

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Title 40, Section 1506.6 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Denver Field Branch, gives notice of the availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) prepared in response to our receipt and analysis of an Environmental Assessment document (EA; [DOI-BLM-NM-A020-2017-0031-EA]). The EA examines potential environmental impacts related to an abandoned mine land reclamation project in the Hansonburg Mining District near Bingham, Socorro County, New Mexico.

The Hansonburg Mining District Safeguarding Project will reclaim 68 hazardous hardrock mine features including shafts, adits, subsidence areas, and other physical openings in the project areas. The proposed mine closures are located across three parcels comprising approximately 1,752 acres of public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and New Mexico State Land Office. The parcels include the northern portion of the Sierra Oscura to the southeast, a southwestern parcel in the Hansonburg Hills, and a small parcel just east of Bingham to the north. OSMRE is providing funding to the New Mexico Abandoned Mine Land Program to complete this reclamation.

Complete copies of the EA and FONSI are available at the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Western Region, Denver Field Branch, 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320, Denver, Colorado, 80202-3050 and the New Mexico Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87505.