

14. a. Records Search:

Location: BLM and ARMS

Date: 7-23-1999

Conducted by: David Wilcox

List by LA# All sites within .25 miles of the project:

(Those sites within 500' are to be shown on the project map)

According to these records, there are two sites, which fall within a ¼ mile radius of the project (LA 114840 and LA 110359). Linear project 98-798 is to the south of this survey, and well pad project 98-264 is close to this survey's perimeter.

b. Description of undertaking:

Class III pedestrian survey of Devon Energy Corporation's proposed tract of land in Section 30, T21S, R24E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM.

c. Environmental Setting (NRCS soil designation; vegetative community; etc.)

Vegetation - Ocotillo, juniper, assorted grasses, lechuguilla, snakeweed, mesquite and sumac.

Topography - This project lies on a flat limestone terrace. A buried pipeline corridor parallels outside the western boundary, and a two-track parallels inside the western boundary. The northern perimeter is a terrace break that overlooks Rocky Arroyo and an existing well pad. The southern edge of this rectangular surveyed area is abutted on an existing lease road, a buried phone line and two surface pipelines.

Soils - Limestone rock land-Ector association: Rock land and very shallow, stony and rocky, loamy soils over limestone; on hills and mountains.

d. Field Methods:

Transect Intervals: straight and zigzag transects, spaced not greater than 15 meters apart

Crew Size: 1

Time in Field: ¼ hour total

Collections: no

Cultural Resource Findings: n/a

15. Management Summary (Recommendations):

Archaeological clearance for Devon Energy Corporation's proposed tract of land in Section 30, T21S, R24E, NMPM, Eddy County, NM is recommended as staked.

I maintain that the information provided above is correct and accurate and meets all appreciable BLM standards.

Responsible Archaeologist

Signature

Date

Figure 1. Topographic map of USGS 7.5' Series Martha Creek, NM (1978) showing the project area in Section 30, T21S, R24E.