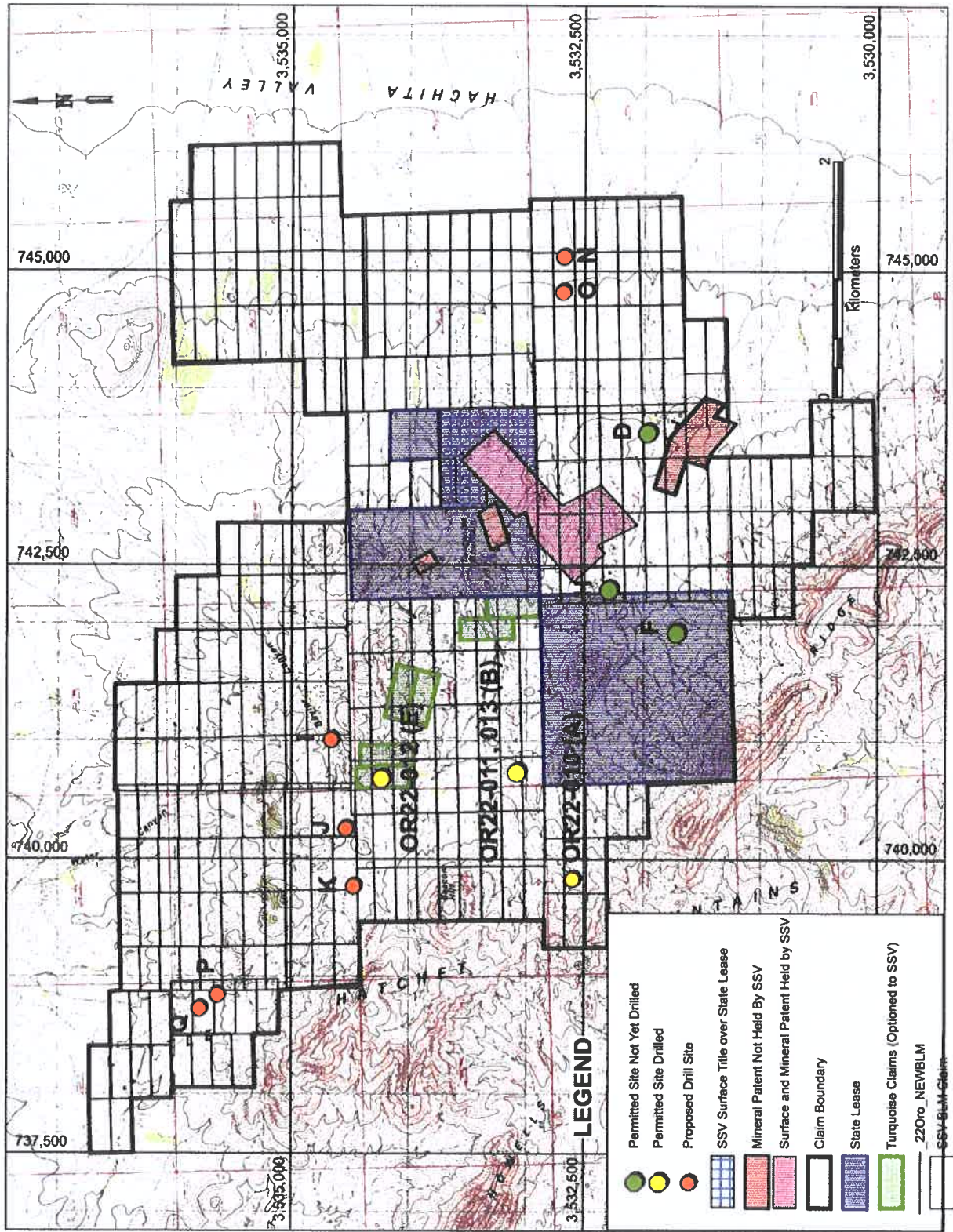
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Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
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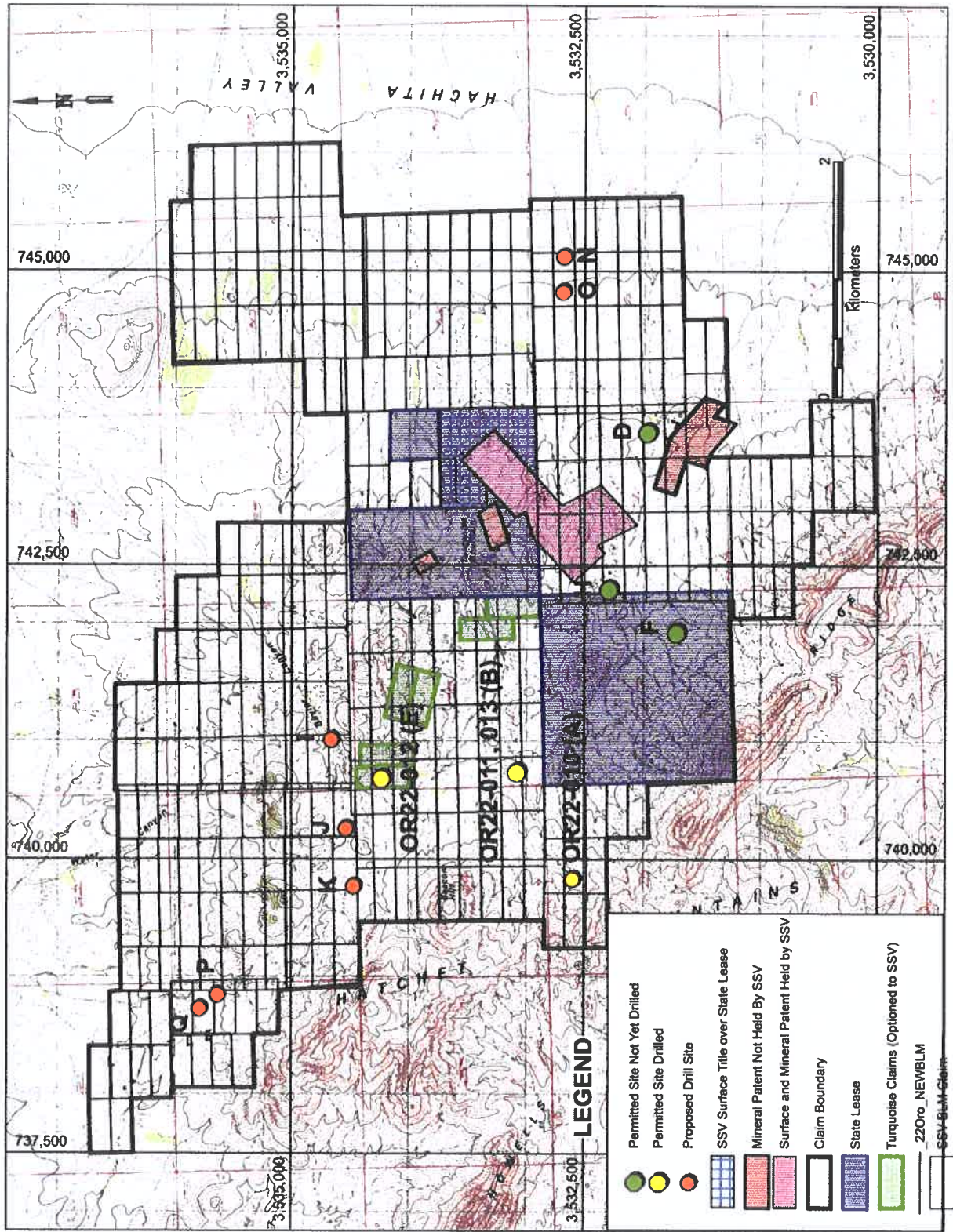
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Dr. Henry Walt
