BLM Las Cruces District Office
Attention: Doug Haywood
1800 Marquess Street
Las Cruces, NM 88005

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Re: Support for Copper Flat Mine Project

Dear Mr. Haywood,

As a resident and taxpayer of New Mexico I am writing in support of New Mexico Copper Corporation's plan to re-open the Copper Flat Mine in Sierra County, NM.

This project will provide much needed employment in Sierra County and also bring work to many supporting sectors for a positive impact throughout the state. Furthermore, the United States needs responsible domestic production of natural resources. The Copper Flat mine will produce copper and other valuable metals right here in New Mexico and I feel we have proper federal and state regulations in place to ensure protection of workers and the environment.

Finally, it is my understanding that the draft Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) documents that the proposed mine development would operate within strict environmental regulations to protect human health and the environment while bringing very good job opportunities and tax revenue to New Mexico.

For the above reasons, I ask that you work through the EIS process efficiently and without delay so that we can welcome responsible industry in Sierra County. Thank you for considering my support of the Copper Flat Mine and the fact that the BLM has been thorough in their work, providing time for the public review process.

Sincerely,

Frank Ruvolo 2/28/16
SIGNATURE DATE

FRANK Ruvolo
PRINTED FIRST & LAST NAME