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

***RE: Modification 26-1, Summit Mine, Grant County, New Mexico, Permit No. GR011ME;
NMDGF No. NMERT-5957.***

Dear Mr. Barber,

The New Mexico Department of Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the proposed permit modification referenced above. Summit Gold Corporation (Summit) is proposing to modify the mine permit and update the financial assurance associated with the Summit Mine. Staff from the Department, MMD, New Mexico Environment Department, and Summit conducted a site inspection on 6 May 2026.

The Department does not anticipate any significant impacts to wildlife from the proposed permit modification and currently has no issues or concerns. The Department does request a follow-up site inspection after Summit has reinitiated mining operations.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 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.

Sincerely,

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