



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 21, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) referencing Historic Properties Potentially Affected by Proposed Lisbon Valley Mine Plan of Operations Modification, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and Sign MOA as Concurring Party

SUMMARY

BLM has finalized a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act regarding the proposed Lisbon Valley Mine Plan of Operations Modification. This has been done in consultation with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, interested Indian tribes, and consulting parties including San Juan County. The MOA was developed to resolve adverse effects to historic properties that could potentially result from implementation of the Mine Plan of Operations Modification. The MOA currently contains a Plan of Action for the Treatment of Inadvertently Discovered Human Remains and Cultural Items during proposed mining operations. Following the Record of Decision identifying the selected alternative for the mining plan of operation, a Treatment Plan, as directed in the MOA, to include measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate adverse effects to historic properties, will be developed by the mining company in coordination with BLM, Tribes and consulting parties. San Juan County has been invited to sign the MOA as a concurring party. Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office has also been a participant in this process and plans to sign the document.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

San Juan County was invited and participated as a consulting party in the development of the MOA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Unknown