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Project Manager - Grants

7 July 2006

President Joe Shirley, Jr.
The Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 9000
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Dear President Shirley, Jr.:

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Sincerely yours,



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Leigh Kuwanwisiwma
Director of Hopi Cultural Preservation Office
The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Dear Director Kuwanwisiwma:

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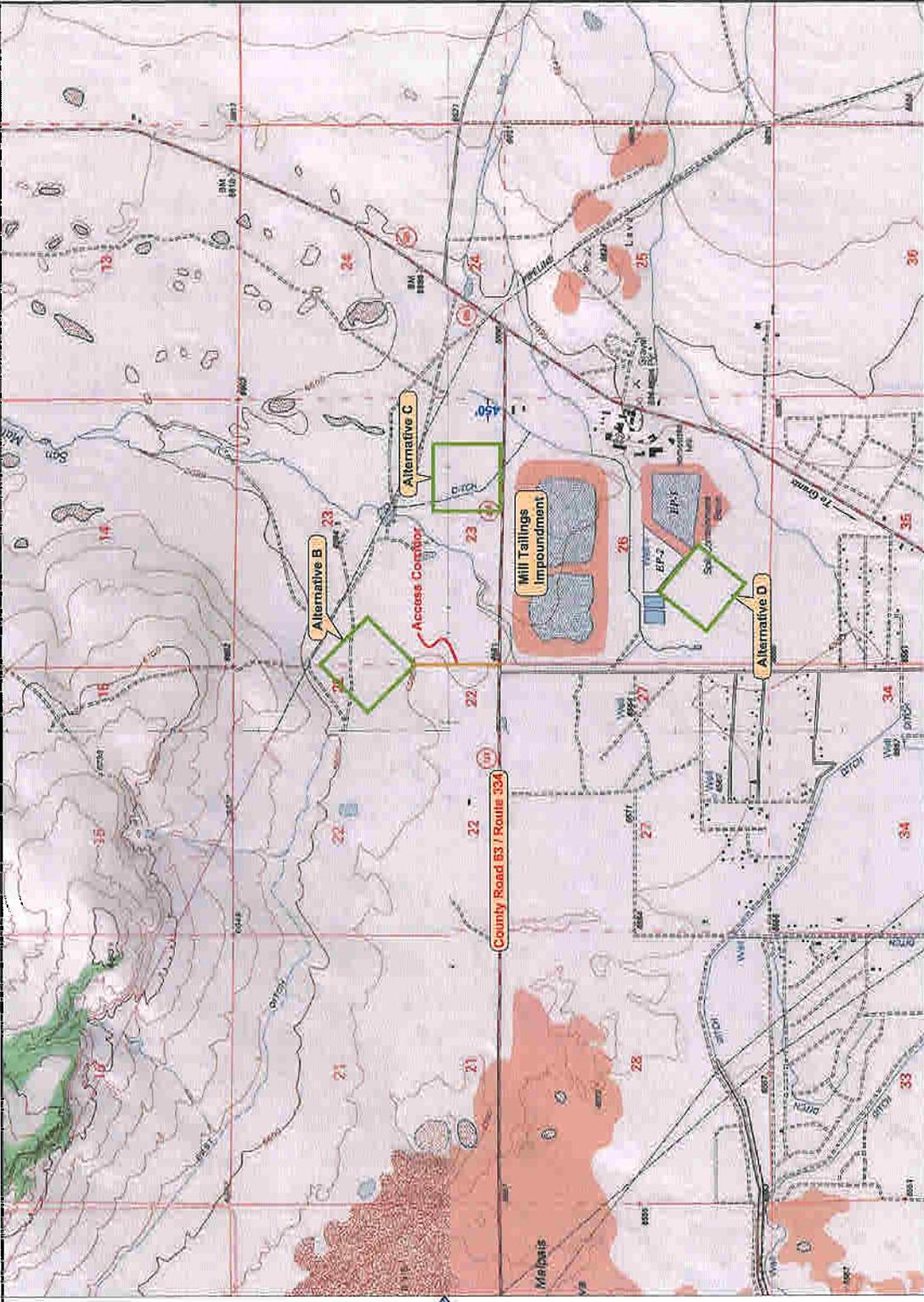
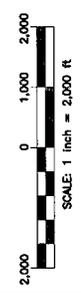


