

U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Solicitor General

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 31, 2018

Honorable Scott S. Harris Clerk Supreme Court of the United States Washington, D.C. 2054

Re:

American Exploration & Mining Association v. Ryan Zinke,

Secretary of the Interior, et al., S.Ct No. 17-1290

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in this case was filed on March 9, 2018. Although the government waived its right to file a response, the Court has requested that a response be filed. The government's response is now due on June 4, 2018.

We respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the rules of this Court, an extension of time to and including July 5, 2018, within which to file for all respondents.

This extension is requested to complete preparation of the government's response, which was delayed because of the heavy press of earlier assigned cases to the attorneys handling this matter.

Sincerely,

Noel J. Francisco Solicitor General

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