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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK
DRILL [x]   DEEPEN [ ]   PLUG BACK [ ]

b. TYPE OF WELL
OIL WELL [ ]   GAS WELL [x]   OTHER   SINGLE ZONE [x]   MULTIPLE ZONE [ ]

2. NAME OF OPERATOR
Conoco Inc.

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR
P.O. Box 460, Hobbs, N.M. 88240

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*)
At surface
B 1120' FNL & 1520' FEL
At proposed prod. zone same

5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.
Contract 121

6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME
Jicarilla Apache

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME

8. FARM OR LEASE NAME
AXI Apache "N"

9. WELL NO.
11-A

10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT
Blanco Mesaverde

11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLK. AND SURVEY OR AREA
Sec. 12, T-25N, R-4W

12. COUNTY OR PARISH
Rio Arriba

13. STATE
N.M.

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE*

15. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL
E 320

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

19. PROPOSED DEPTH
6210'

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS
Rotary

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
7263' GR

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START*
May 14, 1980

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
12 1/4"	9 5/8"	36#	250'	132 sx.
8 3/4"	7"	23#	4300'	432 sx.
6 1/4"	6 1/4"	10.5#	6210'	246 sx.

It is proposed to drill a straight hole to a TD of 6210' & complete it as a Blanco Mesaverde gas well.

See attachments for 10-point well plan & 13-point Surface Use Plan.

Acreage is dedicated to a purchaser.

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IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24.
SIGNED Wm A. Butterfield   TITLE Admin. Supervisor   DATE 1/15/80

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. ______   APPROVAL DATE ______

APPROVED BY ______   TITLE ______   DATE ______
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

APPROVED AS AMENDED
James F. Sims
JAMES F. SIMS
DISTRICT ENGINEER

JAN 17 1980

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BEA
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Gas Co. of N.M.

"DRILLING OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED ARE SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ATTACHED "GENERAL REQUIREMENTS"

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT

P. O. BOX 2088
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87501

Form C-102
Revised 10-1-78

All distances must be from the outer boundaries of the Section.

Operator	Lease	Well No.
CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY	AXI APACHE "N"	11-A

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	County
J	12	25N	4W	Rio Arriba

Actual Footage Location of Well:
1120 feet from the North line and 1520 feet from the East line

Ground Level Elev.	Producing Formation	Pool	Dedicated Acreage:
7253	Mesa Verde	Blanco Mesaverde	E 320 Acres

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hachure marks on the plat below.

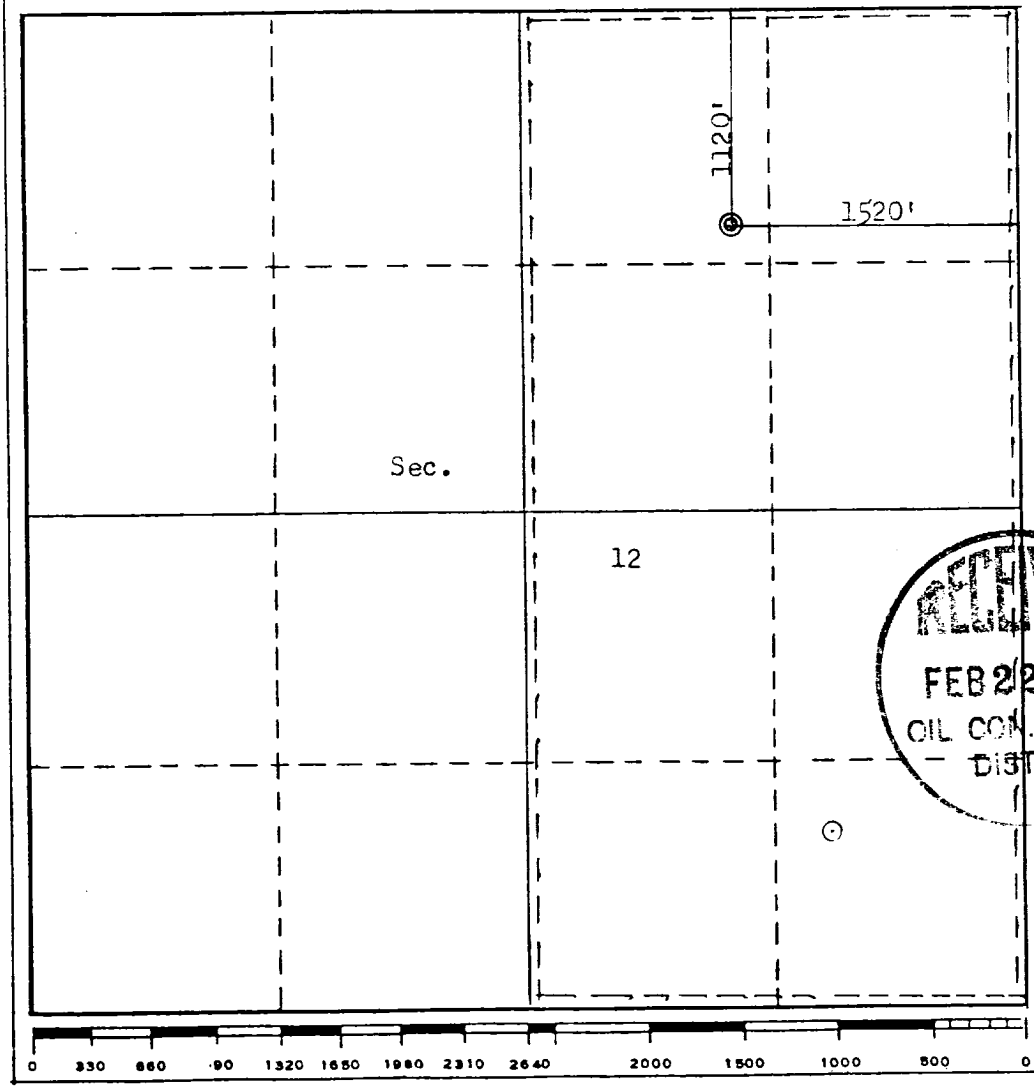
2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).