FIGURE 1
SITE LOCATION MAP
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Governor Robert Benevides
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta, NM 87022

Dear Governor Benevides:

The Homestake Mining Company of California (HMCo) is proposing to build an evaporation pond on a 33-acre site in Cibola County, New Mexico, as part of long-term groundwater restoration efforts at the facility. Proposed locations for the pond are on private land near the HMCo facility, located north of the City of Grants, in Section 26, T12N, R10W (Figure 1). HMCo currently manages a ground water restoration program subject to United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) License SUA-1471, and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Discharge Plans, DP-200 and DP-725. An amendment to the NRC Site License and an amendment of NMED DP-725 will be sought to add the new evaporation pond and expand the site boundary. Kleinfelder Inc. will be preparing the environmental document in support of the amendment requests.

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In this preliminary phase of the project, HMCo is sharing proposed project plans with you in order to identify any areas that may be of concern to Pueblo of Isleta. In particular, HMCo would appreciate any information that you can provide with respect to any traditional religious or cultural sites, or other historic or archaeological sites, of importance to Pueblo of Isleta that may be within the proposed project area. If such sites exist, HMCo would like to work with Pueblo of Isleta to avoid and protect the identified location(s) without disclosing any specific information as to the site locations or the nature of the religious activities.

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archaeological sites, within the proposed project area or any additional questions or comments regarding this project, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

