

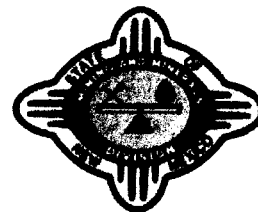


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Michael Mariano, Minerals Manager
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RE: Request for Review and Comment, Roca Honda Resources, LLC's, New Mine Permit Application for the Roca Honda Mine, Permit No. MK025RN

Mr. Mariano:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received an application dated October 23, 2009 requesting a New Mine Permit (MK025RN) from Roca Honda Resources, LLC. The Permit Application was determined by MMD to be administratively complete on November 25, 2009. The New Mine Permit Application proposes to disturb up to 183 acres of federal and state surface lands within the permit boundaries proposed for development of an underground uranium mine located approximately 3 miles northwest of the community of San Mateo, in McKinley County New Mexico. This notification of permit application is being submitted to you pursuant to Part 6, Subsection C of 19.10.6.605 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act Rules.

In addition to a hard-copy report of the cultural resources survey and inventory, including project maps and site descriptions, a hard-copy of the permit application also accompanies this letter. Please note that certain cultural resource inventory materials (Survey Report and Maps) included with this request, have been designated as confidential. The permit application can also be viewed by visiting the Mining and Minerals Division Website at:

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Please contact me at (505) 476-3436, or via email at james.hollen@state.nm.us with any questions or comments you may have regarding the application or this request.

Sincerely,



James Hollen, Permit Lead
MMD - Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

enclosure: New Mine Permit Application for the Roca Honda Mine (October 2009)

electronic copy w/o enclosure: Charles Thomas, Executive Manager, MMD
Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP
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Mike Johnson, Chief
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

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Mr. Johnson:

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A hard-copy of the application package accompanies this letter and the package includes a separate envelope, designated by the applicant as "Confidential" and should be treated as such. This envelope contains a table indicating historic drillhole locations and their depths and is confidential information. The application can also be viewed by visiting the Mining and Minerals Division Website at:

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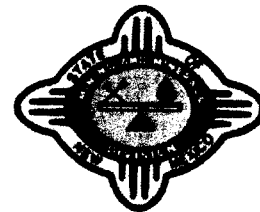


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Michelle Ensey, Archaeologist
Historic Preservation Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

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Ms. Ensey:

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Conservation Services Division
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
PO Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Dr. Wunder:

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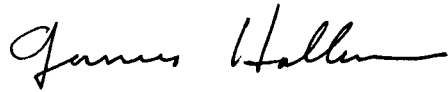
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New Mexico Environment Department
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

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Mr. Vollbrecht:

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State Forestry Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

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Mr. Blazer:

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Albuquerque, NM 87113

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Ms. Tafoya:

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