3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interests of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling. etc?

☐ Yes ☐ No If answer is "yes," type of consolidation _____

If answer is "no," list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.) _____

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, eliminating such interests, has been approved by the Commission.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name: Wm A. Rutherford
Position: Admin Supervisor
Company: Conoco Inc.
Date: 1/15/80

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed: October 3, 1979
Registered Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor: Fred B. Kerr Jr.
Certificate No. 3950

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR
FRED B. KERR, JR.
NO. 3950

ATTACHMENT TO FORM 9-331 C
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

Conoco Inc.
AXI Apache N No. 11A
Sec. 12, T-25N, R-4W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

1. The geologic name of the surface formation is Quaternary Sand.

2. The estimated tops of important geologic markers are shown on the attached Proposed Well Plan.

3. The estimated depths at which anticipated water, oil, gas or other mineral-bearing formations to be encountered are shown on attached Proposed Well Plan.

4. The proposed casing program is as follows:

   0' - 250' 9 5/8", 36#, H-40, STC
   0' - 4300' 7", 23#, K-55, STC
   4250' - 6210' 4 1/2", 10.5#, K-55, STC

5. A drawing of an API Series 900 Blowout Preventer Specification is attached. Pipe rams and blinds will be checked to 1,000 PSI for 30 minutes when BOP is installed. BOP will be checked when casing string is set and operated daily for checks.

6. The proposed mud program is as follows:

   0' - 250' 8.5-9.0 ppg spud mud
   250' - 4300' 8.5-9.0 ppg fresh gel (low solids)
   4300' - 6210' Air

7. The auxiliary equipment to be used is:

   (1) kelly cocks
   (2) floats at the bit

8. It is proposed to run GR CAL CNL FDC PDC & SP-IES logs at selected intervals.

9. No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected to be encountered in this well.

10. The anticipated starting date is May 14, 1980 with a duration of approximately 15 days.

PROPOSED WELL PLAN OUTLINE

WELL NAME: AXI APACHE "N" NO. 11A

COUNTY: RIO ARRIBA

LOCATION: 1120' FNL & 1520' FEL
Sec. 12, T-25N, R-4W

STATE: NEW MEXICO
KB: 7275'
GL: 7263'

DEPTH	FORMATION TOPS & TYPE	DRILLING PROBLEMS	TYPE OF FORMATION EVALUATION	HOLE SIZE (IN)	CASING SIZE (IN)	CASING DEPTH (FT)	FRACTURE GRADIENT (PPG)	FORMATION PRESSURE GRADIENT (PPG)	MUD WEIGHT (PPG)	MUD TYP
	Quaternary		Geolograph Deviation 0'-6210'	12-1/4	9-5/8 36# H-40 STC	250	12.0-13.0	8.0-9.0	8.5-9.0	Spud
1000										
2000										
3000	Ojo Alamo SS	3090' Fresh water zone								
	Kirtland SH	3510'								
	Pictured Cliffs SS.	3810'			23# K-55 STC					
4000		Possible severe lost circ. zone		8-3/4	7	4300'	12.0-13.0	8.0 9.0	8.0 9.0	Fresh gel low solid
	Chacra SS.	4750'	SP-IES 4300'-6210' 2" & 5" GR-FDC-Caliper 4300'-6210' (Pull GR to 3500') 2" & 5"							
5000	Cliff House SS	5500' Possible severe lost circ. zone	PDC 5400'-6210'		10.5# K-55 STC			Less than		
	Point Lookout SS	5910'								
6000	Mancos SH.	6160'					13.0-14.0	8.5	-	Air
	TD-6210'			6-1/4	4-1/2	6210'				

NOTE: Mud and logging programs will be revised if no fluid is encountered while drilling with air.

WELL NAME AXI APACHE "N" NO. 11 A FIELD AXI APACHE AREA DATE 12/27/79

AFE NO. ELEV. GRD 7263' KB 7275' PROPOSED TD 6210'

LOCATION (SURF.) 1120' FNL & 1520' FEL OF SEC 12 T-25N R-4W

COUNTY RIO ARRIBA STATE NEW MEXICO SPACING

LOCATION (BOTTOM HOLE) Same as surface

GEOLOGICAL ESTIMATES

ZONE	TOP	THICKNESS	CONTENT	ZONE	TOP	THICKNESS	CO:
jo Alamo SS	3090'		Fresh water				
irtland SH	3510'						
ictured Cliffs SS	3810'		Gas				
hacra SS	4750'		Gas				
liff House SS	5500'		O,W,G				
oint Lookout SS	5910'		O,W,G				
ancos SH	6160'						

CORING NO.	TYPE	HORIZON	INTERVAL FROM-TO	FOOTAGE	REMARKS
NONE					

DRILL STEM TESTS

NUMBER	HORIZON	NUMBER	HORIZON	NUMBER	HORIZON	NUMBER	HORI
NONE							

WATER SHUT OFF TESTS

WELL SURVEYS (List types by code numbers as follows: Directional and/or Deviation (1) Deflection (2) Caliper (3) Temperature (4) Electrical (5) Radioactive (6) Geolograph (7) Photoclinometer (8) Mudlogging (9) Other (10) and name of that type.)

DEPTH POINTS	TYPE	HOLE SIZE	REMARKS
0'-6210'	(1) Deviation	12-1/4", 8-3/4", 6-1/4"	One every 500'
0'-6210'	(7) Geolograph	12-1/4", 8-3/4", 6-1/4"	
4300'-6210'	(5) SP-IES	6-1/4"	2" & 5" Scales
4300'-6210'	(6) FDC-GR-Caliper	6-1/4"	2" & 5" Scales (Pull GR to 3500')
5400'-6210'	(6) PDC (GR Collar)	4-1/2" Liner	Depth Control
0'-4300'	(4) Temperature	7" Casing	Determine top of cement

FUEL AND WATER (SOURCE)

Conoco to furnish water.
Contractor to furnish fuel.

PROPOSED WELL PLAN

WELL NAME AXI APACHE "N" NO. 11A FIELD AXI APACHE AREA

ATTACHMENT	NO.	REQUIRED	NOT REQUIRED
CASING CENTRALIZERS, SCRATCHERS		X	
CEMENTING		X	
MUD PROGRAM		X	
WELL PLAN OUTLINE		X	
PORE PRESSURE - FRAC GRADIENT			
PROJECTED PROGRESS			
CROSS SECTION OR WELL COURSE			
HYDRAULICS PROGRAM			
BIT PROGRAM			
VENDER USAGE LIST			

DRILLING AND COMPLETION PROCEDURE

1. 0'-250' - Drill a 12-1/4" hole. Set and cement 9-5/8" surface casing. WOC 18 hours. Pressure test casing to 600 psi for 30 minutes and drill out.

2. 250'-4300' - Drill an 8-3/4" hole. Set and cement 7" production casing. WOC 18 hours. Pressure test casing to 1450 psi for 30 minutes and drill out.

3. 4300'-6210' - Drill a 6-1/4" hole with air. Load hole with mud and run open-hole logs. Set and cement 4-1/2" liner. Drill out liner top and pressure test to 3000 psi.

4. Detailed completion procedure to be prepared after open-hole logs are analyzed.

NOTE: Use pre-mixed mud for logging, running casing, and cementing with weight as low as possible. (See mud program)

LIST TYPE OF STRING BY CODE LETTERS, i.e. CONDUCTOR (C); SURFACE (S); INTERMEDIATE (I); PRODUCTION (P); LINER (L); PERFORATIONS (PP)

TYPE OF STRINGS & INTERVAL (FT) FROM-TO	OD	DRIFT ID	WT PER FT	GRADE	THREAD	AMT	WT. IN AIR, WT. IN MUD 1000 LBS	1000 LBS	REMARKS
(S) 0'-250'	9-5/8"	8.765"	36#	H-40	STC	250'	9		
(P) 0'-4300'	7"	6.241"	23#	K-55	STC	4300'	98.9		
(L) 4250'-6210'	4-1/2"	3.927"	10.5#	K-55	STC	1960'	20.6		Sandblast bottom 800'

TYPE OF STRING	CENTRALIZERS INTERVAL NO. FROM-TO	SCRATCHER NO. INTERVAL FROM-TO	OTHER ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT (SUCH AS DEGASSERS, MUD. CENTRIFUGE FLOAT COLLARS, ETC. - SPECIFY)	REMARKS
Surface	(6) 0'-250' One every joint	NONE	Guide shoe and float collar	
Production	(2) 200'-250' Just above 9-5/8" shoe (12) 3850'-4300' One every joint	(10) every 15' from shoe to 150' above shoe	Float shoe and float collar	
Liner	(2) 4250'-4300' Just above 7" shoe (20) 5410'-6210' One every joint	NONE	Float shoe, float collar, liner hanger and liner top pack-off	

NOTE: Liner top pack-off to be used only if necessary (Example: Excessive gas and/or liquids in Chacra)

MUD PROGRAM

DEPTH INTERVAL FROM-TO	WEIGHT LBS/GAL	TYPE	OIL %	pH	WATER LOSS (cc)	VIS. (sec.)	MAXIMUM % SOLIDS	% LCM	WATER LOSS AGENTS
0'-250'	8.5-9.0	Spud	-	-	NC	NC	-	-	-
250'-4300'	8.5-9.0	Fresh gel (low solids)	-	as req'd.	6-10	35-40	1-3	3-5% thru Pictured Cliffs	Cypan or equivalent
4300'-6210'	-	Air	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Logging	8.5-9.0	Fresh gel (low solids)-		as req'd.	6	35-40	3	3-5%	Cypan or equivalent
Cementing	8.5-9.0	Fresh gel (low solids)		as req'd.	8-10	35	-	-	Cypan or equivalent

REMARKS

1. Pressure surges should be kept to a minimum below 5500'.
2. Pressure drop across bit should be kept at 65% of pump output pressure to obtain optimum bit hydralics when drilling with mud.
3. Load hole with mud prior to logging, running casing, and cementing.
4. Maintain hardness at approximately 150-180 ppm when utilizing Cypan. DO NOT treat out total hardness. (Cypan is calcium sensitive.)
5. Control PH as required to obtain water loss control.

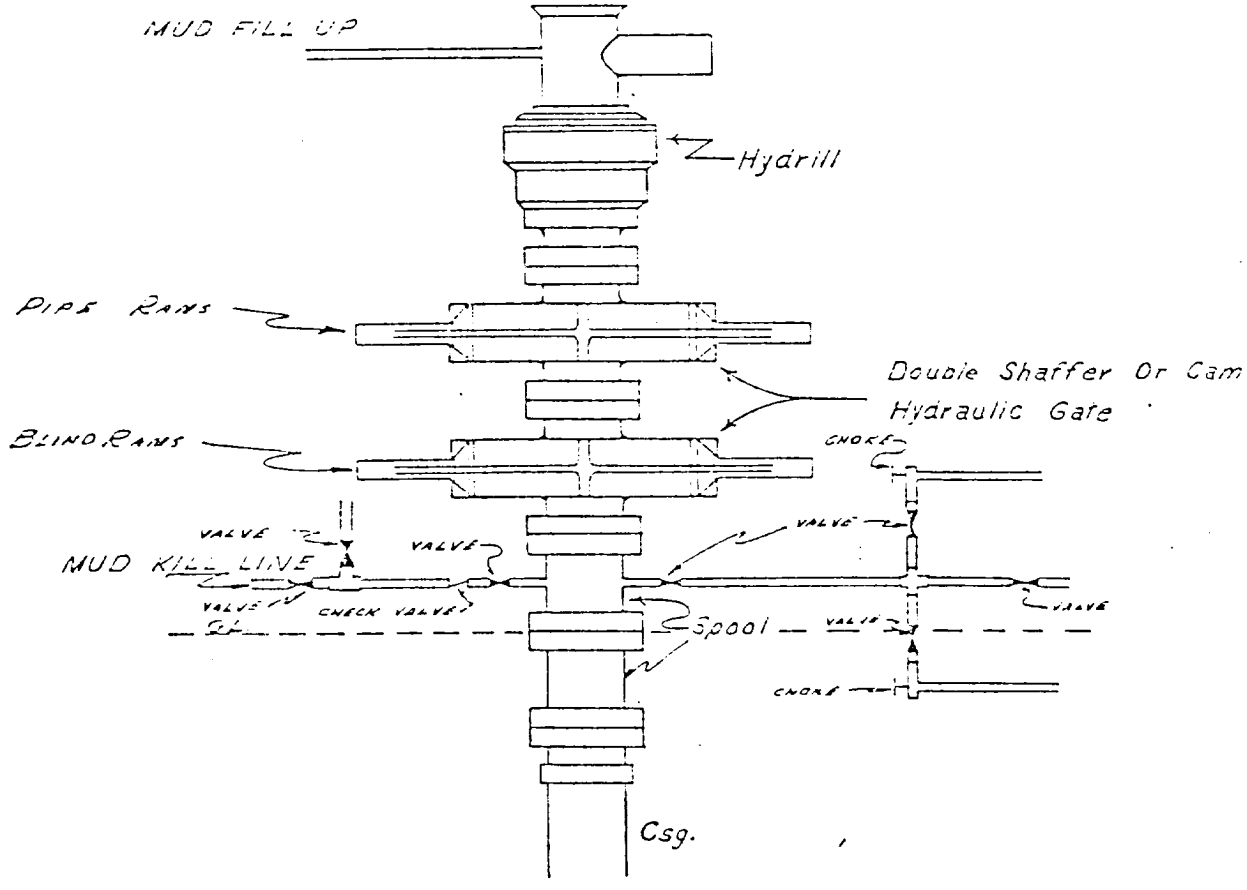
CEMENT

TYPE OF STRING INTERVAL (FT) FROM-TO TYPE MIX	GEL%	SALT%	CaCl2	SLURRY WEIGHT LB./GAL	SLURRY YIELD OF/SKX	TOTAL AMT. REQUIRED SKX/CF	FILL UP	BHT	SIZE	REMARKS
(S) 0'-250' Class 'B'	-	-	-	15.60	1.18	132/157	Circulate	65°	12-1/4"	100% excess-add 1/4#/sx Flocele if lost circ. occurs
(P) 0'-4300' Class 'B' Class 'B'	2%	(Pozmix 50-50)	-	14.15 15.60	1.26 1.18	332/419 100/118	2000'	120°	8-3/4"	50% excess-add 1/4#/sx Flocele if lost circ. occurs
(L) 4250'- 6210' Class 'B' Class 'B'	2%	(Pozmix 50-50)	-	14.15 15.60	1.26 1.18	146/184 100/118	4250'	146°	6-1/4"	50% excess-add 1/4#/sx Flocele if lost circ. occurs

NOTE:

1. Reciprocate production casing while cementing.
2. Add 0.75% CFR-2 or equivalent friction reducer to all cement.
3. Pump plug down with treated fresh water.
4. Lab test cement slurries prior to cementing liner.
5. Re-calculate cement volumes for liner from open-hole caliper.

[redacted] Company
Blow-out Preventer Specifications



NOTE: API Series 900

Manual and Hydraulic controls with closing unit no less than 75' from well head. Remote controls on rig floor.

DUE TO SUBSTRUCTURE CLEARANCE, HYDRILL [redacted] NOT [redacted] USED.

SURFACE USE PLAN
Conoco Inc.
AXI Apache M Nos. 7, 8
AXI Apache N Nos. 11A, 12A, 13A, 14A
T-25N, R-4W
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

This plan is to accompany "Application for Permit to Drill" the subject well. The following is a discussion of pertinent information concerning possible effect which the proposed drilling of the well may have on the environment of the well and road sites and surrounding acreage. A copy will be posted on the derrick floor so that all contractors and sub-contractors will be aware of all items of this plan.

1. Existing Roads

   A. The proposed well sites are as follows:

      AXI Apache M No. 7 1100' FNL & 800' FEL, Section 13, T-25N, R-4W
      AXI Apache M No. 8 790' FNL & 1050' FEL, Section 14, T-25N, R-4W
      AXI Apache N No. 11A 1120' FNL & 1520' FEL, Section 12, T-25N, R-4W
      AXI Apache N No. 12A 1695' FSL & 825' FWL, Section 11, T-25N, R-4W
      AXI Apache N No. 13A 1520' FSL & 1050' FEL, Section 2, T-25N, R-4W
      AXI Apache N No. 14A 1550' FSL & 1520' FWL, Section 1, T-25N, R-4W

   B. Exhibit "A" is a portion of an AXI Apache M or AXI Apache N lease map showing existing roads and proposed new roads and locations.

