

From: [Christina Hess](#)
To: [Chisler, Clinton, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Exploration projects
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 5:58:14 PM

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NOTE! Spelling Error per "technology".... Per my last paragraph in the letter to Mr. Chang: I totally OPPOSE (not "applaud") both of these exploration projects in these areas and, I ask you as well to oppose. Sorry for tech-error, on reading you will see what was meant. May you be able to forward/attach this to Mr. Chang's letter.

Thankyou and have a good eve yet!

Christina Hess

On Feb 24, 2025, at 5:24 PM, Christina Hess <christina.hess1@icloud.com> wrote:

Begin forwarded message: Hello Clinton! It was good to meet you the other week at the meeting. Again I try to be the best Earth Stewart I can be, I am not a rebel. Instead, I stand up for the Earth when she needs protection. There are many concerns here and, I feel Freeport needs to be held to much greener mining practices. It can be done and yes, they can afford to apply such measures. I also feel along with proofs, these are not the correct places for expansion along with explorations. Earth has been warning us and, just one of the warnings here is the ongoing drought. I am sending my comments to you as well. Please do make sure that Mr. Chang has received my email. As I told you in the past, we have troubles with reception at times. So I am hoping that he has received, what with these issues. And, I hope that you will also be receiving... issues with.. Please do let me know! For myself, along with others and this environment and life, this is extremely important! Yes, I am an environmentalist, and sadly too many companies, and for too many years have been allowed to pollute to the utmost. And now we have these global issues to contend with. It is no joke, and needs to be dealt with seriously and responsibly, immediately. It is not only about us, but future generations, along with any and all who have no voice. And yes, I understand there needs to be mining, but, far more responsibly and as GREEN as possible! Have a good day, a good week and, we will talk soon.
Sincerely, Christina

From: Christina Hess <christina.hess1@icloud.com>
Date: February 24, 2025 at 5:01:55 PM MST
To: mmd.marp@emnrd.nm.gov
Subject: Exploration projects

Dear Mr. Chang- I am writing to you again, concerning both the Emma and Tyrone Peak exploration projects. I continue to have

many concerns! Yes, I understand mining will continue. However, per all it's toxic impacts on this earth along with all else that lives upon it..... and the Earth soil, water, air, light, and noise pollution... I feel there are places it shouldn't be allowed to expand. Many areas in New Mexico have very fragile ecosystems and sadly, not enough protections behind them.

It is very obvious. There are many concerns on these what with SB 21/22 water protections, and, green amendment, all trying to become law. I feel Freeport has received far too many permits, which only end up toxic damages and, hoarding of water. Serious depletion of water in many areas! I try to be the best earth Stewart I can be as earth is our home, what gives and lets us live life. Earth has given humans, many climate warnings, which aren't slowing in pace and are becoming evermore catastrophic.

Freeport is using the lands of New Mexico and has reaped millions and billions in profit. Sadly, they continue to pollute not being held responsible for green mining/as nonpolluting as possible. Example, months back they had asked for a permit that would allow increasing amounts of pollution being expelled into the air! Again, it is time to hold them responsible for far greener mining practices. Yes, they do have the money to implement these practices. Another example Chino, mine, 30 years back and still far from a completed cleanup! This is very concerning and time to clean up.

So they want to continue expanding, yet they are held to zero protections for residence private wells in these areas! There are a whole lot of residents who have lost their water in Grant County and Freeport has not been held responsible to help them. Let's please begin having concerns for residents private Wells , along with monitoring, streams, and rivers.

Why grant a permit for Emma exploration? OSE recommended denying Freeport's water rights application for Emma expansion. It was determined domestic wells and local springs would be very much impacted through mining/dewatering practices. Where is all this water supposed to come from in New Mexico's desert escape? They need to be held to reusing their product water much more seriously. Please do take action.

We had a attended a main stream New Mexico meeting concerning putting plans into place for water consumption reduction along with what residents can do. And what was unbelievable is Freeport who uses millions of gallons of water daily was never even mentioned/put into these water usage plans! Greivous! I asked you as the director please begin to take serious responsible action to hold Freeport accountable, to mine as green/non-polluting as possible!

No reclamation plans must be changed, please. They cannot be

allowed to explore and then not repair. This will lead to serious erosion and ground/surface water pollution. There are also no maps showing where residents are located, compared to where explorations will be. How close? Please correct this.

And some of these exploration projects would be carried out on private land. That's no excuse to pollute, as their projects wouldn't be confined to these areas. ... Air, water, soil, light, and noise pollution. We were made aware there are disturbances, new roads started! They don't have the permits to do so! What are they trying to? Avoid? Yes many concerns along with not following permits, laws, rules.

I am addressing both the Emma/Tyrone Peak explorations in this letter. So my words apply to all. And Tyrone Peak is way too close to Silver City's municipal Wells! Are Freeport projects going to leave Silver city high and dry?

Much at stake here for our environment, for residents, along with everything else that shares life and doesn't have a voice! I totally applaud both of these exploration projects in these areas and I ask you as well to oppose. Please begin holding them responsible for all I have commented on. It's not just about Freeport, but, the Earth foremost. She has been warning us, has she not? Thank you!

Christine Hess, Silver City,NM

From: [Susan Hanna](#)
To: [MARF, MMD, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tyrone and Emma Mine Exploration
Date: Sunday, February 23, 2025 12:32:51 PM

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I am writing to ask that the permits for these mining explorations be denied or at the very least curtailed. As a landowner who lives and has a well not far from the proposed affected areas I am quite concerned about the danger to the wells and the water table due to the huge amount of water required to run the mining operations. I would ask that restrictions be placed regarding this and also that a fund be established to buy out any homeowners property at current market value that becomes affected by either losing their well to a depleted water supply or contamination secondary to the mine's activities.

We are counting on you to stand in the gap for us who would be the most affected.

Respectfully,

Susan Hanna

From: [Arthur S Ratcliffe](#)
To: [Chisler, Clinton, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Emma permit
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 2:34:10 PM

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Mr. Chisler,

Since we live at a higher elevation than the Tyrone mine, the proposed Emma expansion in our direction, increases the possibility of draw down to local wells. Coupled with the existing drought, increased water usage at the mine, will further exasperate this. Freeport has refused to acknowledge this, and thus has no plans to mitigate the harm to local wells. There has been no offer of supplying water to those of us who may become affected.

In addition to this, there are many concerns about the impact to the environment. The EIS from 2021 included a study of only one mammal, the Mexican Gray wolf. There are many other mammals in the area including herds of bighorn sheep and antelope. The Sonoran pronghorn antelope has been on the endangered species list for decades. Sightings of these animals are rare, but our location in close proximity to Mexico and to the Cabeza Prieta National Wildlife Preserve, *the third largest national wildlife refuge in the lower 48 states*, in Arizona, increases the possibility of antelope sightings in this area to be of those endangered species rather than the more common antelopes in the rest of the state. This was not factored in the original EIS. For these serious reasons, I must oppose the permit application

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February 24, 2025

Mr. Albert C.S. Chang, Director
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Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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Dear Mr. Chang:

**Re: Emma Project Exploration Permit GR095ER
Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Comments**

Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations (Tyrone) thanks the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced permit. Tyrone is concerned about the length of time it has taken to process this exploration permit and we are eager to work cooperatively with the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resource Department Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) to simplify and streamline the permitting process. The following are some opportunities identified by Tyrone.

Permit Processing Timeframes

The ability to accurately plan the timing of the necessary resources for a drilling project is critical to mining whether it is for developing a new resource or continuing a current mine operation like Tyrone's. Tyrone supports the implementation of procedures to streamline the permitting process for this routine activity and ensure that permits are issued as quickly as possible in the future. Exploration drilling is a costly and resource-intensive activity. This permit is for drilling on 100% private land adjacent to the Tyrone Mine, a world-class mine that has been in operation for over 50 years. This request for installing roads and drilling on Tyrone's private property has taken 6 months to get to the hearing date and we expect it will take 2 more months to respond to comments, issue approval, secure financial assurance and issue the final permit. In the interim, mine planning for the future of Tyrone and its approximately 300 employees is stalled at a time of economic uncertainty. Pairing this with the extraordinary time it is taking to get the necessary permit for the small Emma Expansion for Tyrone has a significant impact on the costs of ongoing operations. The permit application for the Emma Project was submitted 3.5 years ago. If the permit for the Emma Project had been issued, this entire Part 4 Exploration Drilling process for drilling on the same land that is included in that application and all the associated time and resources for everyone involved would be unnecessary.

Operational Flexibility

Current MMD interpretation is that the permittee must provide detailed maps of the exact proposed disturbance for approval by the agency. Some operational flexibility is necessary on the ground due to a myriad of situations that can arise during construction such as the need to avoid biological resources or slight re-routing of roads due to terrain or geology. Tyrone understands the agency's concerns about creating disturbances outside of the scope of what is submitted in the permit application. In order to assuage those concerns Tyrone proposed to include additional acreage of "other disturbances" that could be created outside of areas cleared for biological or cultural resources. Tyrone proposed to secure additional financial assurance for that "other disturbance" to ensure that the cost of reclamation is secured. Tyrone believes this is a reasonable process to allow for real-time operational flexibility that is protective of the environment and other social concerns while avoiding the time consuming and costly process of stopping the project for approval of minor changes to the planned disturbance.

Regulatory Duplication

In recent years, MMD has been incorporating requirements from other agencies into mining permits. For example, requiring that OSE permits be issued prior to the MMD permit or as part of the MMD permit application. The regulations for a Part 4 Exploration Permit do not include this requirement. 19.10.4.404 NMAC states: "Enforcement of other state or federal laws, regulations or standards shall be conducted by the agency charged with that responsibility under the applicable state or federal law, regulation or standard.". Additionally, 19.10.13.1303 NMAC provides assurance that the agency will avoid "duplicative and conflicting requirements" and for this situation, "to avoid enforcement of other statutes or regulations to be conducted by the agency charged with that responsibility under the applicable state or federal statute.". The MMD practice requiring OSE permits at the time of MMD application submittal creates multiple time delays. MMD can simply require the operator to obtain all necessary permits by other agencies or eliminate redundant language and rely on the statements already in regulation and permits that remind operators to meet other regulatory requirements.

Roads:

Tyrone respectfully suggests that MMD's recent interpretation that the blading of vegetation that has grown on previously established roads is a "new disturbance" that must be included in the permit process is a counterproductive policy. It is common practice to blade and/or improve old, previously established roads in remote/rural areas even when vegetation has started to grow, rather than create new roads in areas that have been truly undisturbed. To minimize disturbance to established vegetation, incentive should be given to improving previously disturbed roads over creating a new path especially if those roads provide a dual purpose and are wanted by the private land owner. This current MMD interpretation of "new roads" disincentivizes operators from attempting to minimize disturbance by planning roads and drill pads on previously established roads. Also, 19.10.4.403.J states that "Roads to remain permanent must be approved by the surface owner..." which suggests that the surface owner, in this case Tyrone, can determine which roads will remain un-reclaimed for future use as long as erosion is controlled. Private land owners should have the flexibility to create or improve permanent roads on their property and should be incentivized to use those roads for drilling projects rather than being forced into a lengthy Part 4 permit process for projects that would otherwise qualify as minimal impact.

Tyrone thanks the MMD for the opportunity to submit comments and looks forward to working collaboratively on future permits.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sherry Burt-Kested". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sherry" being the most prominent.