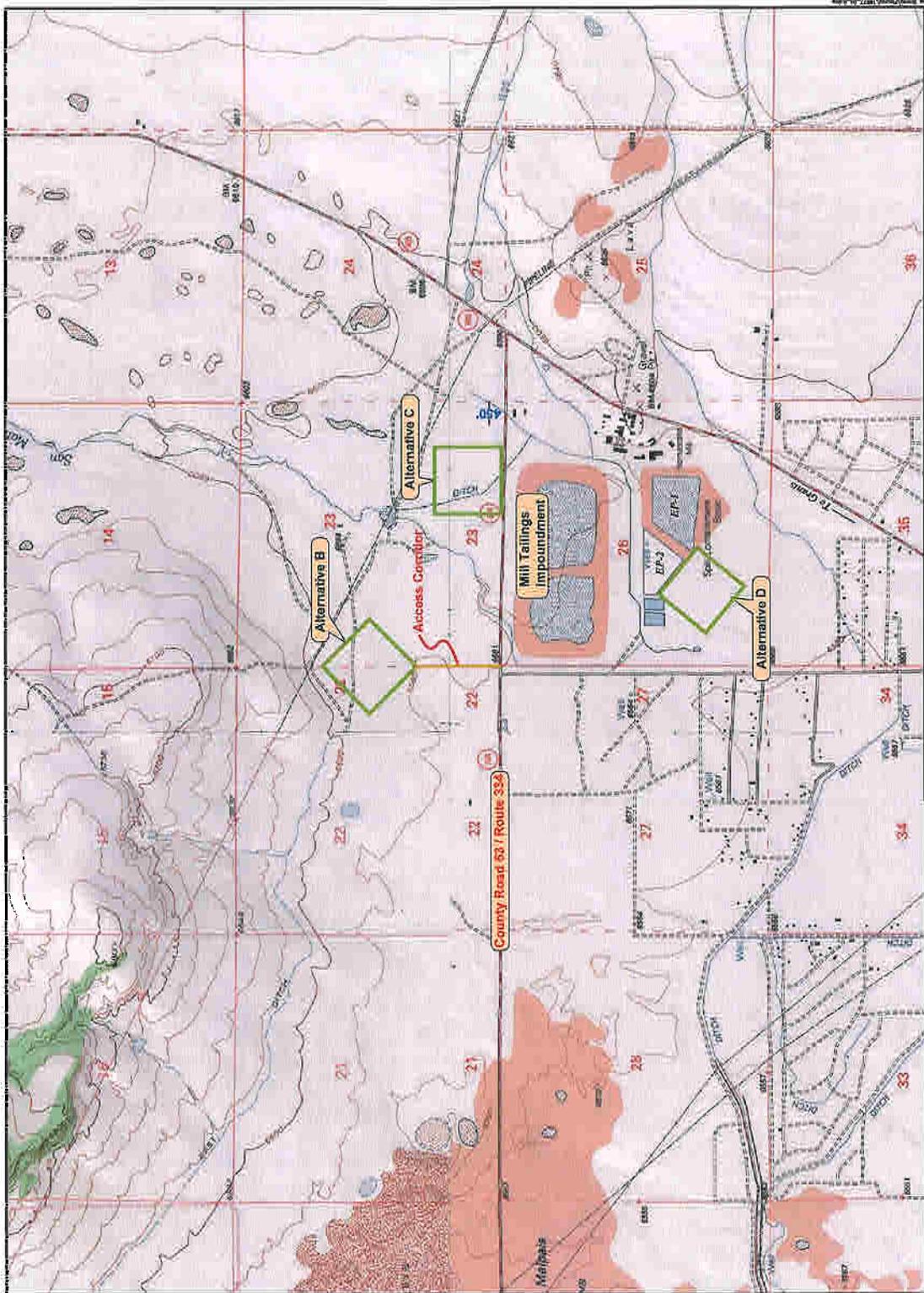


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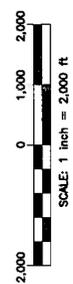
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Alternative Evaporation Pond Locations



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Chairman Dallas Massey, Sr.
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
White River, AZ 85941

Dear Chairman Massey Sr.:

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In this preliminary phase of the project, HMCo is sharing proposed project plans with you in order to identify any areas that may be of concern to the White Mountain Apache Tribe. In particular, HMCo would appreciate any information that you can provide with respect to any traditional religious or cultural sites, or other historic or archaeological sites, of importance to the White Mountain Apache Tribe that may be within the proposed project area. If such sites exist, HMCo would like to work with the White Mountain Apache Tribe to avoid and protect the identified location(s) without disclosing any specific information as to the site locations or the nature of the religious activities.

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Mountain Apache Tribe has concerns regarding any traditional religious or cultural areas, or other historic or archaeological sites, within the proposed project area or any additional questions or comments regarding this project, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

