



August 12, 2021

**RE: Terrero Exploration Project**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this Memorandum of Concern from myself as a cultural Leader from the Pueblo of Jemez and with deep roots from the Pueblo of Pecos, in regards to the proposed exploration permit mining in the Santa Fe National Forest by Terrero Exploration Project, I am authorized to express these concerns by the Governors of the Pueblo of Jemez.

My concerns are many and great in regards to those without the human voice such as the winged, finned and four-legged, our Ancestors that have gone beyond and those that are sure to come in the future. I speak on behalf of them as I raise my concern. While I respect and appreciate the government to government relationship between the federally recognized American Indian Tribes and the Federal Government, I also acknowledge the importance of the Cultural Leadership within the various Tribal communities that is often not heard.

We surely have ecological footprints that can be only negatively impacted by the proposed study. Our footprints should not be disturbed. We have sacred sites that are still active and in use to today. These sites are to be protected from any disturbances, far or near. These sites are critical to maintaining harmony in the Universe.

All entities have "memory" such as plants, land, water, air and all microorganisms. These disturbances from the proposed study can interrupt the continuation of the "memory" and cause irreversible harm.

Please take into consideration my voice of advocacy for those without a voice.

With Great Respect and Humbleness,

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