Sherry Burt-Kested,
Manager Environmental Services



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February 24, 2025

Albert Chang, Director
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Via e-mail: mmd.marp@emnrd.nm.gov

RE: Public Comments Emma Project, Permit No. GR095ER

Dear Mr. Chang:

On behalf of the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP), I would like to submit public comments on the Emma Exploration regular permit application Permit No. GR095ER.

Thank you for responding to the public's request for a public hearing which was held on February 10 in Silver City. The Freeport presentation was helpful for the public to understand the details of the exploration proposal and the potential impacts to adjacent residents.

Insufficiency of Application

One issue that is abundantly clear is that the exploration application is insufficient for the public to understand the details of the exploration project. A public hearing was requested so that the community would have an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on the application. Freeport was able to provide answers to many questions at the hearing, but some questions could have been easily addressed with a more detailed application such as the following: What are the hours of operation for the exploration? Will there be drilling at night? Will there be drilling on the weekend? Will there be the potential for nuisance noise and lighting, fugitive dust? How will the company mitigate these issues? None of this has been spelled out in the application.

Similarly, the company could have provided a better map in its application that shows the location of adjacent residents in relation to its proposed exploration activities so people can accurately understand the proposal. In its response to comments, Freeport dismissed GRIP's request for a better map. This is a simple thing to do to be transparent about the company's plans.

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Best Management Practices to Mitigate Light, Noise, and Fugitive Dust

Freeport often refers to its grievance line as a means to deflect attention away from preventing potential impacts. Simply telling people to call the grievance line if there is a problem is not acceptable. Prevent problems from the start – spell out for neighbors and the community what specific measures will be implemented to reduce noise, reduce nuisance lighting, and keep fugitive dust down. Supposedly the company follows a dust control plan and a lighting plan, but it has never made these plans public.

GRIP recommends that language be included in the exploration permit that requires Freeport to follow best management practices to eliminate light pollution, nuisance noise, and the potential for fugitive dust from roads and other exploration-related disturbance.

Reclamation of Exploration Disturbance

Another problematic issue with the permit application is Freeport's statement that it won't reclaim its disturbance after exploration is over because it is planning on mining this area. This too is unacceptable. Who knows at this point if and when the Emma Expansion project will be permitted. Until then, leaving disturbances un-reclaimed causes erosion and other natural resource damage.

Water Quality Protection

Freeport must protect ground and surface water quality. The application does not address how it will contain drilling fluids, diesel fuel, and any other toxic materials and prevent them from contaminating land and water. Why isn't Tyrone proposing to use mobile plastic containment basins at drill pads to contain chemicals during the Emma exploration project? This is outlined in the Tyrone Peak application, so we're not sure why this is not included in the Emma Exploration application. We recommend that MMD explicitly require this in the exploration permit.

Wildlife Protection

GRIP supports the NM Department of Game and Fish comments that offer permit requirements that will protect wildlife, a requirement of the Mining Act.

- The mud pits should also be adequately fenced to prevent larger animals from walking onto the tarps and potentially becoming entrapped. To exclude mule deer and other large animals, the above-ground fence height should be a minimum of eight feet.
- The Department of Game and Fish continues to recommend that Tyrone use a closed loop drilling system. Closed loop systems eliminate the need to build fences or install netting or similar materials to exclude wildlife from mud pits, reduce the amount of surface disturbance associated with the drill pad site, and consume significantly less water.
- We agree to leave large legacy trees – juniper and pinon.
- We concur with NM DGF that to minimize the likelihood of adverse impacts to migratory bird nests, eggs, or nestlings during implementation of proposed road and drill pad construction activities, the Department of Game and Fish recommends that ground

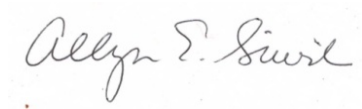
disturbance and vegetation removal activities be conducted outside of the primary breeding season.

