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August 4, 2025

Honorable Governor Randall Vicente
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Little Burros Exploration Project, Permit Application, Permit No. GR097EM

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

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Honorable Governor Arden Kucate
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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THPO Kurt Dongoske
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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

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

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THPO Holly Houghton
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September 25, 2024

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

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THPO Mark Altaha
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Fort Apache, AZ 85926

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P.O. Box 4950
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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