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December 26, 2024

Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnippah  
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 908  
Lawton, OK 73502

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President Edward Velarde  
Jicarilla Apache Nation  
P.O. Box 507  
Dulce, NM 87528

**Re: Notice of Intent to Issue the Closure/Closeout Plan for Laughlin Peak Mine, Colfax County, New Mexico, Permit No. CO002MN, New Minimal Impact Mine.**

Dear President Velarde:

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Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird  
Kiowa Indian Tribe of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 369  
Carnegie, OK 73015

**Re: Notice of Intent to Issue the Closure/Closeout Plan for Laughlin Peak Mine, Colfax County, New Mexico, Permit No. CO002MN, New Minimal Impact Mine.**

Dear Chairman SpottedBird:

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Madam President Thora Walsh-Padilla  
Mescalero Apache Tribe  
P.O. Box 227  
Mescalero, NM 88340

**Re: Notice of Intent to Issue the Closure/Closeout Plan for Laughlin Peak Mine, Colfax County, New Mexico, Permit No. CO002MN, New Minimal Impact Mine.**

Dear Madam President Walsh-Padilla:

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Governor Fred L. Romero  
Pueblo of Taos  
P.O. Box 1846  
Taos, NM 87571

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Dear Governor Romero:

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma  
P.O. Box 908  
Lawton, OK 73502

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Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
Jicarilla Apache Nation  
P.O. Box 507  
Dulce, NM 87528

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Mescalero Apache Tribe  
P.O. Box 227  
Mescalero, NM 88340

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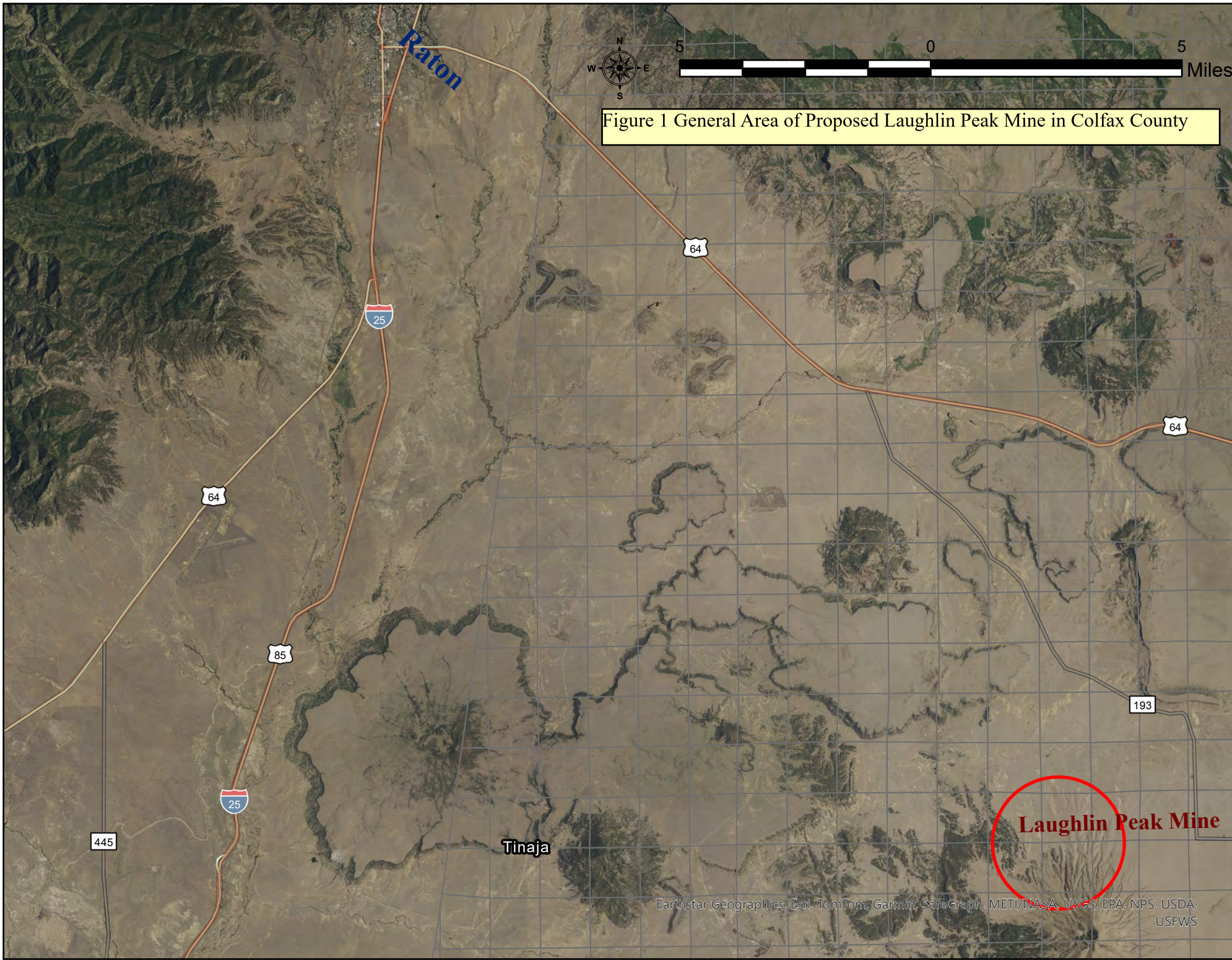


Figure 1 General Area of Proposed Laughlin Peak Mine in Colfax County

**Laughlin Peak Mine**

Earthstar Geographics, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS