El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. Exploration Project

- ♦ Violations issued by the U.S. Forest Service and the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division were abated summer of 2007.
- ♦ Surveys for cultural resources, Threatened and Endangered Species, Neo-tropical birds and mammals have been completed.
- No drilling can be done until NEPA is completed and a decision is signed
- Exploration project consists of 112 holes, drilled in phases
- ♦ Air/fluid drilling will be used.
- ◆ Tracked/rubber tired drill rigs will be used.
- ◆ Drill pads will measure 60' x 30'.
- Drill hole depth will average 400'.
- Existing roads will be used when possible.
- Overland access will be used when possible.
- ♦ Some access roads will be constructed.
- When roads are constructed they will measure 12' wide and will follow land contours
- ◆ Total acreage for road disturbance is 19.85 acres of which approximately 10 acres will be from new construction.
- ♦ Total disturbance at any given time in the project will be less than 19.85 acres because as exploration work is completed the roads and pads used in that particular phase will be reclaimed.
- ♦ Reclamation involves:
 - 1. Re-constructing the road with the material removed.
 - 2. Scarifying the surface to create a viable bed for seed.
 - 3. Seeding with a seed mixture approved by the U.S. Forest Service and New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division. The mixture consists of plant seeds native to the area and certified "Free of Noxious Weeds."
 - 4. Tacking and crimping mulch to create micro-habitat for the seeds.

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