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President Russel Begaye
Navajo Nation
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PO Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

RE: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the San Juan Mine Federal Coal Lease NM-99144, Deep Lease Extension Mining Plan Modification; Government-to-Government Notification

Dear President Russel Begaye,

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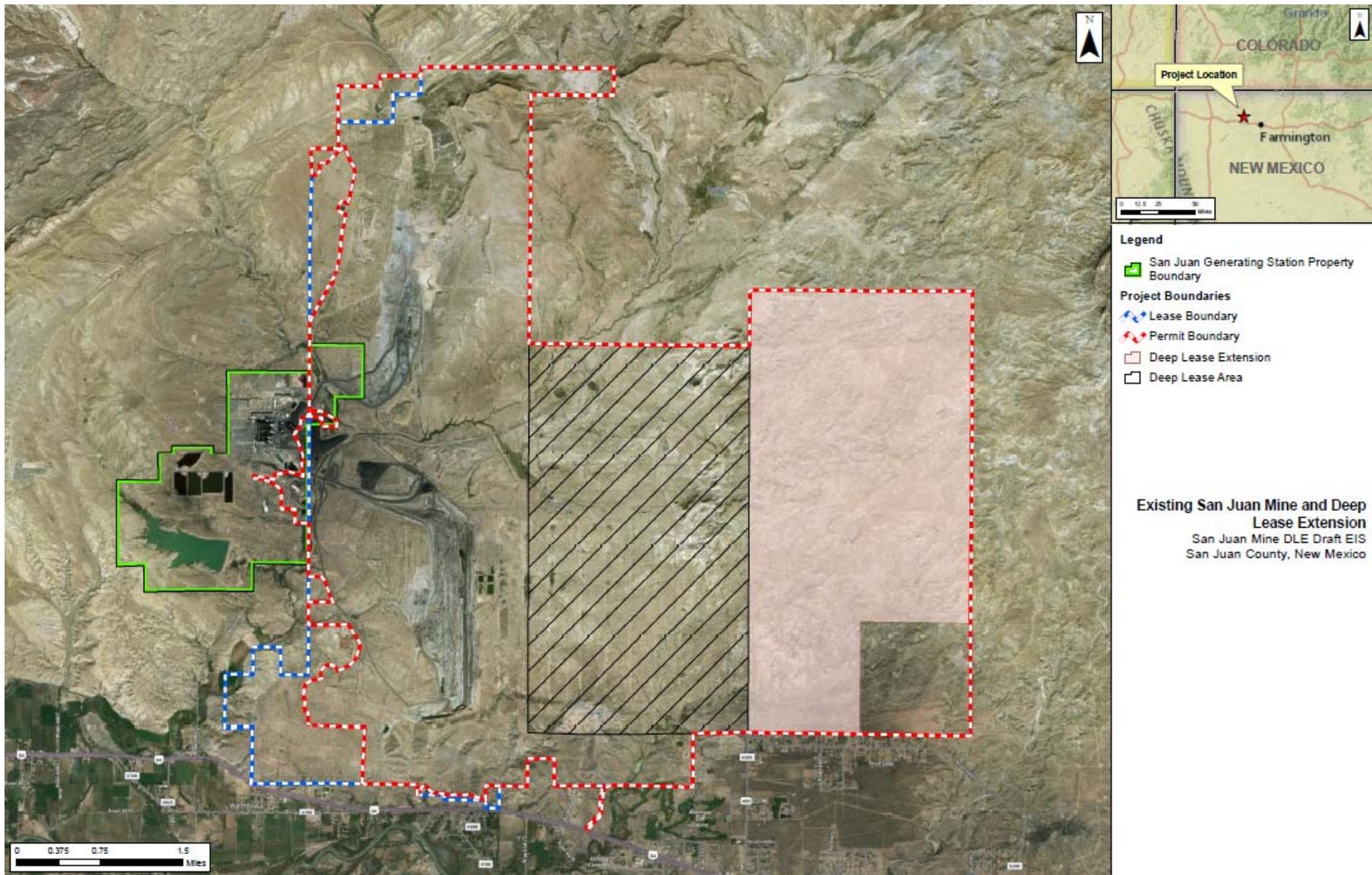


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Pueblo of Acoma
PO Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

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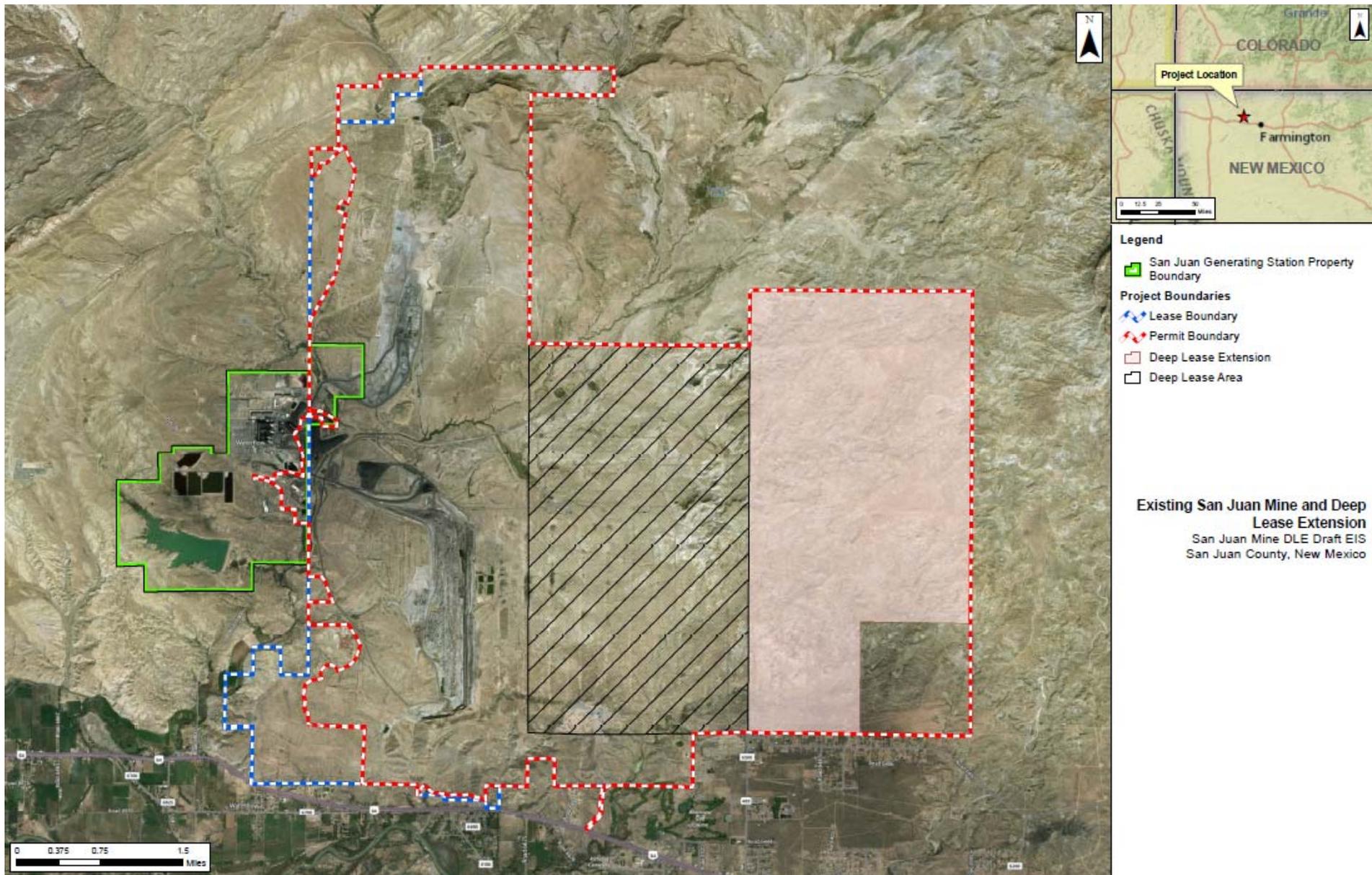


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Laguna Pueblo, NM 87026

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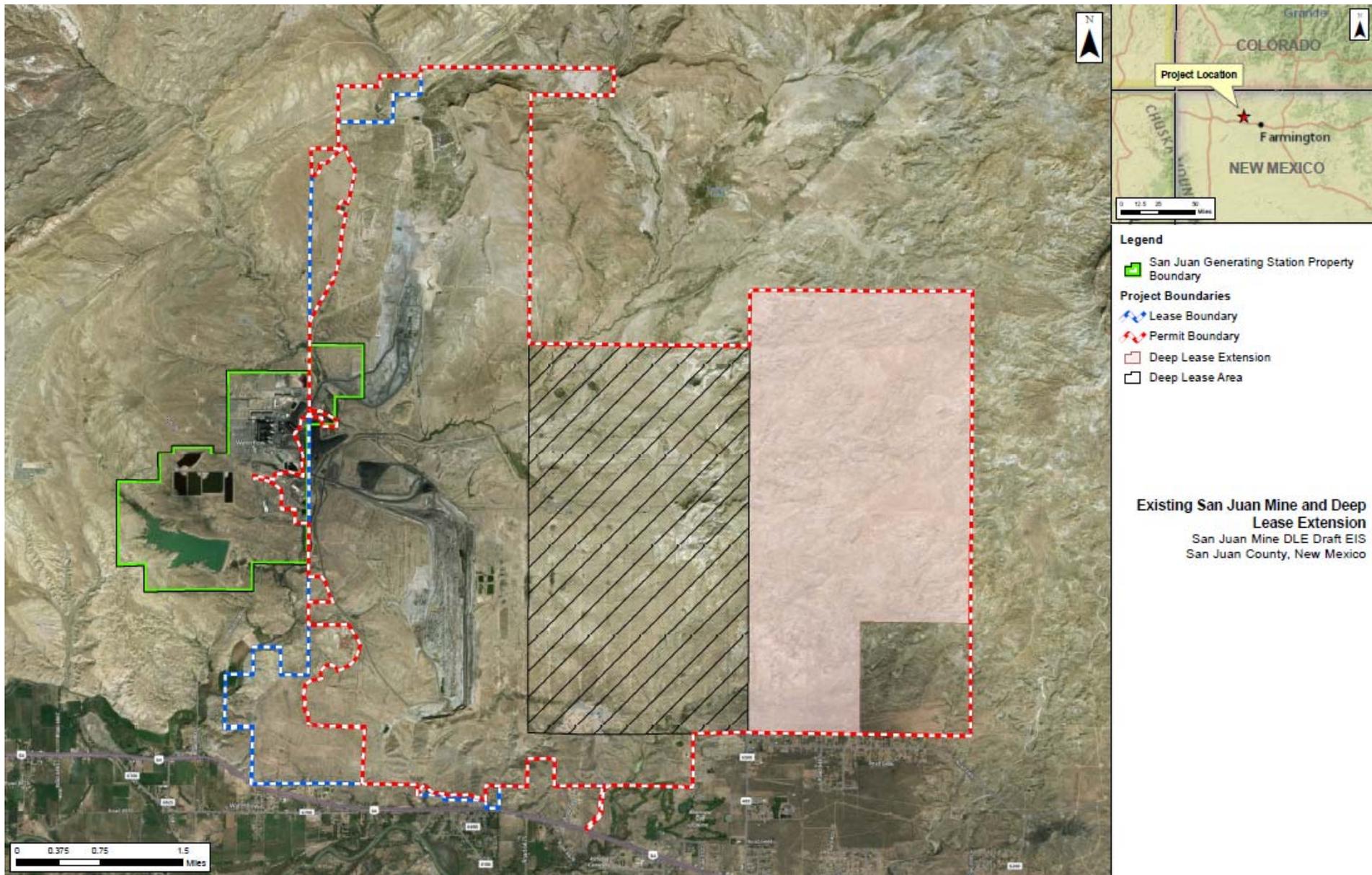


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PO Box 1099
San Juan Pueblo, NM 87566

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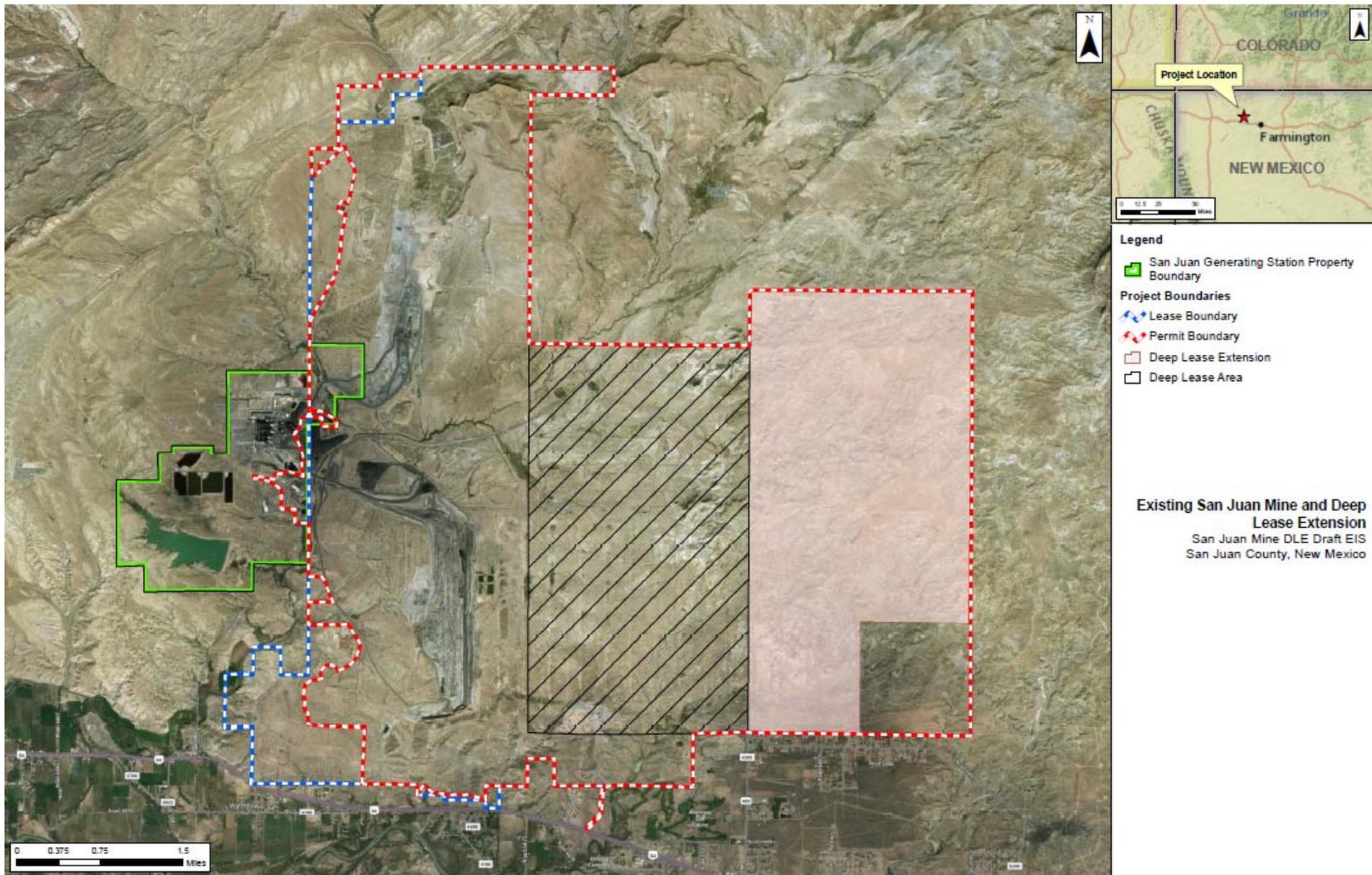


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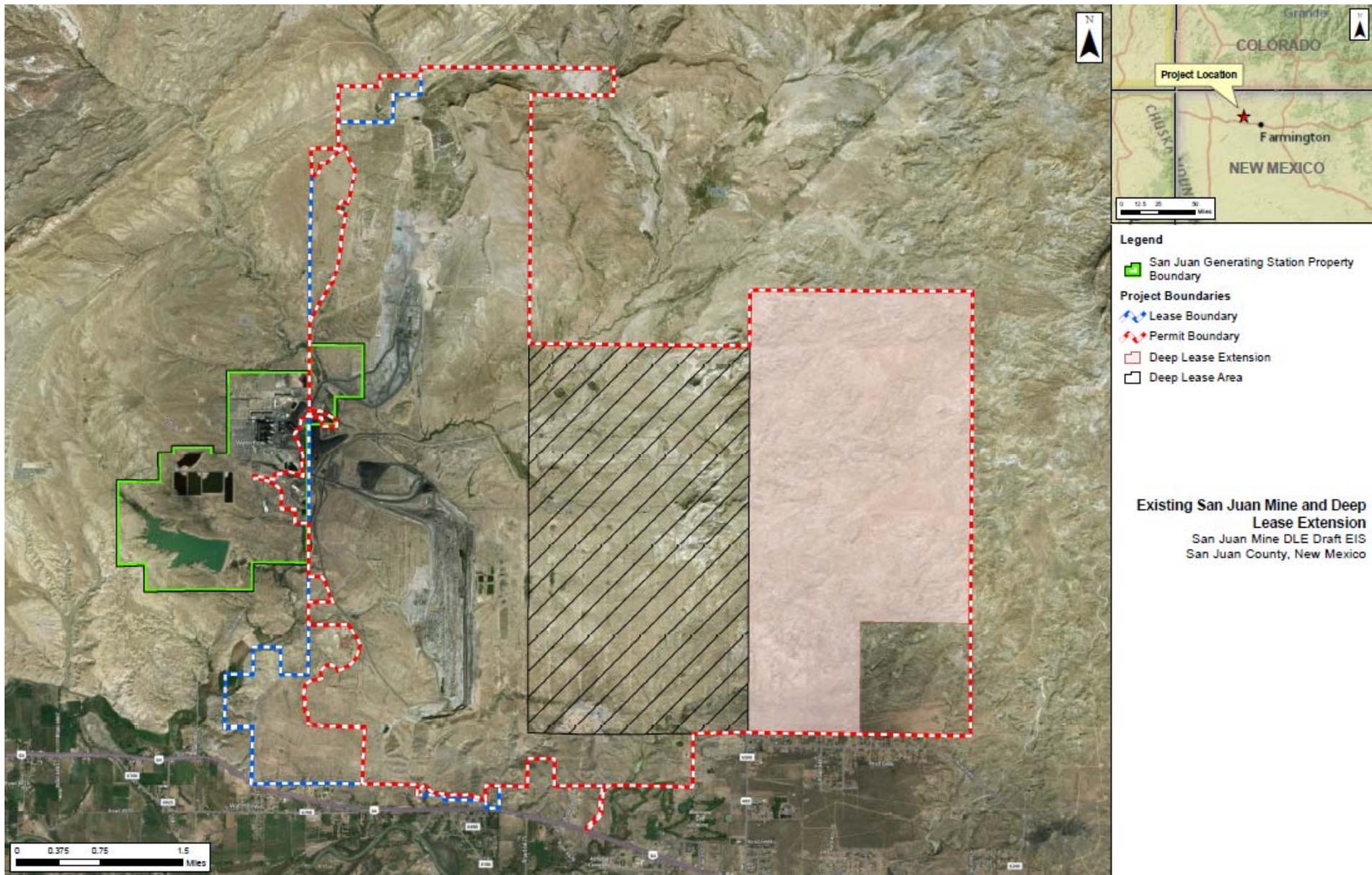


