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To Whom It May Concern,

We the San Antonio de Las Huertas Land Grant oppose mining on the BLM Land also known as the Buffalo Tract in Placitas, NM.

The proposed mining area will environmentally and economically impact Placitas and the surrounding communities.

1. The changing of the contours of the land by removing the natural vegetation will increase flooding to Algodones. We have seen the impact by the current mines located in this area.
2. The mining in the Placitas area also increased large trucks coming and going off of 165 and I-25. With large amounts of residential traffic this can become a concern in the future.
3. The home values will decrease which will impact the community, especially the Land Grant Community because of the lower income individuals who live in the area.
4. This is a well-known historical area for both the SADLHLG and the surrounding tribes. Archeological evidence can be destroyed and lost forever.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate contacting me.

Sincerely,

Wayne Sandoval, President