   C. The access roads are shown on Exhibits "A" and "B".

2. Planned Access Roads

   Refer to the attached archaeological report.

3. Location of Existing Wells

   See Exhibit "A".

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities

   A. Tank Batteries: One 400 Bbl. tank and a production unit will be located on each well site.

   B. Rehabilitation: Pits will be backfilled and leveled as soon as practical to original condition. Commencement of rehabilitation operations will immediately follow removal of drilling and completion equipment from location and rehabilitation of the surface is planned to be completed within 45 days from commencement.

5. Water Supply

   The supply of water will be hauled from Largo Wash in the NE/4 of the SE/4 of Section 10, T-24N, R-4W, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. See Exhibit "C".

6. Source of Construction Materials

Not applicable. Drilling pad to be compacted.

7. Methods for Handling Waste Disposal

Waste Disposal: Well cutting will be disposed in reserve pit. Barrel trash containers to be in accessible locations within drill site area during drilling and completion procedures. All detrimental waste will be hauled away, burned or buried with a minimum cover of 24" of dirt. See Exhibit "D" for location of pits. If well is productive, maintenance waste will be placed in special trash cans and hauled away periodically. Any produced water will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or separate disposal applications will be submitted to the survey for appropriate approval.

8. Ancillary Facilities

None.

9. Well Site Layout

Exhibit "D" shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, mud pit, reserve pit, etc. The reserve pit will be lined with plastic. The pad and pits are staked.

10. Plans for Restoration of Surface

Pits will be backfilled and leveled as soon as practical to original condition. Commencement of rehabilitation operations will immediately follow removal of drilling and completion equipment from location and rehabilitation of the surface is planned to be completed with 45 days from commencement.

11. Other Information

A. Terrain: "A" through "C" refer to the attached archaeological report.
B. Soil:
C. Vegetation:
D. Surface Use: Suitable for grazing.
E. Ponds and Streams: None within one mile
F. Water Wells: See Exhibit "C".
G. Residences & Buildings: None within one mile.
H. Arroyos, Canyons, Etc.: See attached topographic map, Exhibit "B".
I. Well Sign: Sign identifying and locating well will be maintained.
J. Open Pits: All pits containing mud or other liquids will be fenced.
K. Archaeological Resources: See attached report.

12. Operator's Representative

Field personnel who can be contacted concerning compliance of this Surface Use Plan are as follows:

B. E. Anderson
Petroleum Center Building
Room 215
501 Airport Drive
Farmington, New Mexico
Phone: (505) 327-9557

L. P. Thompson or J. R. Kemp
1001 North Turner
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240
Phone: (505) 393-4141

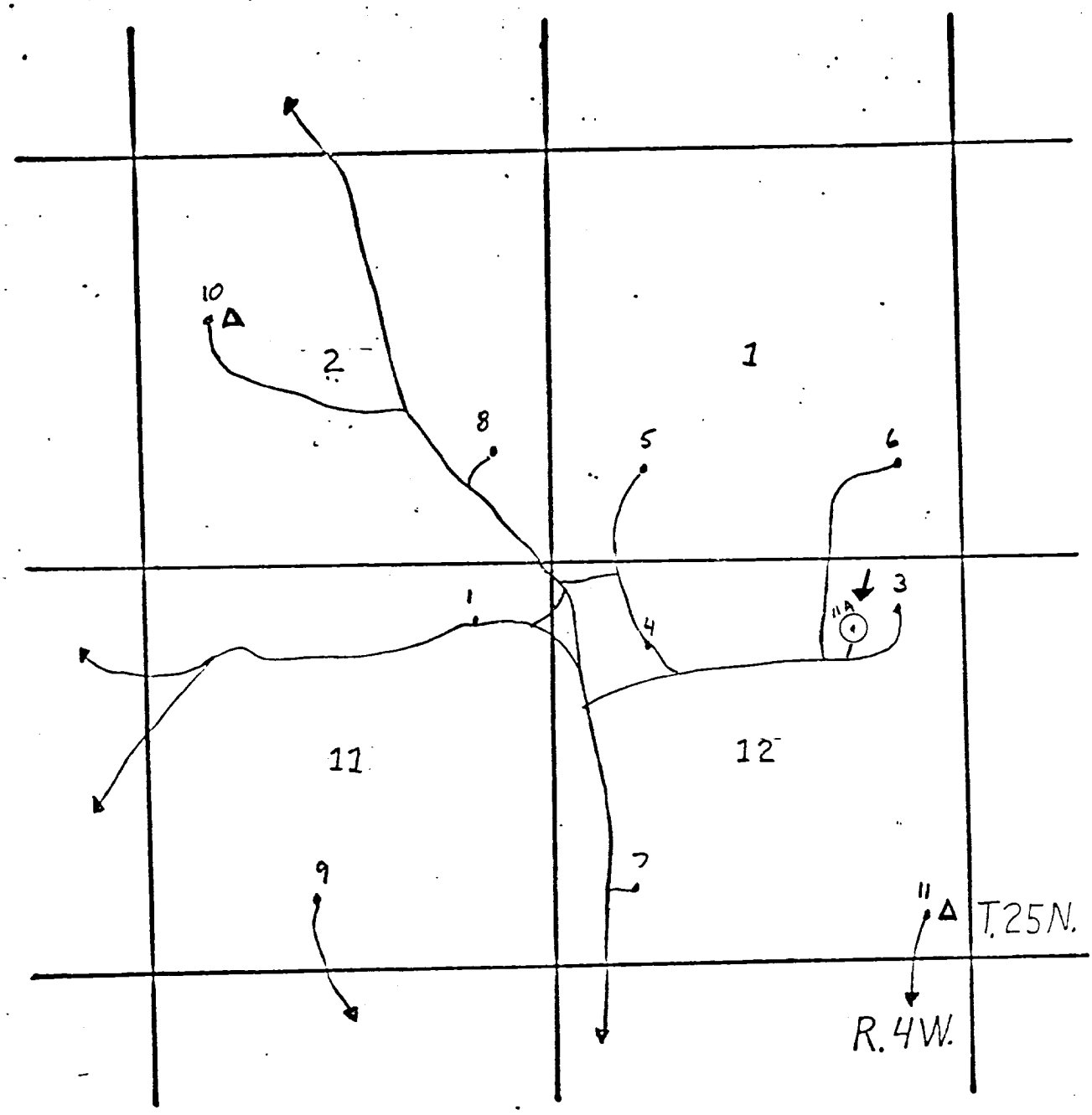
13. Certification

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Conoco Inc. and its contractors and sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

12/13/79
Date

John L Kemp

KJH:bep



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AXI APACHE "N" LEASE - 11-A

LEGEND

- • CONOCO WELL
- △ TANK BATTERY
- LEASE ROAD
- HWY.

Exhibit A

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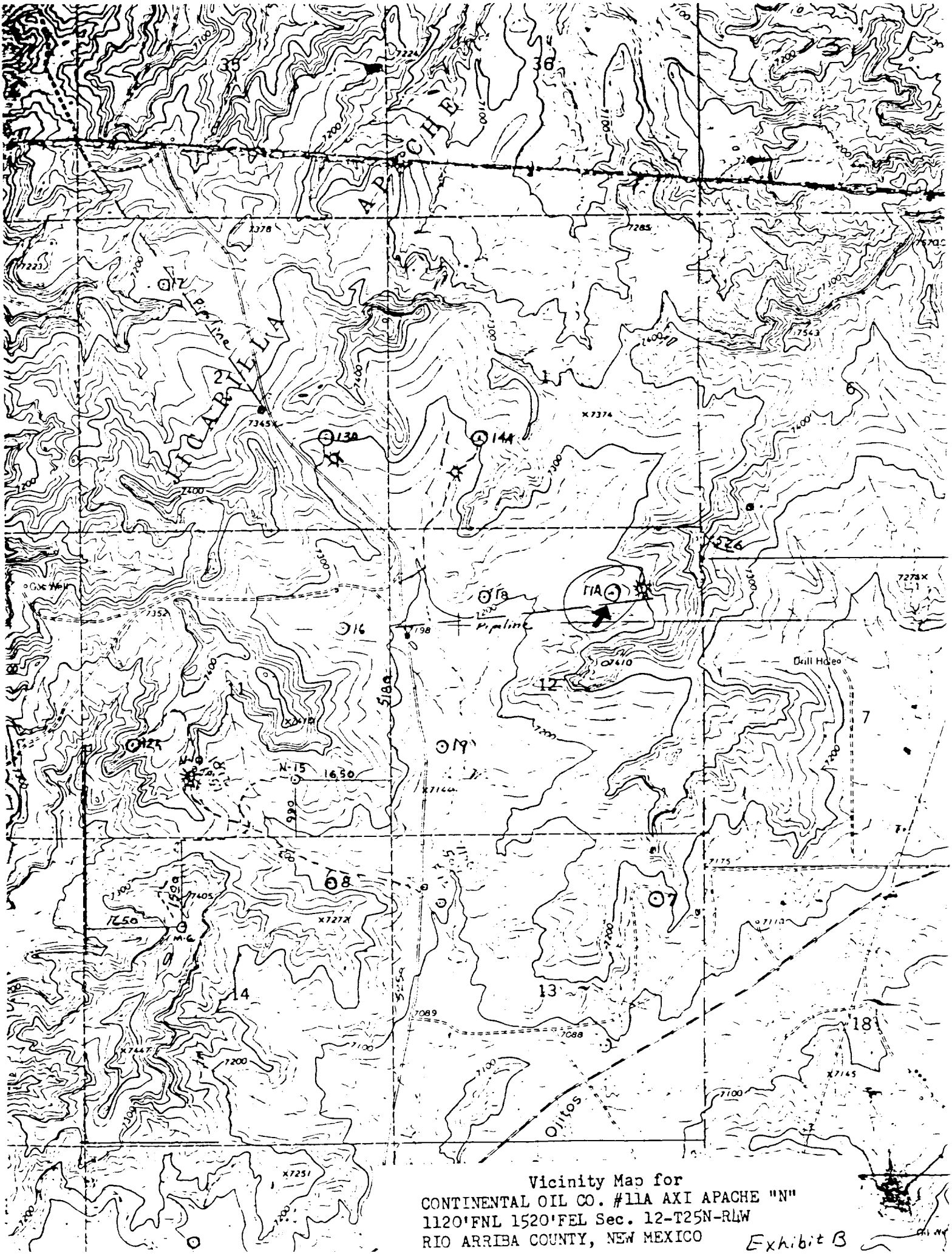
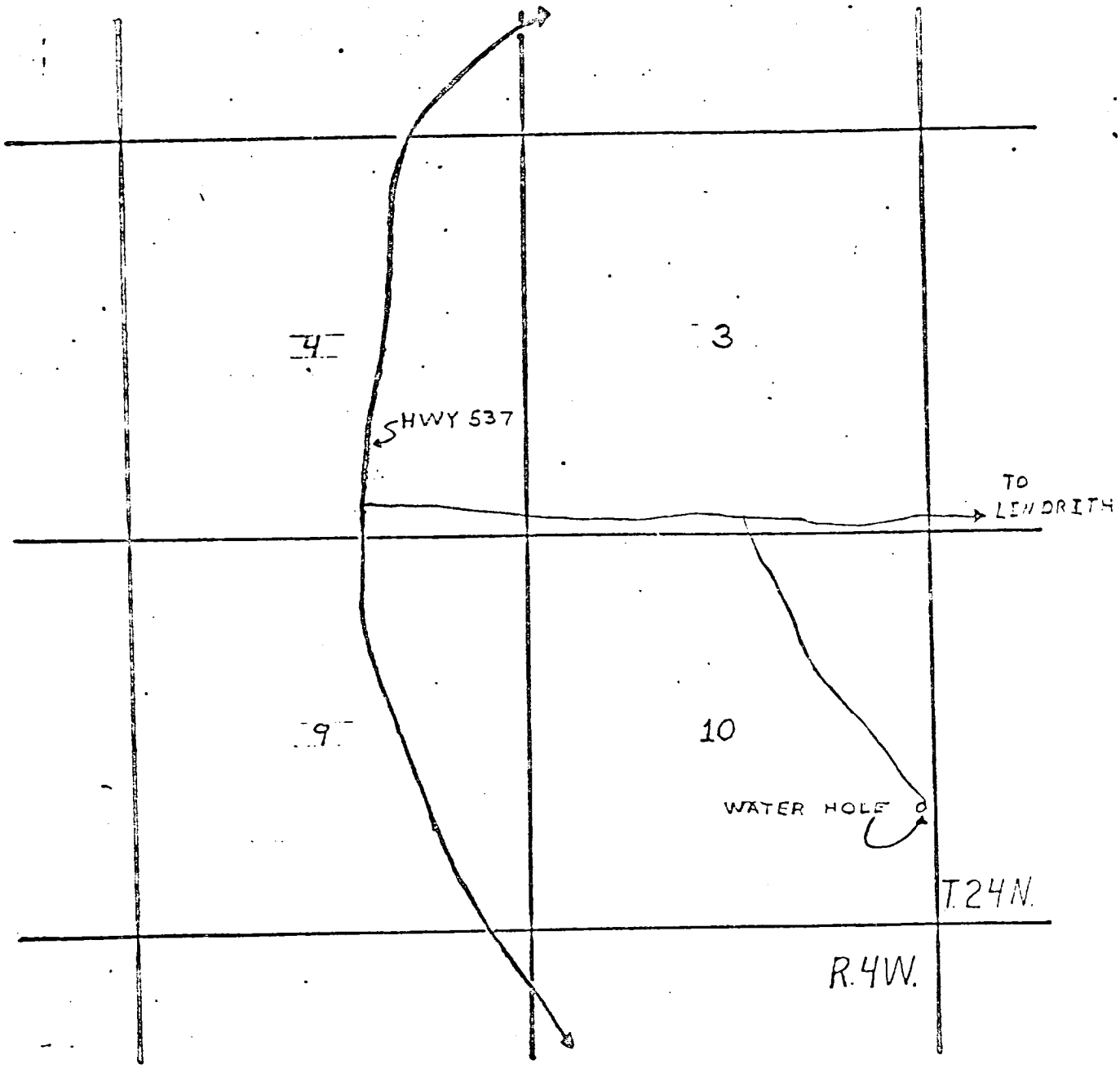
CHAVEZ