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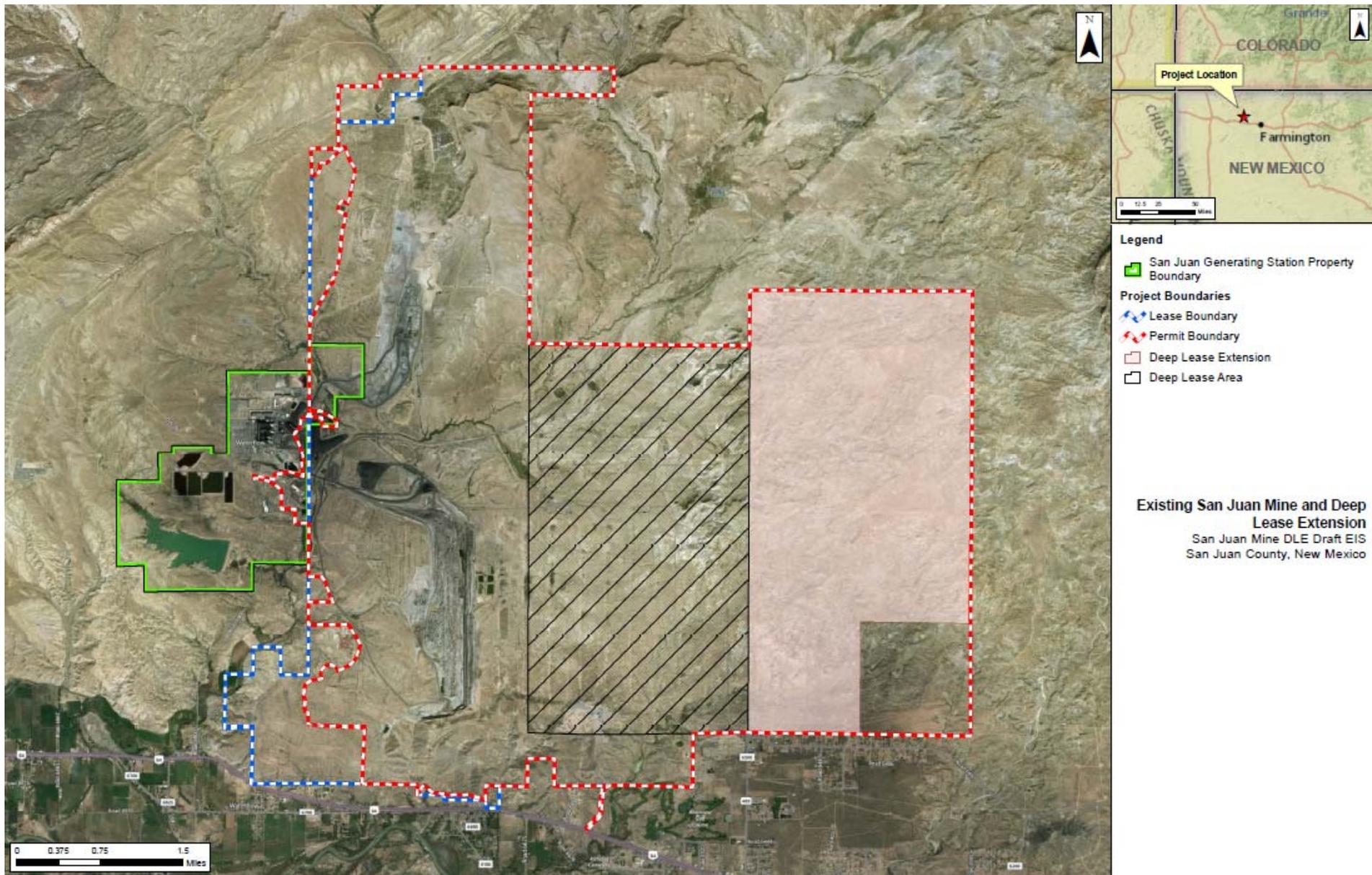