Plugging and Abandonment Plan for Drill Holes and OSE Approvals

Office of the State Engineer documentation is missing from the application. Freeport says that the OSE approved their plugging and abandonment plan, but the documentation is not provided in the application.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allyson Siwik". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Allyson Siwik
Executive Director

Cc: Clint Chisler, Permit Lead
David Ennis, Mining Act Reclamation Program Manager

Mr. Albert Chang, Director
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RE: Comments for Emma Exploration Permit Tracking No. GR095ER
Comments for Tyrone Peak Exploration Permit Tracking No. GR093ER

Dear Mr. Chang,

I attended the public hearing on February 10, 2025 for Emma Exploration project and for Tyrone Peak Exploration project and I have reviewed the applications submitted by Freeport McMoRan – Tyrone for both of these projects. I offer the following comments to MMD.

Emma Project Permit Tracking No. GR095ER

Rather than performing reclamation of the Emma Exploration project area upon completion Tyrone proposes to leave drilling pads and roads constructed during the project, ostensibly because it plans to mine the area in the near future. Permit lead Clint Chisler recommends evaluating “the reclamation status of exploration permit GR095ER at the time of renewal each year to determine whether or not reclamation needs to be initiated or not.” (MMD letter to Burt-Kested, 1/31/25)

Subsection D of Section 5 (Reclamation and Operation Plan) of the Exploration Permit Application states that “(t)he project may also be left disturbed because the area is to be mined in accordance with Revision 21-1 (Emma Expansion Project) under GRO10RE.” It is unclear what exactly will be “left disturbed” by Freeport. Is Freeport referring to drill pads; roads; storage piles; boreholes? And if reclamation is indefinitely postponed as proposed by Freeport and MMD, or mining commences within the project area, aren’t reclamation activities described in Subsection D such as revegetation and seeding irrelevant?

Because Freeport is currently involved in litigation with adjacent property owners over water rights which may effect proposed mining activities at the Emma site, I ask that Freeport initiate reclamation upon completion of the project. Project reclamation performed upon completion of the project will minimize and/or eliminate environmental impacts from fugitive dust and erosion associated with the construction of drill pads, roads, storage piles and boreholes.

If MMD chooses to evaluate the reclamation status of the project (exploration permit GR095ER) on a yearly basis, I ask that that Freeport submit a plan that details measures for dust and erosion control during periods of inactivity.

Tyrone Peak Permit Tracking No. GR093ER

Mapping

Subsection B of Section 4 (Maps and Location) of the Exploration Permit Application asks Freeport to “provide a topographic map(s) of at least 1 inch = 2,000 feet (ie, a 1:24,000 USGS Quadrangle map).” While such a map is provided by Freeport in the Emma Exploration application (Figure 3, Generalized Regional Topographic Map), there is no USGS quad map of the project site in the Tyrone Peak application. A 7.5 minute quad map (ie, 1:24,000) of the project area would make it easier for readers to locate proposed drill sites. For example, Figures 2 through 4 of the application show that the

majority of proposed drill sites are located in Sections 17 and 18, Township 19 South, Range 14 West, but there is no identifiable section number for three drill sites to the west (TP23-Q; TP23-H; TP23-N). If Freeport is unable to provide a standard USGS quad map of the project site, it can at the very least identify the section, township and range in the map legend.

In addition to showing drill sites, maps could also show other important features that may be impacted by the proposed project such as adjacent residents and Town of Silver City municipal wells, which are located nearby.

Wildlife

Unlike the Emma Exploration project, which is scheduled to begin in October, Tyrone Peak is scheduled to begin in July. According to NM Game & Fish, construction activities will occur during the breeding season for migratory songbirds and most raptors (March 1 – September 1). Will the project area be surveyed for active nest sites as Game & Fish recommends? If not, isn't it better for Freeport to wait until October to commence with proposed construction activities?