Vicinity Map for
CONTINENTAL OIL CO. #11A AXI APACHE "N"
1120'FNL 1520'FEL Sec. 12-T25N-R4W
RIO ARRIBA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Exhibit B



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LARGO WATER HOLE

LEGEND

- CONOCO WELL
- TANK BATTERY
- LEASE ROAD
- HWY.

Exhibit C

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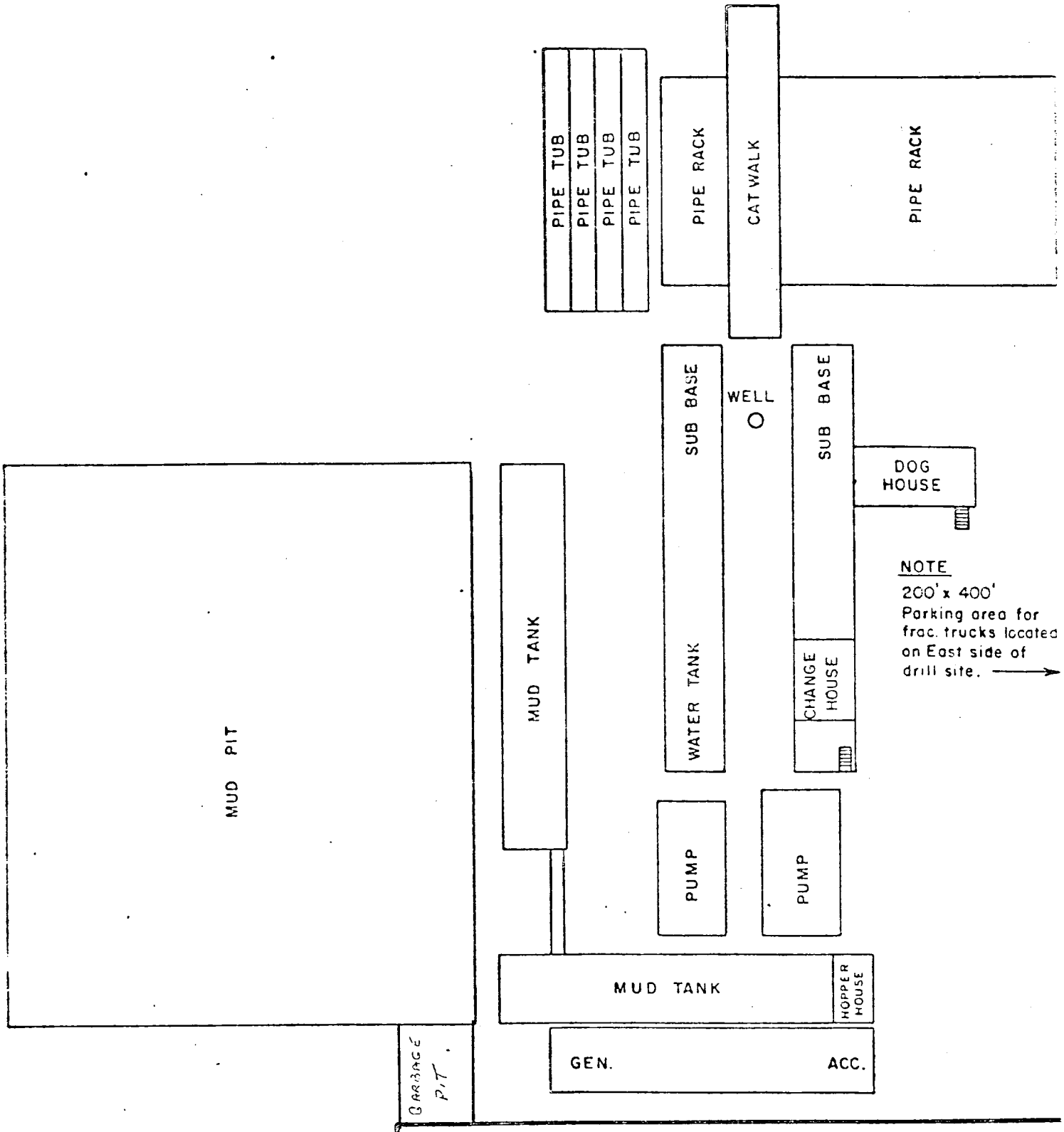

