



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 7, 2024

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of MOU for Cooperating Agency Status with BLM in Preparation of EIS for Lisbon Valley Mine Plan Modification, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Approve and sign MOU

SUMMARY

San Juan County previously accepted BLM's invitation to be a Cooperating Agency in the preparation of an EIS for Lisbon Valley Mine's proposed modification to its Plan of Operation. The proposed modification includes expansion of pit mining operations and the addition of in-situ drilling for fluid recovery of copper. The MOU would formalize the County's participation as a Cooperating Agency in EIS preparation. As a Cooperating Agency, the County would participate in EIS alternatives development and provide input on the effects of alternatives to County residents, resources, economy and lifestyle/culture aspects, among other things.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

The County has participated in previous actions concerning the mine and supports the mining operation.

FISCAL IMPACT

None during the EIS effort.