Ground Water

Subsection B of Section 7 (Ground Water Information) of the Exploration Permit Application lists the source for groundwater data as F.D. Trauger, *Water resources and general geology of Grant County, New Mexico*, which is a study over 50-years old. Isn't there more recent data on groundwater in the project area?

Potential impacts to groundwater from drilling activities may be relevant since the proposed project area is located approximately one mile from the Town of Silver City's Anderson well, and within two miles of the Woodward Well Field. How will Tyrone Peak affect the municipal well supply? Does Freeport-Tyrone draw from the same aquifer as Silver City? Further analysis may be required to determine potential impacts of this project as well those from the proposed Emma expansion.

MMD

It seems that the date of the public hearing for Tyrone Peak (2/10/25) was scheduled prematurely and is a case of putting the cart before the horse since the updated Tyrone Peak application was not readily available. To obtain the updated application I had to personally contact the permit lead, Alaina Osimowicz, who then texted me the link. Online applications should be easily accessible to the public and updated *before* a public hearing so that invested public participants can stay informed.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments,

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Re: Written Comments, Emma Project Exploration Application

Dear Mr. Chang,

Please accept the enclosed Resolution R-25-15 as Grant County's written comment related to the Tyrone Peak and Emma Exploration Project.

Sincerely,

Amy Lockett

Executive Assistant to
Grant County Manager and Board of County Commissioners

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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF GRANT**

**RESOLUTION NO: R-25-15
SUPPORTING TYRONE PEAK EXPLORATION AND EMMA EXPLORATION BY
FREEPORT-MCMORAN**

WHEREAS, Section 4-37-1, NMSA 1978, grants Counties the powers necessary to provide for the safety, preserve the health, promote the prosperity and improve the morals, order, comfort and convenience of any county or its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Section 4-38-18, NMSA 1978, provides that the Board of County Commissioners has the power to represent the county and have the care of the county property and the management of the interest of the county in all cases where no other provision is made by law; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoRan operates the Tyrone Copper Mine located approximately ten miles south of Silver City in Grant County, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoRan submitted applications for exploration permits near the Tyrone mine for exploration drilling; and

WHEREAS, the exploration of the Emma and Tyrone Peak areas holds potential for discovering valuable mineral resources that can contribute to the economic stability of our county;

WHEREAS, the possible extension of mine life and jobs from these projects are crucial to the well-being of our county;

WHEREAS, in 2023 Freeport-McMoRan's mining operations generated \$175 million in economic benefits for Grant County and \$414.5 million for the State of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the direct economic impact on Grant County there is indirect impact from vendor purchases, employee spending, spending from pension income as well as the spending from new tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoRan's community investment enables community well-being, resiliency and sustainability by supporting local organizations such as numerous non-profits and education entities; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoRan has exhibited a high level of environmental stewardship and community engagement by conducting responsible, sustainable practices and adherence to regulatory requirements to minimize any potential environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, Freeport-McMoRan's reclamation, land restoration efforts and habitat preservation demonstrate the commitment to the environment in Grant County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County understands the importance of responsible mineral exploration and the significant economic benefits it brings to Grant County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of County Commissioners of Grant County urges the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division to provide timely approval of Freeport-McMoRan's exploration permit applications for the Emma and Tyrone Peak projects. The approval of this permit will not only support economic development but also ensure that the exploration is conducted in an environmentally responsible manner.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2025.

[Signature page follows]

**Board of County Commissioners
Grant County, New Mexico**



Chris Ponce, District 1, Chairman

Voted: Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstained ☐



Eloy Medina, District 2, Vice-Chair

Voted: Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstained ☐



Nancy Stephens, District 3

Voted: Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstained ☐



Eddie M. Flores, District 4

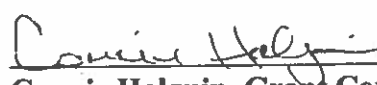
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Thomas L. Shelley, District 5

Voted: Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstained ☐

ATTEST:



Connie Holguin, Grant County Clerk

