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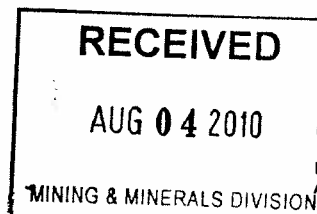
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August 3, 2010

David Otori
New Mexico EMRD
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Re: La Jara Mesa Mine; NMDGF No. 13442

Dear Mr. Otori,

In response to your letter dated July 7, 2010, regarding the above referenced project, enclosed is a list of species of concern that occur in Cibola County. Other sources of information are listed below.

For more information on listed and other species of concern, contact the following sources:

1. BISON-M Species Accounts, Searches, and County lists: <http://www.bison-m.org>
2. Habitat Handbook Project Guidelines:
http://wildlife.state.nm.us/conservation/habitat_handbook/index.htm
3. For custom, site-specific database searches on plants and wildlife, go to <http://nhnm.unm.edu>, then go to Data, then to Free On-Line Data, and follow the directions
4. New Mexico State Forestry Division (505-476-3334) or <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/index.html> for state-listed plants
5. For the most current listing of federally listed species **always** check the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (505-346-2525) or <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/NewMexico/SBC.cfm>.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your project. If you have any questions, please contact Brandon Griffith, Northwest Area Office Depredation Specialist at (505) 22-4721 or brandon.griffith@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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xc: Wally Murphy, Ecological Services Field Supervisor, USFWS
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For complete up-dated information on federal-listed species, including plants, see the US Fish & Wildlife Service NM Ecological Services Field Office website at <http://www.fws.gov/lfw2es/NewMexico/SBC.cfm>. For information on state-listed plants, contact the NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Division of Forestry, or go to <http://nmrareplants.unm.edu/>. If your project is on Bureau of Land Management, contact the local BLM Field Office for information on species of particular concern. If your project is on a National Forest, contact the Forest Supervisor's office for species information.

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>NMGF</u>	<u>US FWS</u>	<u>critical habitat</u>
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E	E	Y
Loggerhead Shrike	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	S		
Gray Vireo	<i>Vireo vicinior</i>	T		
Western Small-footed Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis ciliolabrum melanorhinus</i>	S		
Yuma Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis yumanensis yumanensis</i>	S		
Occult Little Brown Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus occultus</i>	S		
Long-legged Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis volans interior</i>	S		
Fringed Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis thysanodes thysanodes</i>	S		
Long-eared Myotis Bat	<i>Myotis evotis evotis</i>	S		
Spotted Bat	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>	T		
Big Free-tailed Bat	<i>Nyctinomops macrotis</i>	S		
Gunnison's Prairie Dog	<i>Cynomys gunnisoni</i>	S		
Cebolleta Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae paguatae</i>	S	SOC	
Northern Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys talpoides taylori</i>	S		
Red Fox	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	S		
Ringtail	<i>Bassariscus astutus</i>	S		
Black-footed Ferret	<i>Mustela nigripes</i>		E	
Common Hog-nosed Skunk	<i>Conepatus leuconotus</i>	S		
Socorro Mountainsnail	<i>Oreohelix neomexicana</i>	S		
New Mexico Silverspot Butterfly	<i>Speyeria nokomis nitocris</i>		SOC	