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Greetings,

The Abandoned Mine Land (AML) Program is proposing to safeguard hazardous mine features at the former Yankee Mine and is in the process of evaluating measures that would best meet the purpose and need for the project. The project area is located approximately 8 miles northeast of the City of Raton, Colfax County, New Mexico, all on private and State Land Office lands (See attached map). County Road A-25 crosses the project area and is included in the safeguarding measures being proposed.

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. has prepared the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project on behalf of the AML Program. As part of the release of the Draft EA, we are inviting review of the EA from interested parties regarding potential environmental impacts resulting from implementation of the project.

To assist you in evaluating this project, please find the following attachments:

- Project Summary
- Location Map

A public meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, to provide information regarding the project, and present findings of the Draft EA. Please find a meeting flyer attached for more information regarding the meeting. Please feel free to share the information with others who would also like to attend or who may be interested in learning more about the project.

The Draft EA and additional information regarding the project will be available at the following link:
https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/public-notices/

Please simply reply to this email (jkutz@geo-logic.com) or by mail to Ms. Julie Kutz, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, 6020 Academy NE, Albuquerque NM 87109-3315 with your comments or questions; or call 505-822-9400 to discuss. You may also contact James Hollen at: james.hollen@emnrd.nm.gov or (505) 231-8332 with questions, comments, or for more information.

We appreciate your input and thank you for your interest in the project.