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Anna Aguilera
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Dear Mr. Aguilera:

I am writing to provide you with an update on the progress and status of the planning effort for the proposed La Jara Mesa Uranium Mine (the Undertaking), including under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106). The proposed Undertaking is in Cibola County, New Mexico on the Mt. Taylor Ranger District of the Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands (Cibola).

As I informed you in my letter of June 5, 2025, the Undertaking is a Covered project in accordance with Title 41 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41). The project listing is here: https://www.permits.performance.gov/permitting-project/fast-41-covered-projects/la-jara-mesa-project. The Covered project status is intended to increase transparency, predictability, and accountability in the federal permitting process through oversight by the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council). To learn more about the FAST-41 program and the Permitting Council, visit their website: https://www.permitting.gov/projects/title-41-fixingamericas-surface-transportation-act-fast-41.

Laramide Resources Ltd. requested a temporary pause through May 1, 2027 for the La Jara Mesa Project FAST-41 timeline that was accepted by the Permitting Council. A new Permitting Timetable will be published after May 1st. Laramide requested the pause to allow time to advance the State of New Mexico permitting process, as well as conduct the additional investigations to identify and evaluate historic properties within the Project's areas of potential effects.

While the FAST-41 Permitting is paused, the Cibola will continue to move forward with the Section 106. Laramide's contractor, the Office of Archaeological Studies, is continuing their efforts to conduct these investigations with the participation of the consulting Tribes.

If you have any questions, you may submit them in writing by mail to me at the address at the top of this letter, or by e-mail to Jeremy Kulisheck, Forest Archeologist, at jeremy.kulisheck@usda.gov. If you wish to discuss them in person, please contact Jeremy Kulisheck at the email address above, or via telephone at (505) 537-7721; or contact Richard Adkins, Acting Assistant Director of the Washington Office of Tribal Relations, at richard.adkins@usda.gov, (408) 793-1282, and we will schedule a meeting with you.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Section 106 process for the proposed La Jara Mesa Uranium Mine.

Sincerely,

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