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**Subject: Request for Review and Comment on Permit No. HI027EM, Hachita BCE Project in Hidalgo County, NM**

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The New Mexico MMD has received an application from Bronco Creek Exploration to issue a minimal impact exploration permit for the Hachita BCE Exploration Project assigned Permit No. HI027EM. This application requests drilling of twenty exploration boreholes to a depth of 4,000 feet each, construction of fifteen drill pads 115 feet by 80 feet (3.39 acres), 15 mud pits 40 feet by 20 feet by 10 feet deep, 0.5 acres of new road construction, and 0.41 acres of road improvements. The applicant anticipates disturbing a total of 4.3 acres associated with the exploration activities.

MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the application. See website below to view the application for this request:

**Application link:** <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/hi027em-hachita-bce-project/>

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**Site location:** The site is located 12 miles south of Hachita, NM. T28S, R16W, Sections 21,28,29

**Site inspection date:** Please reach out to MMD if interested in attending the site visit; which will be scheduled within the next 20 days.

**Comments requested by:** Oct. 15, 2026

If you have any questions, please contact me by phone at (505) 467-9589 or email at [clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov).