

La Jara Mesa Mining Application Submitted to the State of New Mexico Proposing Uranium Mining Near Mount Taylor

Your support is needed to oppose the re-opening of a legacy Uranium mine in Cibola County!

Information Toolkit January 2026

Action Item:

Written comments and/or requests for a public hearing are open for 30 days starting January 12, 2026 and ending **February 10, 2026**.

***You do not have to be resident of Cibola County to submit a letter**

Comments may be submitted to:

Email: mmd.marp@emnrd.nm.gov

Or

Physical mailing address:

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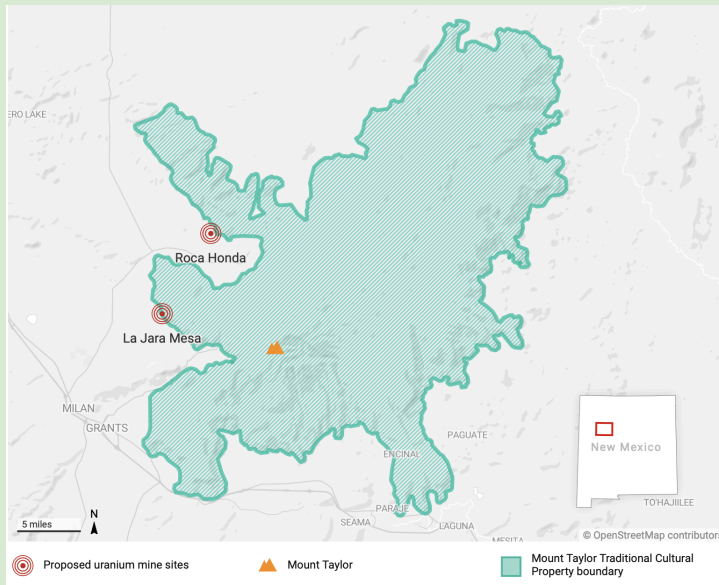
Summary:

Laramide Resources, Inc announced Monday 1/12/26 that they submitted a complete Mining Operations and Reclamation Plan to the State regarding the La Jara Mesa Uranium mine. In this plan it states once the mine begins operation, it is expected to produce 12-15 truck loads of uranium a day. The plan also states that the uranium would be processed at an offsite mill, not specifying where. This operation could run for up to 20 years. There has not been uranium mining in NM in 40 years.

This project has to go through the state and federal government for approval. This project was placed on the federal fast track list to streamline the approval process. Under the state of New Mexico, there is a multi-agency review process that must take place which includes the New Mexico Environment Department, the State Engineer, the state Forestry Division and Historic Preservation Division.

The Pueblo of Acoma and the All Pueblo Council of Governors have released letters opposing the La Jara Mesa uranium mine project in 2024.





This region lies on top of the grants mineral belt and has long been impacted by the legacy of uranium mining and milling. With numerous uranium mines and a large open pit mine operating in the Pueblo of Laguna from the 1950's to their closure in 1979, the Pueblo and surrounding communities have been devastated from radioactive contamination in the air, water, soil, and plant life. This resulted in an influx of chronic illnesses such as various types of

cancers, kidney diseases and failure, pulmonary fibrosis and so much more. These communities have not gotten the justice they deserve even 40 years later. There has not been effective and scientifically proven clean up measures implemented currently. These communities cannot afford another dangerous extractive project near tribal traditional homelands.

It is of most significance to remind our communities, tribal leaders, state leaders, and federal entities that Mount Taylor was established as a Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) protected under the Historic Preservation Act in 2009. This geographic area holds an important cultural identity to the people of Acoma Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, Navajo Nation, and many more Indigenous communities. This project would not only impact citizens located in Cibola County, but everyone downwind and downstream of the site.

Our Demands:

- No new mining or reopening of old legacy uranium mines
- Justice for impacted communities
- Land remediation and clean up
- Honor the significance of Traditional Cultural Property designation
- Listen to tribal communities



NM Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNERD)

Website Resources:

[CI008RN La Jara Mesa Mine Project - Regular, New Mining Operation - Mining and Minerals](#)

[Pueblo of Acoma Statement - 12/19/2024](#)

[APCG Statement](#) - 2024 Resolution Reaffirming Protections for Mt Taylor and Opposition to the Proposed Laramide Resources La Jara Mesa Uranium Mine Project

*Ongoing tribal consultations include San Felipe Pueblo, Laguna Pueblo, and Zia Pueblo

Additional Sources:

<https://sourcenm.com/2026/01/15/mining-company-announces-milestone-in-push-to-dig-new-uranium-mine-in-nm/>

<https://laramide.com/projects/la-jara-mesa-uranium-project/>

<https://sourcenm.com/2025/07/14/mining-companies-face-complex-web-of-regulation-for-nm-uranium/>

