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January 2, 2026

Dr. Katie Zemlick  
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P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

Dear Dr. Zemlick,

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Sincerely,

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Dr. Virginia Seamster  
NM Department of Game and Fish  
1 Wildlife Way  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

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Ms. Cortney Wands  
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division  
407 Galisteo St., Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

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Mr. Aleksandr Knapowski  
BLM Farmington Field Office  
6251 College Blvd. A  
Farmington, NM 87402

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

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Ms. Erika Rowe  
EMNRD-Forestry Division  
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Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

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Ms. Amber Rheubottom  
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Comments on Modification 25-2 Application for Brie 1, Release of 8.56 Acres in Section 7, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK039MN:**

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