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P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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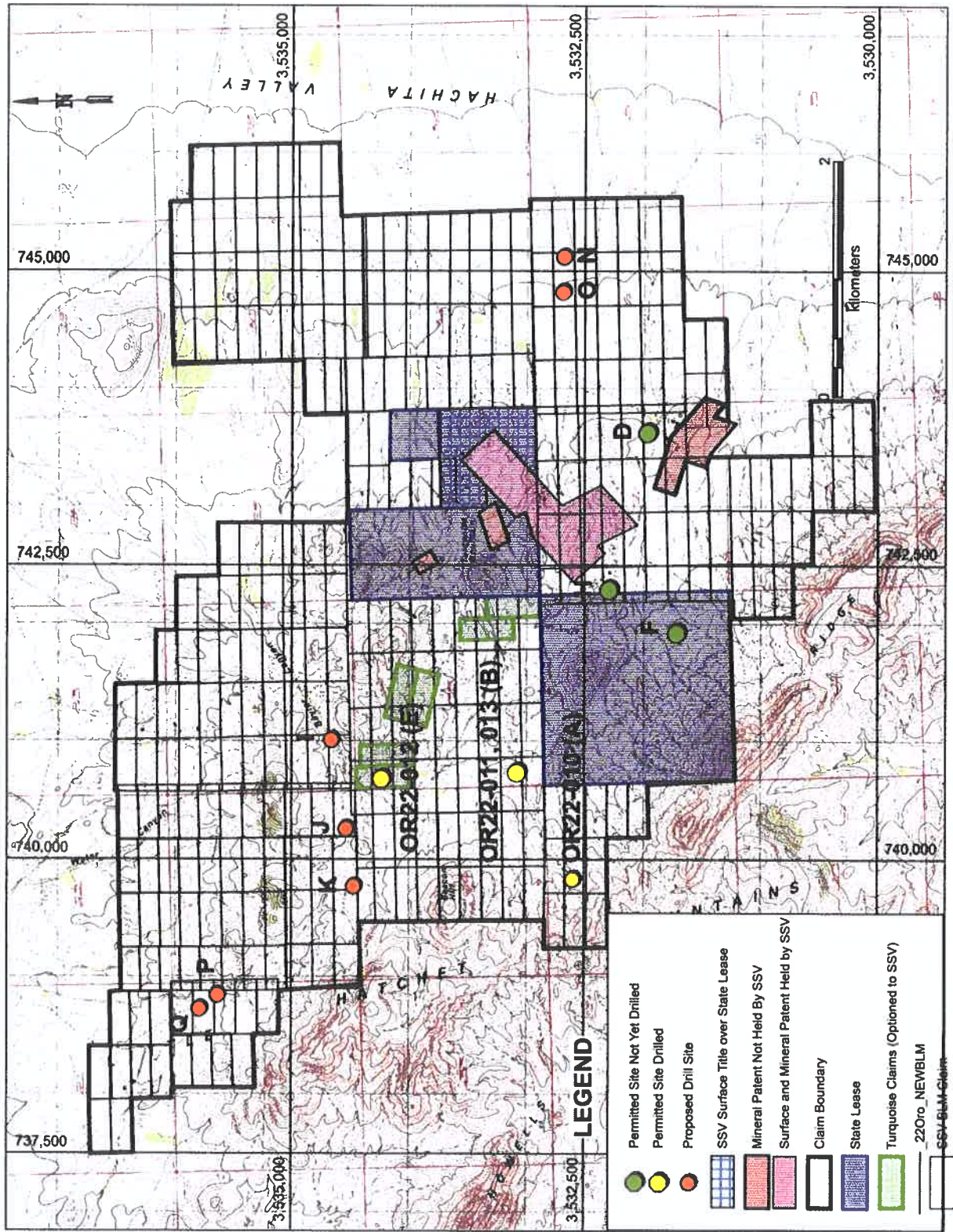
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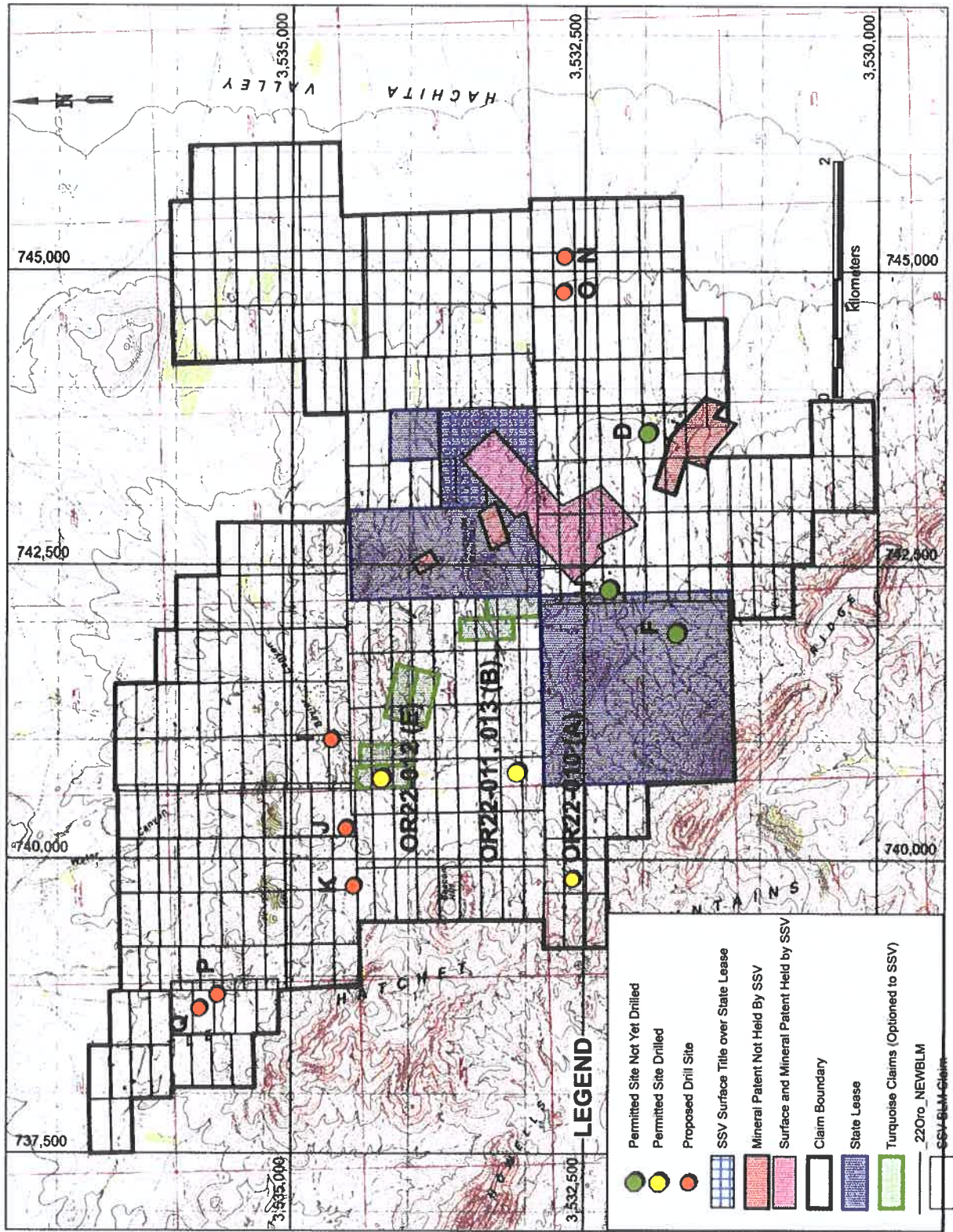