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Hopi Tribe
PO Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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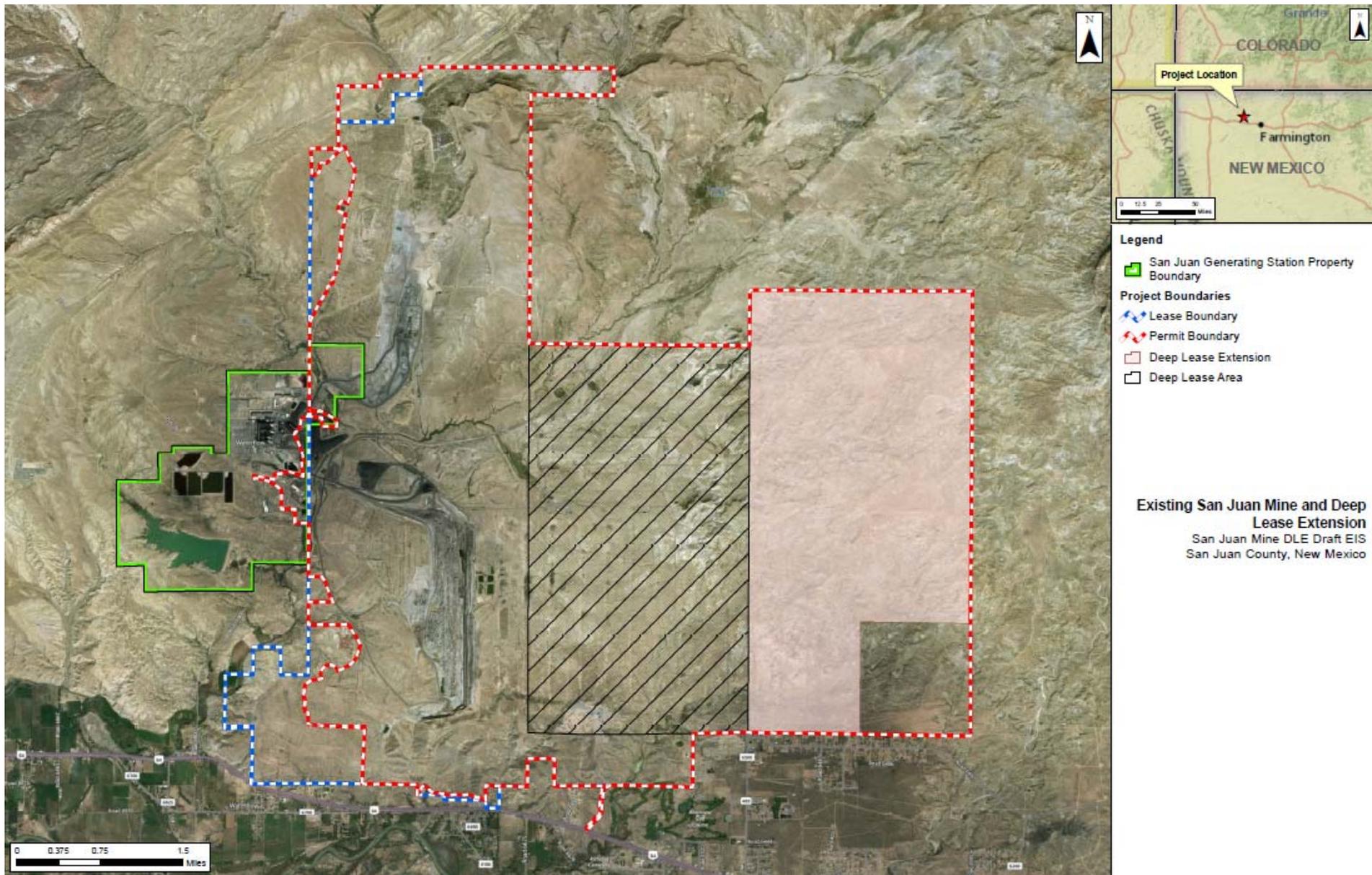


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Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
100 Kiowa Way
Carnegie, OK 73015

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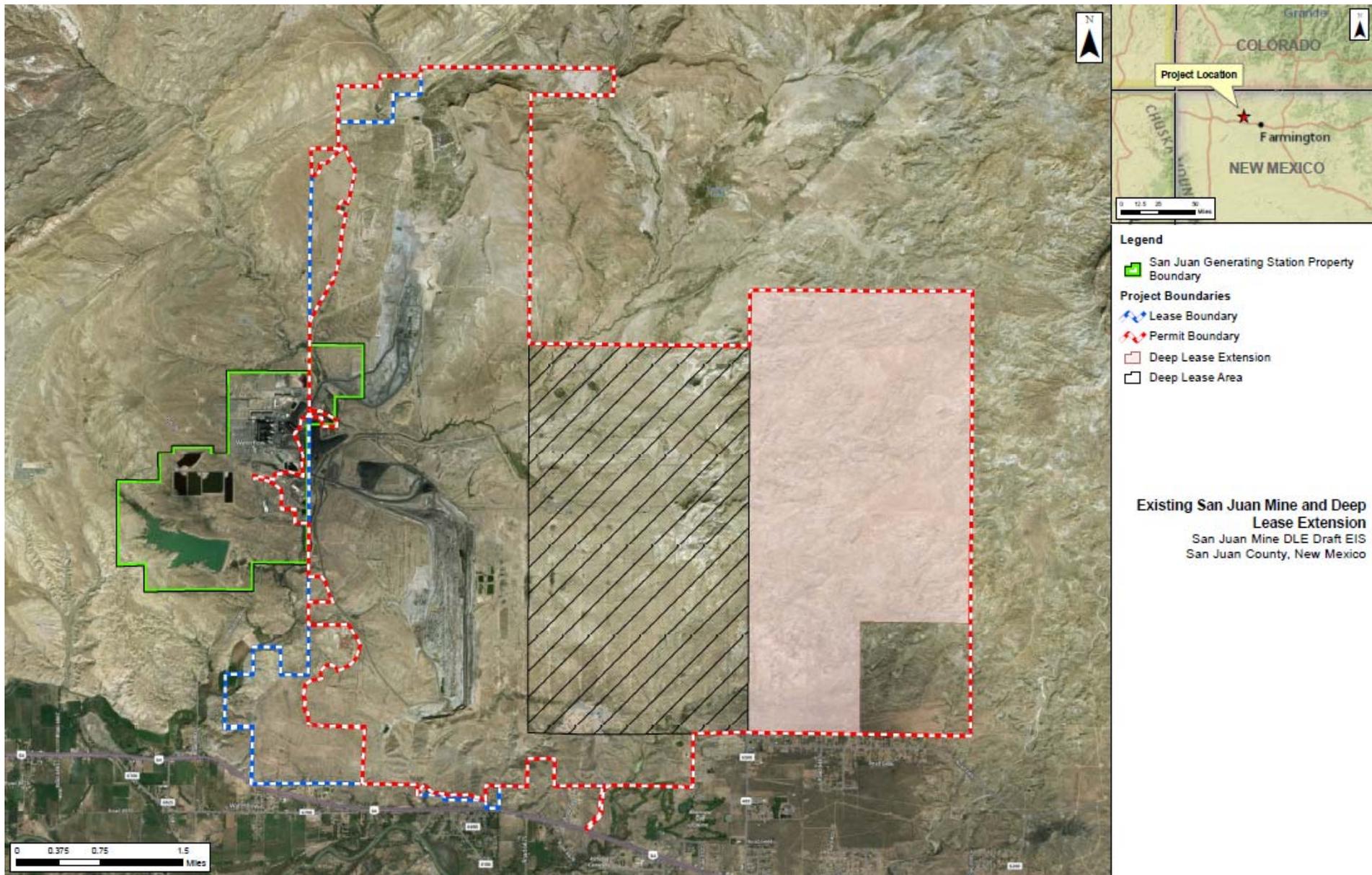


