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Bureau of Land Management
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RE: Perdito Exploration Project, Environmental Assessment (EA)

Mr. Porter:

On behalf of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, I would like to express our appreciation for the opportunity to comment on the Perdito Exploration Project EA.

We note the Inyo County General Plan was not included in the list of other plans and documents in the EA and remind the BLM that the Inyo County General Plan should be included in, and coordinated with, the EA. The BLM should have coordinated with Inyo County during this process, as well.

Without taking a position on any of the alternatives, we do want to point out to all parties that both Silver Standard's Preferred Alternative and the Minimum Road Construction Alternative will be subject to the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act as they project surface disturbance in excess of one acre. Also, particular to these two alternatives, subsequent reclamation plans would be subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Respectfully,

Mark Tillemans
Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

cc: Brian Steed, Deputy Director, Programs & Policy, BLM
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