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Kevin Barnes, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program  
Mining and Minerals Division (MMD)  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Modification Application, Summa Silver Mogollon Project, Catron County, New Mexico, Permit No. CA027EM; NMDGF Project No. NMERT-4256.**

Dear Mr. Barnes,

The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish (Department) has reviewed the above referenced permit modification for the Mogollon Exploration Project submitted by Summa Silver Corporation (Summa Silver). Summa Silver is proposing the construction of a new access road and the clarification of staging area locations. The total area that will be disturbed is approximately 2.9 acres. Staff from the Department, MMD, New Mexico Environment Department, U.S. Forest Service, and Summa Silver conducted a site inspection on 13 March 2025.

The Department recommends that during new road and staging area construction, large, mature trees are left undisturbed to the maximum extent feasible. Tree species to protect include alligator juniper (*Juniperus deppeana*), Gambel oak (*Quercus gambelii*), piñon pine (*Pinus edulis*), and ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*).

During the site inspection, Summa Silver confirmed that all road and staging area development would be conducted outside of the migratory bird and Mexican spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis lucida*) breeding season (1 March-31 August).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the permit modification. If you have any questions, please contact Ron Kellermueller, Mining and Energy Habitat Specialist, at (505) 270-6612 or [ronald.kellermueller@dgf.nm.gov](mailto:ronald.kellermueller@dgf.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

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