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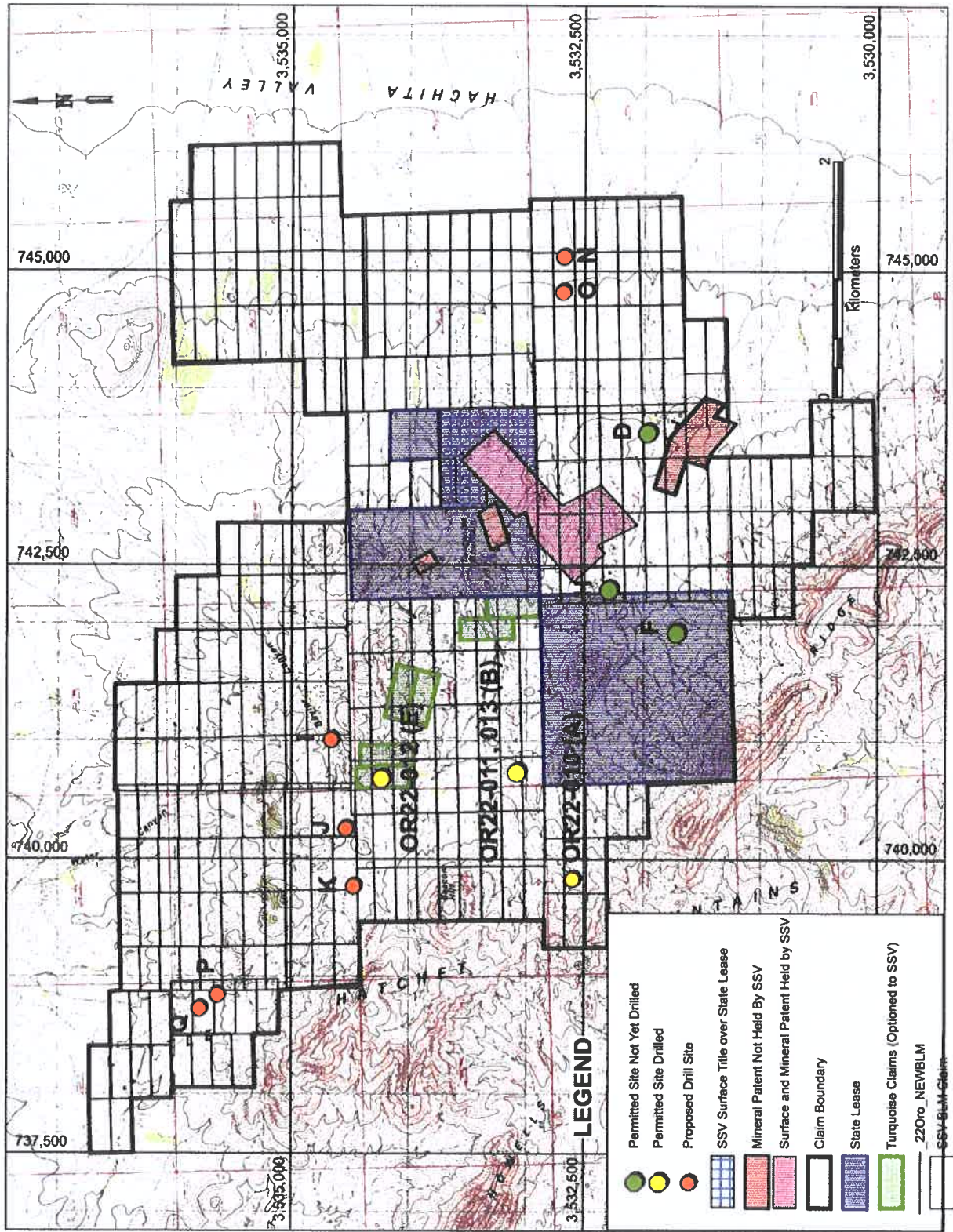
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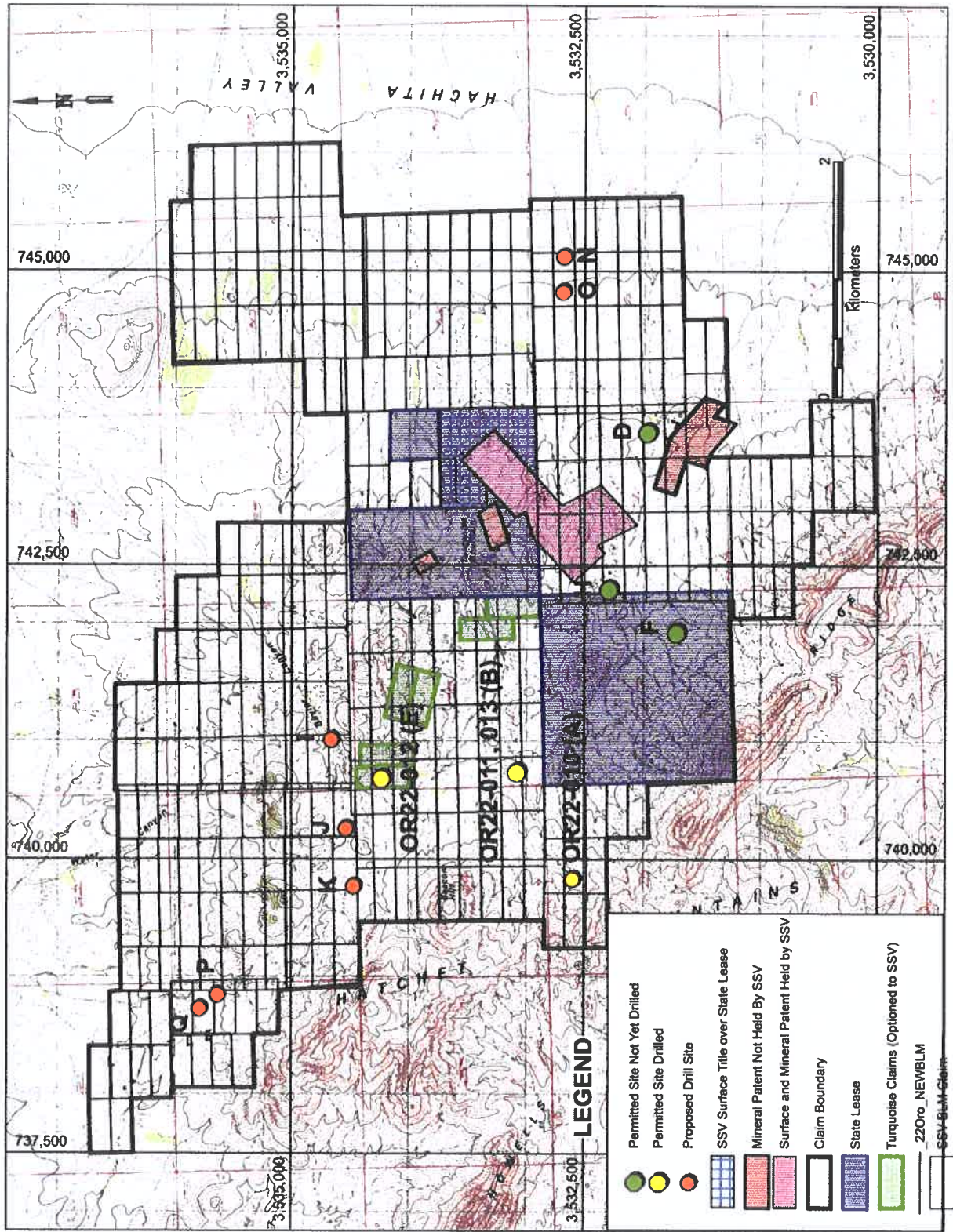
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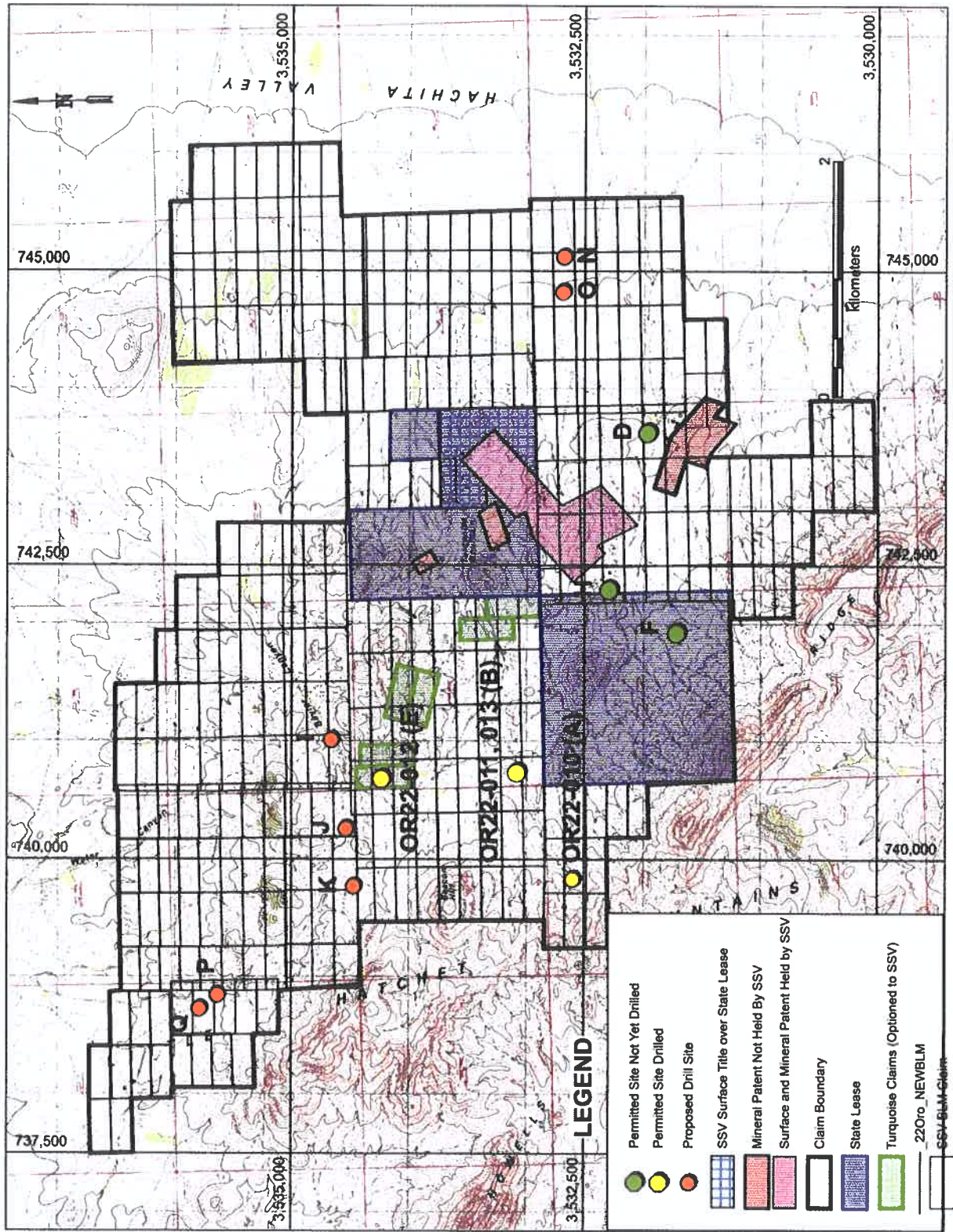
