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RE: Technical Review Response, La Jara Mesa Project, Permit No. CI008RN, Cibola County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Leftwich:

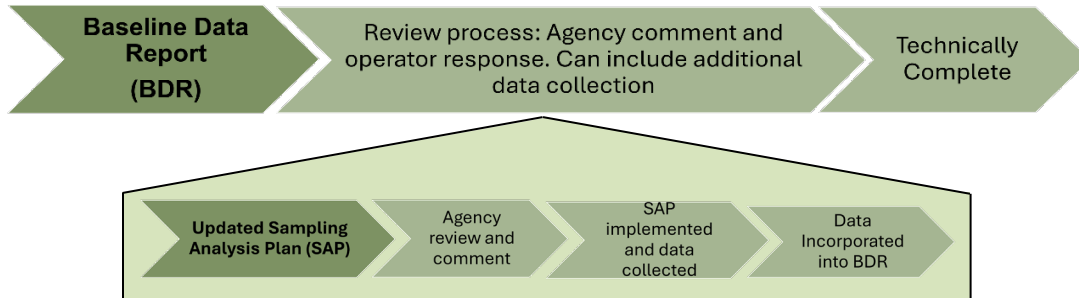
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received Laramide Resources (“Permittee”) response to Technical Comments from MMD and consulting Agencies on May 29, 2025. Since then, several permit submittals/actions have occurred. See the summary below of events.

Event	Submittal date
Laramide provided MMD Response to Technical Comments	April 14, 2025
Laramide submitted a <i>proposed</i> 2025 Surface water SAP	May 14, 2025
Inter-Agency meeting on technical comments	May 20, 2025
Laramide submitted NOI to USFS Surface water Samplers	May 27, 2025
Laramide designated a FAST-41 Transparency Project	May 29, 2025
Laramide submitted <i>proposed</i> Conditional Vegetation and Wildlife Sampling plans	June 5, 2025
Laramide designated a FAST-41 Covered Project	June 18, 2025
MMD Participated in an Agency Kick off Meeting for FAST-41.	July 8, 2025
Follow up BDR discussion with Laramide, FAST-41.	July 21, 2025

MMD follow up technical comments discussed during Interagency meeting on May 20, 2025.	
MMD Comment #12:	MMD agrees that scaling of baseline data collection is appropriate and equivalent for the small area of the escape raise.
MMD Comment #13:	MMD will accept a combination approach of data collection that allows longer term data (Homestake and data from higher on the mountain). MMD also suggests possibility to “scale up” water management designs to capture larger storm events on site.
MMD Comment #22:	MMD agrees that Laramide can begin data collection prior to a formal SAP review and comment period. This is with the understanding that the review period may determine a change in the SAP. Game and Fish/MMD will follow up on the Spotted Bat Survey Methods. *Update: Game and Fish found no state protocols. USDA may have resources for Bat Protocols, MMD encourages Laramide to reach out to USFS/USDA.
MMD Comment #23 & Game and Fish Comments 1&2:	MMD is agreeable to ½ mile survey buffer on the lower quality habitats while maintaining a 1 mile buffer along the cliff lines.
MMD Comment #26a:	MMD is requesting clarification on what the soil/construction/ reclamation plan will be. We understand the MORP is likely to be helpful to provide sufficient details when submitted. Additionally, MMD would like a clear map depicting soil coverage of USFS reclamation areas w/ La Jara Permit area clearly defined.
MMD Comment #26b:	MMD will need more details on this proposal.
MMD Comment #27:	MMD has concerns on what material is being considered “waste” or “cover”. Additional details are needed to clarify where "waste rocks" come from, being used for, and how they are stored. MMD understands the MORP will likely be helpful to provide sufficient details when submitted but may require additional testing.
MMD Comment #28:	MMD understands the MORP will likely be helpful to provide sufficient details when submitted but may require additional testing.
MMD Comment #32:	MMD has concerns on what material is being considered “waste”. Additional details are needed to clarify where "waste rocks" come from, being used for, and how they are stored. MMD understands the MORP will be helpful to provide sufficient details, but may require additional testing.
MMD Comment #36:	MMD is open to discussing a better defined “affected area” for water sampling.
MMD Comment #40:	Please provide data to support the spring being unaffected.
MMD Comment #56	Please ensure clear mapping and delineation of the proposed survey area and previously reclaimed areas.
USFS Comment #10:	MMD has concerns on plans on site with limited soil testing during baseline data. Geotechnical plans will inform more; however, more data may be needed. Soils handling plan for reclamation is still needed.

MMD has discussed the above technical comments with Laramide during the interagency meeting, and MMD believes Laramide understands the necessary components needed to move forward with SAP (and BDR) development. MMD will consider the BDR technical review to be on a “hold” status while this project moves through a subphase of new data collection. Once the new data catches up with the BDR we will resume the technical review of the BDR. The next stages of the permit application will focus on new sampling plan reviews and data collection:

1. New Sampling plans are designed
2. Submitted for review
3. SAP Comment period
4. Implementing Sampling Plan (Data Collection for BDR)
5. Submittal of the amended BDR
6. The technical review of the BDR will re-start when the new data is incorporated into the amended BDR.



Timeline Illustration of the Permit application

After the submittal of the amended BDR MMD will pick up the technical review status of the BDR again and begin the second technical review of the application. MMD encourages Laramide to submit the Mining Plan of Operations (MORP) prior to the amended BDR.

Please reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Samantha Rynas

Permit Lead

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