

Mr. David J. (DJ) Ennis, P.G., Permit Lead New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division Mining Act Reclamation Program 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505 March 2, 2023

RE: Request for Approval of Road Maintenance During Seasonal Closure

Dear Mr. Ennis,

We are writing to request permission to repair Fannie Road (Catron County C-040) and Forest Service Road FS4056O north of Mogollon, NM, during the seasonal Mexican spotted owl closure and migratory bird survey season (March 1 – August 31). As responsible permittees, we recognize the importance of maintaining safe and accessible roads for the public. Our aim is to repair rut damage and perform necessary improvements to keep the road in good condition, benefitting the public and reducing future repair costs. The seasonal restrictions are put in place to protect bird species during the breeding season, and we respect and support this effort. However, based on the current winter conditions, we believe that accomplishing the repairs will not negatively impact bird species, as they are not typically breeding in the area during the winter months when the repairs would take place.

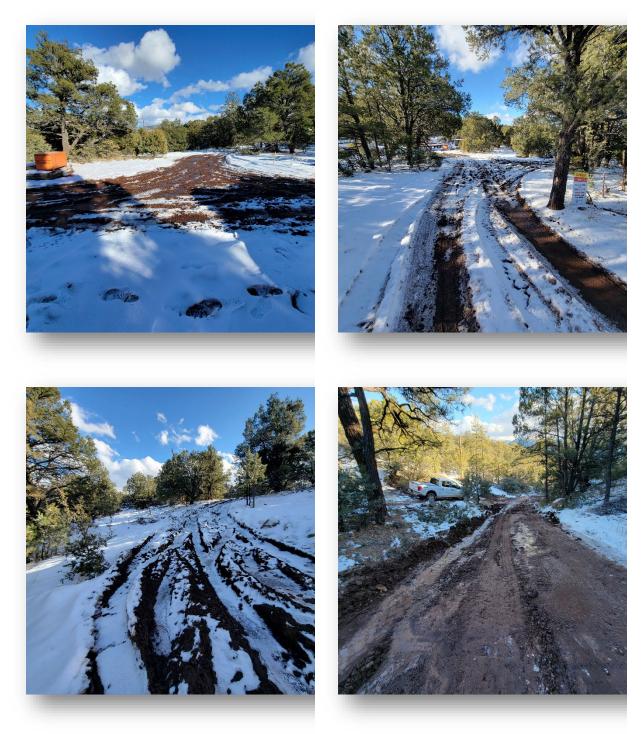
We have experience in road repair and maintenance and will follow all safety guidelines and regulations set forth by our permit. Road repairs would involve two to three days of work on approximately 1.23 miles of road and would require three to five loads of rock applied with the aid of a backhoe. Photos of current road conditions and a map of the repair area are included in this request.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to hearing back from you soon. If you require further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (618) 263-8664 or email at cyork@summasilver.com.

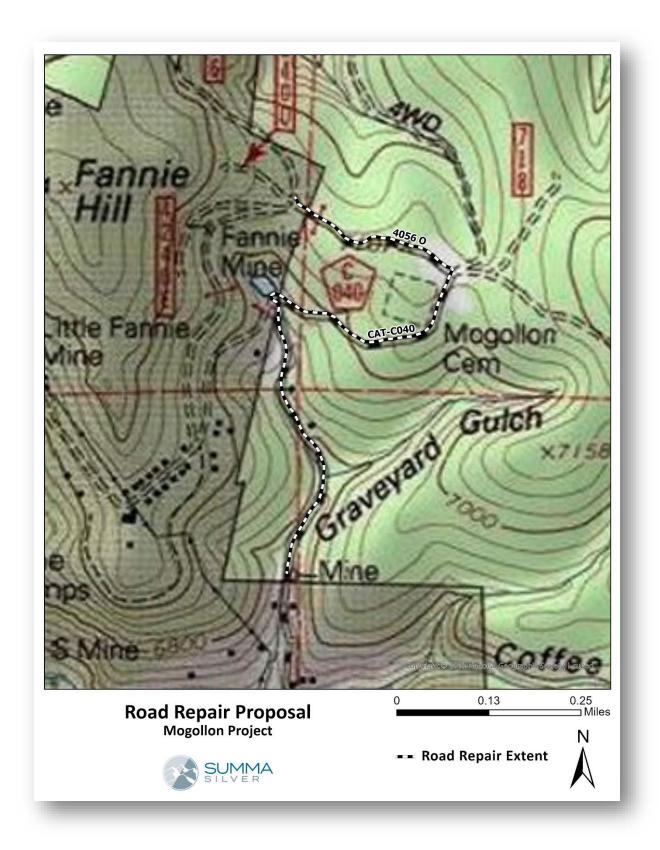
Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Chris York
VP Exploration



 ${\it Photos showing area conditions and the extent of rutting in the repair area.}$ 



Map depicting the 1.23 miles of road in need of repair.