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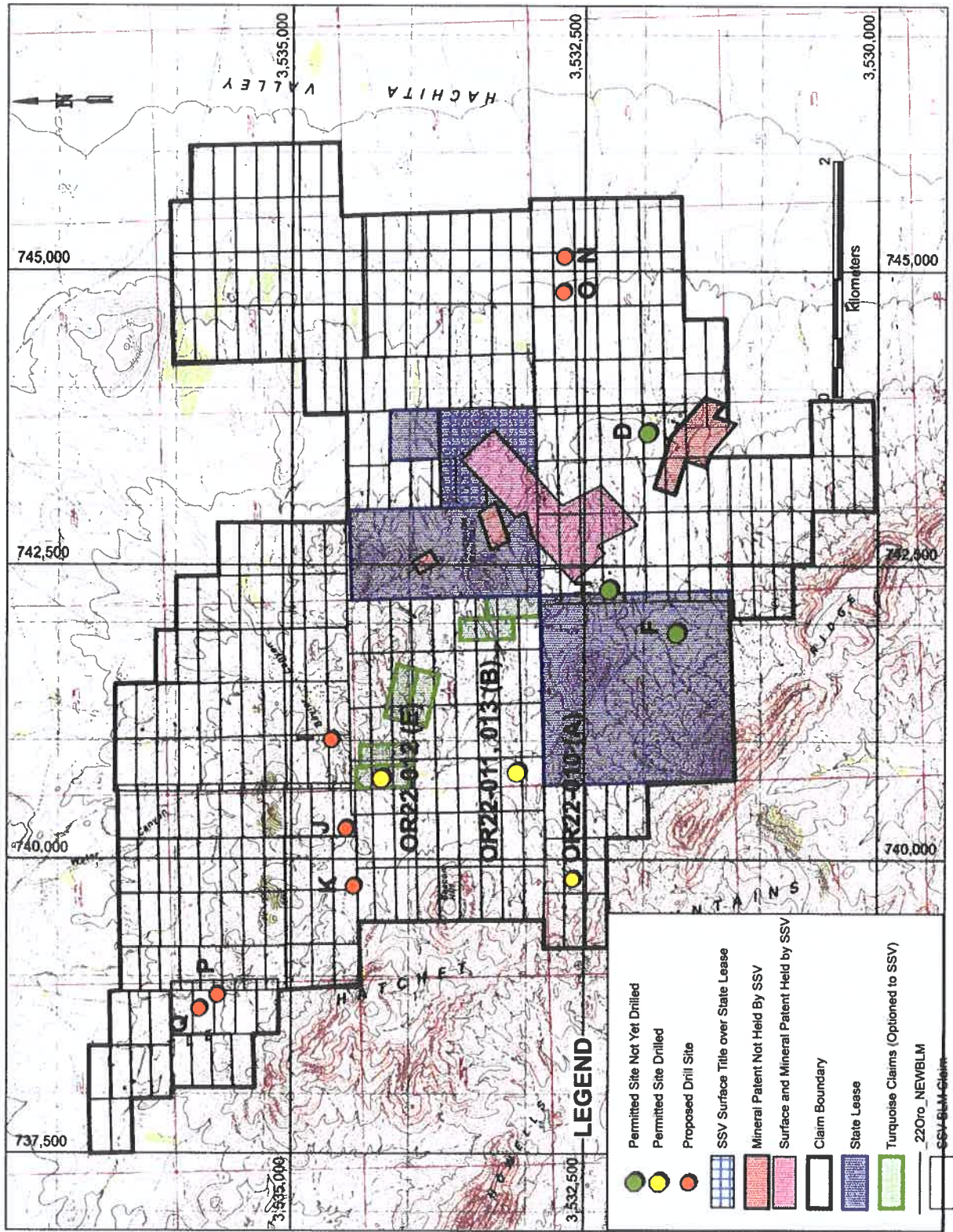
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Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Part 4 Regular Exploration Permit Modification, Turquoise Mountain Project, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR087ER

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Gooday-Ware,

The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department has received an application from Southern Silver Inc. to modify their Part 4 regular exploration project under 19.10.4 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.). The proposed modification will add 7 drill pads and 8 new boreholes on Bureau of Land Management property to the project. The applicant anticipates disturbing a total of 3.43 acres associated with the exploration activities, including the 1.33 acres previously approved for this project. The Turquoise Mountain Project is located in Sections 35 and 36 of Township 27 South, Range 16 West and Sections 1-3 of Township 28 South, Range 16 West in Grant County. 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.