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Ute Mountain Ute Tribe
124 Mike Wash Road
Towaoc, CO 81334

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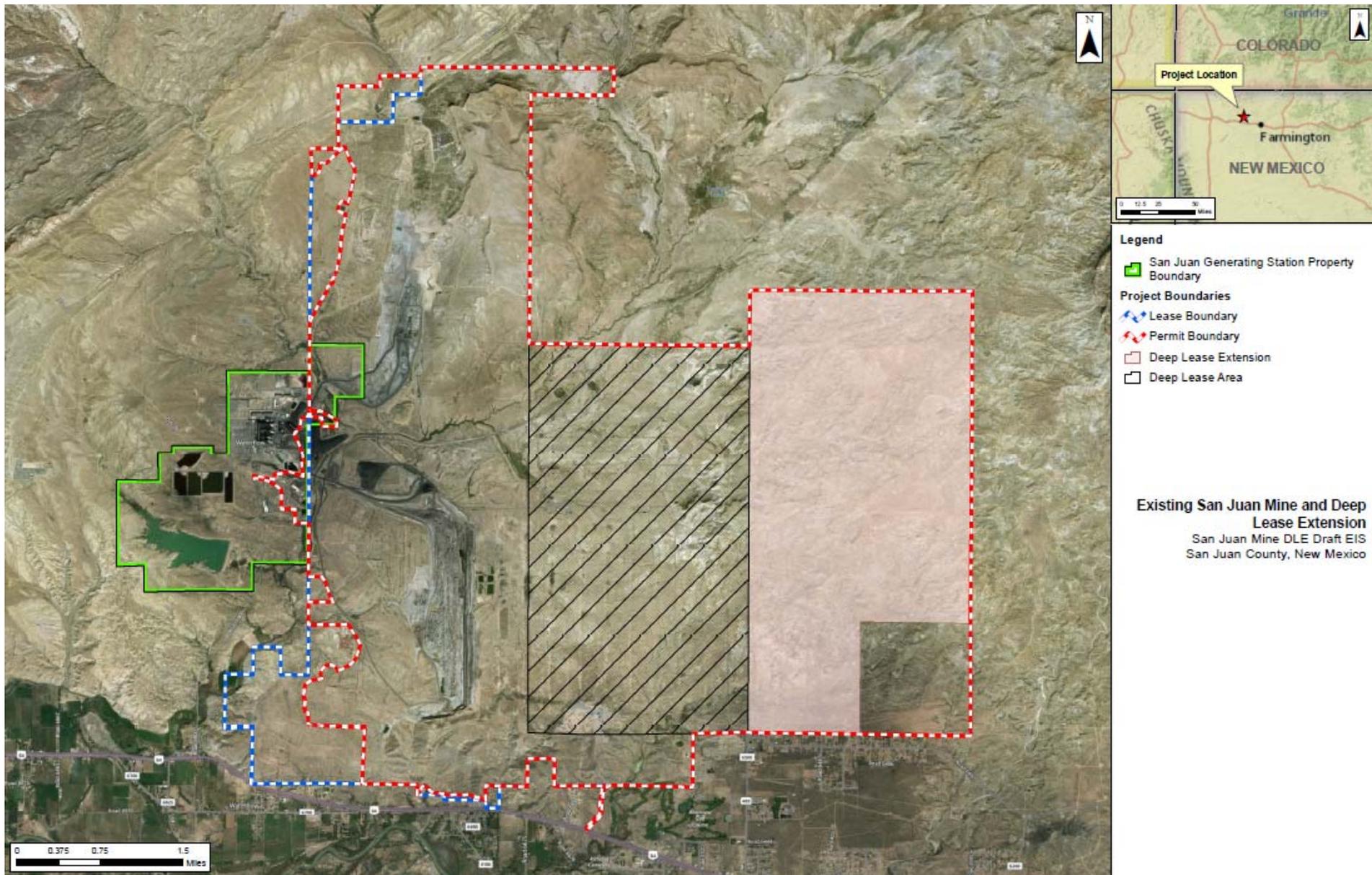


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PO Box 737
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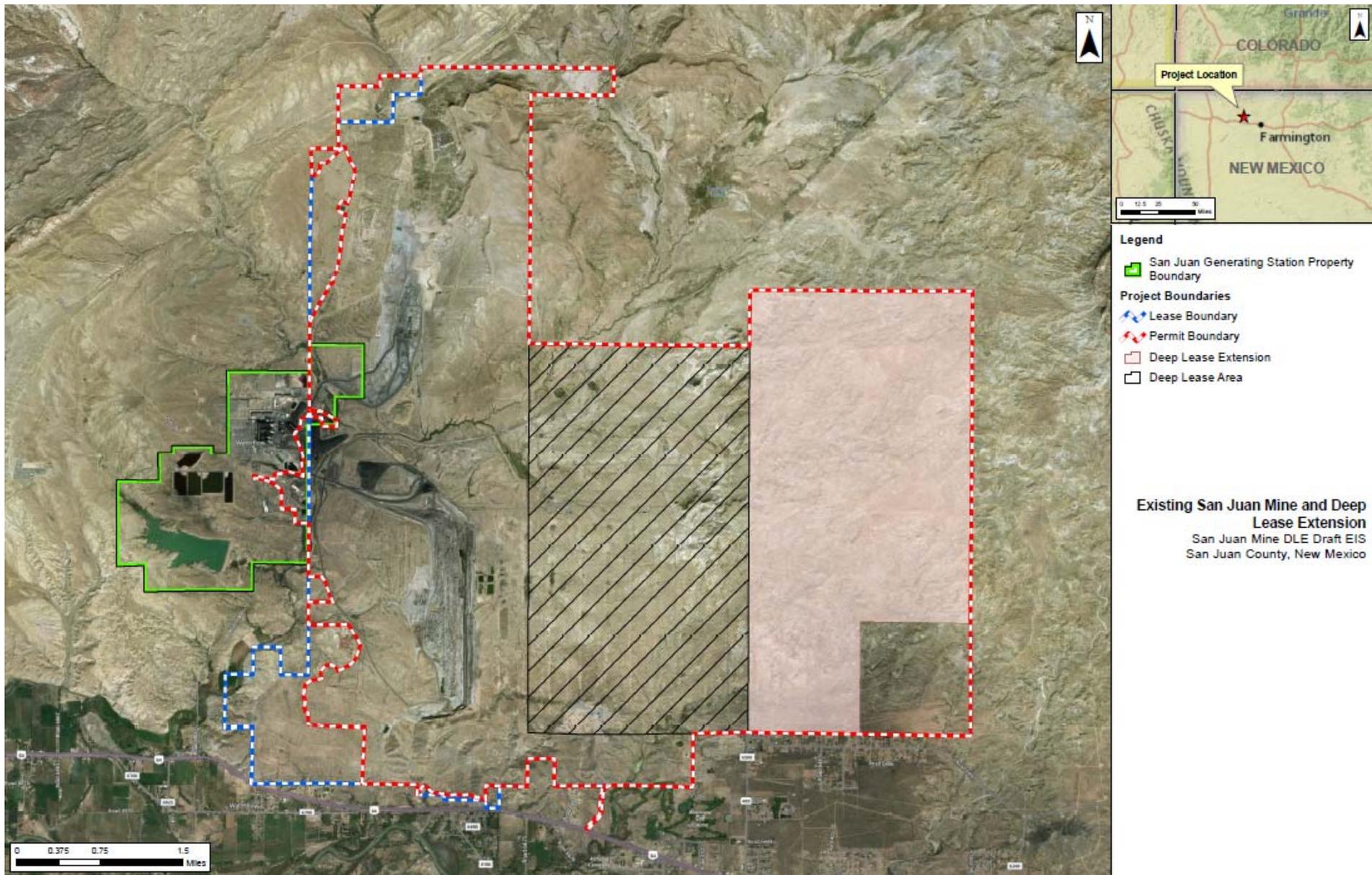


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PO Box 1330
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Again, if you would like to consult with OSMRE on the proposed project and/or Draft EIS, please submit a written request to eshaeffer@osmre.gov or Ms. Elizabeth Shaeffer at 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, CO 80202-3050.

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