



LCDO_Comments, BLM_NM <blm_nm_lcdo_comments@blm.gov>

Copper Flat Mine DEIS

1 message

Richard Zimmerman <rzimmerman@m3eng.com>

Wed, Mar 2, 2016 at 9:38 AM

To: "BLM_NM_LCDO_Comments@blm.gov" <BLM_NM_LCDO_Comments@blm.gov>

To whom it may concern:

Responsible development of the Copper Flat copper-molybdenum-gold-silver deposit provides substantial benefit to the economy of southwestern New Mexico and will result in environmental enhancement from reclamation and site restoration. As an environmental geologist, I been involved in the environmental remediation of many sites impacted by historical industrial and commercial activity. Often, there are no responsible parties available to fund reclamation and restoration activities at impacted "brownfields" sites. One of the best ways to facilitate site restoration is to incorporate impacted sites in economic development plans that provide the necessary funds for environmental improvement.

My company has worked with New Mexico Copper Corporation for five years developing plans for rejuvenation of the Copper Flat mine. Redevelopment of this impacted site will provide much-needed natural resources to fuel manufacturing and economic development. The folks at New Mexico Copper Corporation have proven to be attentive to environmental concerns and will do what is required to leave the project area in better condition environmentally than it is at present.

Financial modeling conducted to demonstrate the economic viability of the Copper Flat project indicates that construction of the project and its projected 12 year operation will be of substantial economic benefit to southwestern New Mexico. The hundreds of construction and operations jobs created by development of the property, combined with the services and supplies that are required, will have a significant positive impact on the surrounding communities.

The Bureau of Land Management is entrusted with management of these lands for the benefit of all citizens. The people of New Mexico deserve to accrue the benefits of nature's bounty in the form of this mineral deposit. They also deserve to have this development conducted responsibly with assurance that the site will be reclaimed to a level that provides for a stable environment and a public land resource that can be enjoyed by all.

It is my strong belief that this project will benefit New Mexico, the economy of the US, and the environmental condition of the project site. Thank you for your stewardship and the opportunity to comment on this important project.

Regards,



RICK ZIMMERMAN, RG

t 520.293.1488 ext. 3873