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Cortney Wands
Department of Cultural Affairs
Historic Preservation Division
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RE: **Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Exploration Application, Tyrone Peak Exploration Project, Permit No. GR093ER, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mining, LLC**

Dear Ms. Wands:

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MMD is requesting comments from your agency on the Permit No. GR093ER Tyrone Peak Exploration Project application. A copy of the application may be viewed on the MMD website at:
<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr093er-tyrone-peak-exploration-project-regular-exploration-project-part-4/>

If your agency has comments related to this application, **please respond by November 5, 2024.**

Please contact me at (505) 490-0967 or at alaina.osimowicz@emnrd.nm.gov if you have any questions. A site inspection will be scheduled in October. A separate email invitation will be sent once the date is scheduled.

Sincerely,

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RE: **Request for Comments on Minimal Impact Exploration Application, Tyrone Peak Exploration Project, Permit No. GR093ER, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mining, LLC**

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