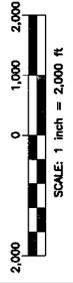
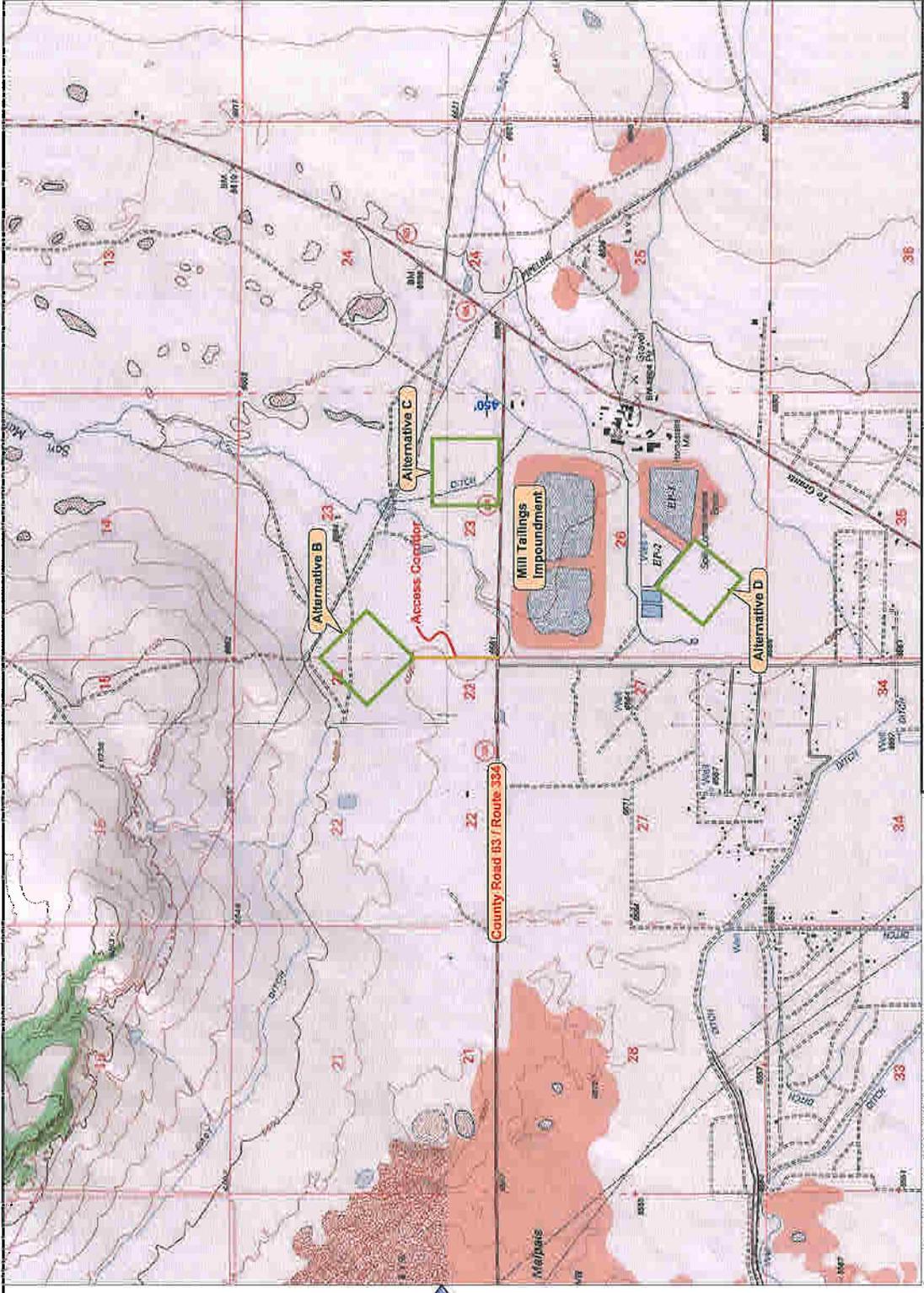


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Governor Jason Johnson
Pueblo of Acoma
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Dear Governor Johnson:

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In this preliminary phase of the project, HMCo is sharing proposed project plans with you in order to identify any areas that may be of concern to the Pueblo of Acoma. In particular, HMCo would appreciate any information that you can provide with respect to any traditional religious or cultural sites, or other historic or archaeological sites, of importance to the Pueblo of Acoma that may be within the proposed project area. If such sites exist, HMCo would like to work with the Pueblo of Acoma to avoid and protect the identified location(s) without disclosing any specific information as to the site locations or the nature of the religious activities.

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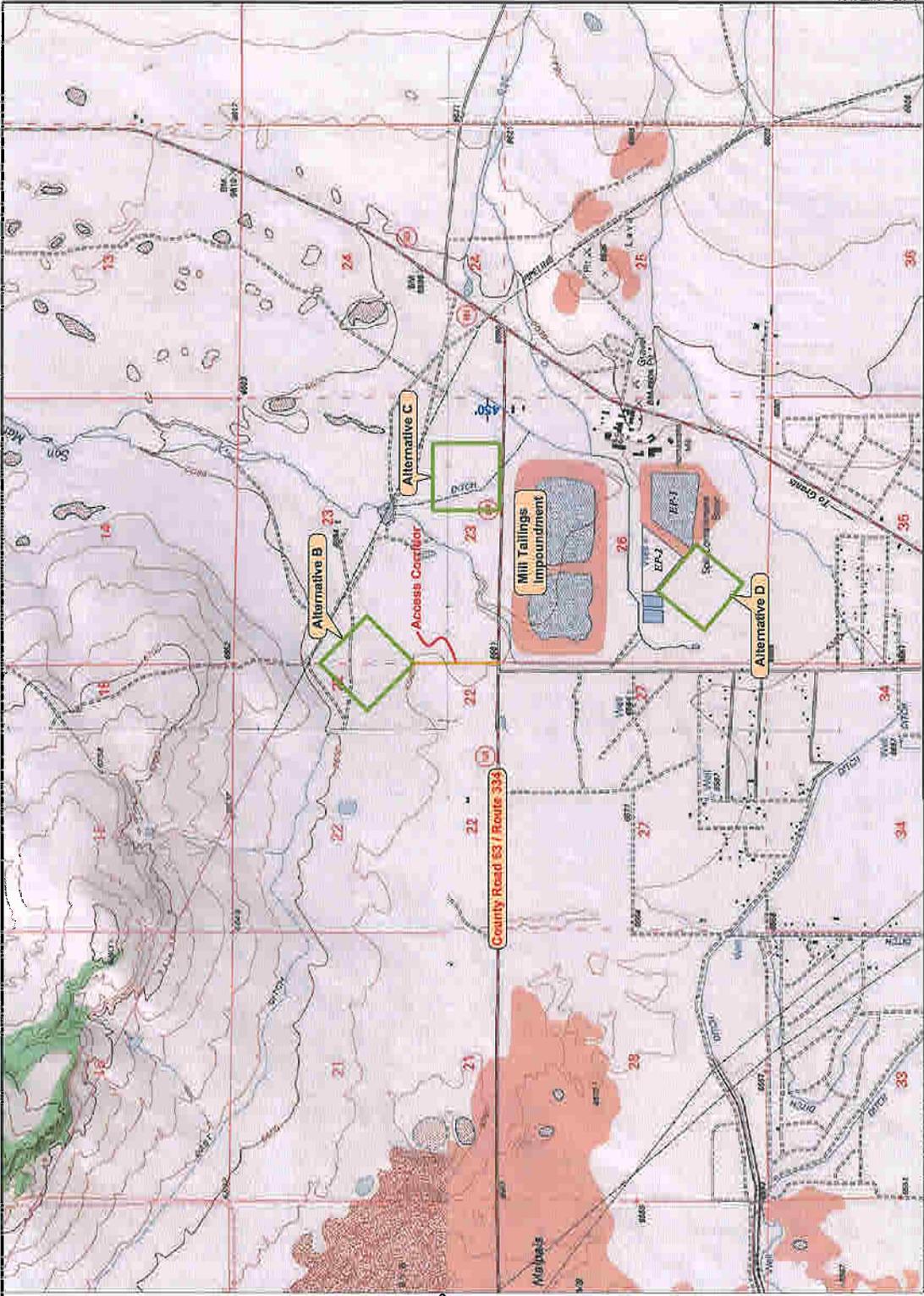


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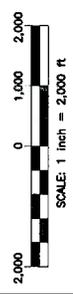
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President Mark Chino
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

Dear President Chino:

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In this preliminary phase of the project, HMCo is sharing proposed project plans with you in order to identify any areas that may be of concern to the Mescalero Apache Tribe. In particular, HMCo would appreciate any information that you can provide with respect to any traditional religious or cultural sites, or other historic or archaeological sites, of importance to the Mescalero Apache Tribe that may be within the proposed project area. If such sites exist, HMCo would like to work with the Mescalero Apache Tribe to avoid and protect the identified location(s) without disclosing any specific information as to the site locations or the nature of the religious activities.