The application can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the MMD web site at https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-exploration-applications/pending-exploration-applications-regular/gr087er-turquoise-mountain-part-4/?et_fb=1&PageSpeed=off

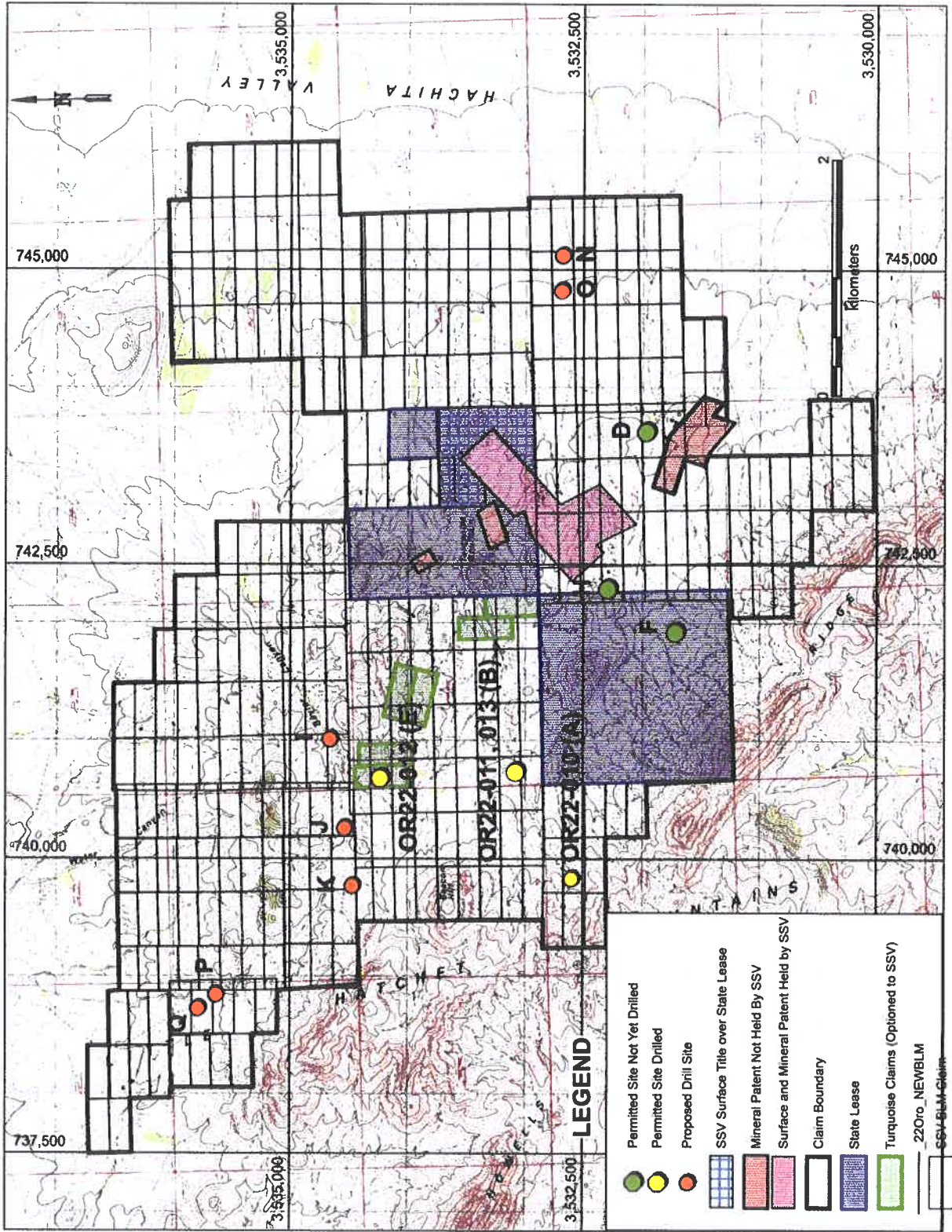
Please provide any comments or request a formal consultation by July 15, 2024. If you wish to consult with us on this application or have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or kevin.barnes@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes, Permit Lead
Mining and Minerals Division

Enclosure (Project Vicinity Map)

cc: Mine File (GR087ER)



Project Status and Proposed Drill Sites (note: UTM grid is NAD27)