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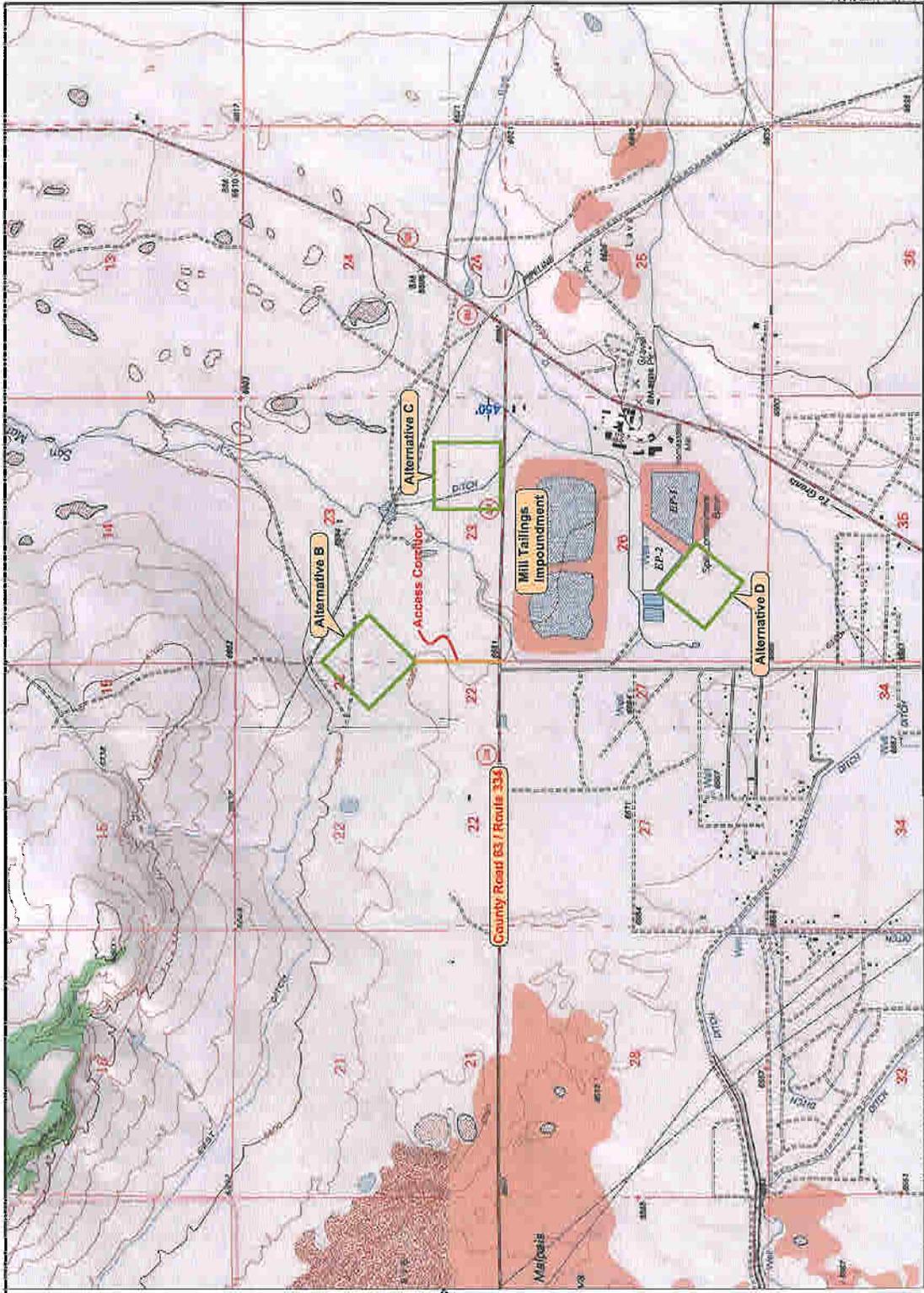


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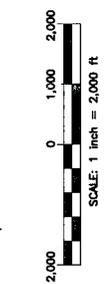
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Governor Arlen P. Quetawki, Sr.
Pueblo of Zuni
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

Dear Governor Quetawki, Sr.:

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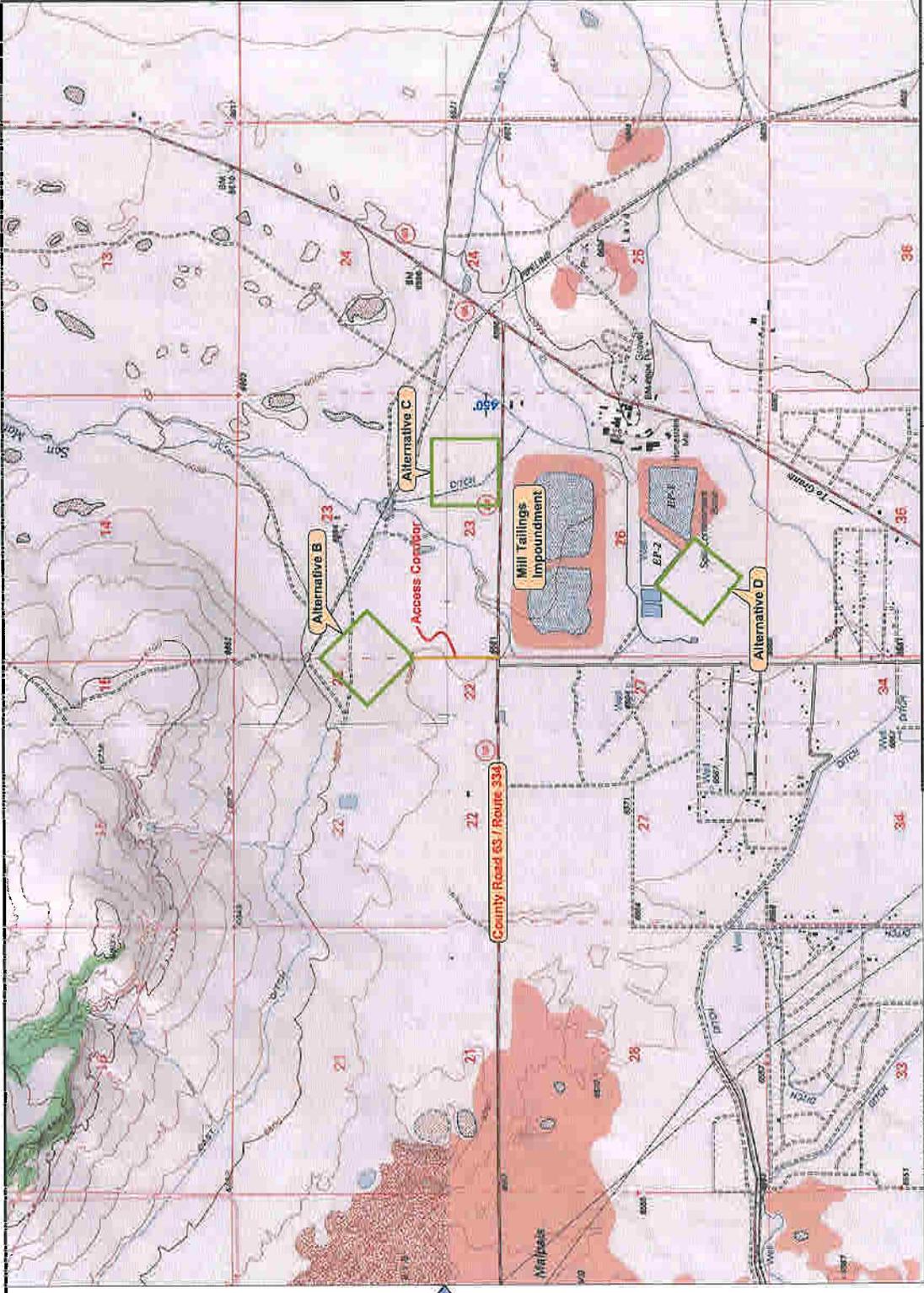


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