APPROX. RIG SITE DIMENSIONS

160' x 200'

CONTINENTAL OIL COMPANY

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

RIG LAYOUT

Engineer: [redacted] Draftsman: [redacted] Date: 1-4-73

Exhibit D

Project No. 88-79-MK

Permit No. Federal Antiquities
Permit #79-NM-178

Archaeological Examinations of Nine Proposed Wells on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation

for

Conoco, Inc.

Locations

Northeast Haynes #1E
Northeast Haynes #2E
Northeast Haynes #3E
Conoco AXI Apache M #7
Conoco AXI Apache M #8
Conoco AXI Apache N #11A ←
Conoco AXI Apache N #12A
Conoco AXI Apache N #13A
Conoco AXI Apache N #14A

by

Margaret A. Powers
Supervisory Archaeologist

Submitted by
Meade F. Kemrer, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION ARCHAEOLOGY

Contributions to Anthropology Series, No. 213
San Juan County Archaeological Research Center and Library

October 24, 1979

Abstract

At the request of Conoco, Inc., the Division of Conservation Archaeology of the San Juan County Archaeological Research Center and Library at Salmon Ruins conducted archaeological inspections of 9 proposed Conoco gas wells on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation on October 4, 1979. Isolated artifacts were found on 2 pads and two archaeological sites, DCA-79-137 and 139 were found, the first along the access road to Conoco AXI Apache N #12A, the second at Conoco AXI Apache M #8. The isolated finds were documented in the field. The access road was rerouted to avoid DCA-79-137. DCA-79-139 has been flagged for avoidance. Archaeological clearance is recommended for all locations with stipulations for Conoco AXI Apache M #8 and Conoco AXI Apache N #14A.

Introduction

On October 4, 1979, Ms. Margaret A. Powers of the Division of Conservation Archaeology of the San Juan County Archaeological Research Center and Library at Salmon Ruins conducted archaeological surveys of 9 proposed wells and access roads on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation. The survey was arranged by Mr. Joe McKinney of Achison Construction Company, for Conoco, Inc., Dr. Meade F. Kemrer, Principal Investigator, administered the project for the Division of Conservation Archaeology.

In recognition of the limited, non-renewable nature of archaeological remains, federal and state governments have enacted legislation that is designed to conserve and protect these resources. The principal federal legislation includes the Antiquities Act of 1906 (PL 52-209), the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-852), the 1971 Executive Order No. 11593, and the Archaeological and Historical Conservation Act of 1974 (PL 93-291).

In addition, the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah have enacted laws to ensure compliance with federal laws and to protect archaeological resources within their jurisdiction. Work undertaken in the course of this project is for purposes of compliance with these statutes

Mr. Andy Anderson of Conoco, Inc. and Mr. Joe McKinney were present during the inspections. Work was conducted under provisions of Federal Antiquities Permit 79-NM-178. Each proposed well was surveyed in a series of 15m interval parallel transects and each access road was covered with a single linear transect. All examinations were foot surveys.. On October 8, 1979 the survey archaeologist returned to two pads that required additionsl site documentation not feasible during the time available in the initial survey.

Survey

The nine wells are all located within the Canyon Largo drainage. Details of each survey area are given below. Proposed wells and access roads are shown in Figures 1 and 2.

may be entirely natural.

Evaluation: The pattern of artifacts suggests that the site comprised a temporary camp. If the burned bones are cultural remains, they may signify a hunting camp. The pottery falls within the Largo-Gallina tradition, probably late in the period. A Dogoszhi style design on one pottery fragment indicates a Pueblo II date for the site

Archaeological sites in the Largo-Gallina style occur widely in the drainage of Largo and Blanco Canyons. They are frequently located on protected ridges. Largo-Gallina sites are apparently based on an agricultural economy. Small activity areas, such as DCA-79-139, are less well known than the larger Largo-Gallina villages, which in turn are among the most poorly understood variants of the Puebloan agricultural adaptation.

DCA-79-139, however, appears to be partially disturbed by erosion and thus has reduced potential for adding to our understanding the Largo-Gallina manifestation.

Recommendation: Only the redeposited artifacts shown as cluster 1 (Figure 3) are endangered by the well pad construction as they lie on the margin of the pad. This area has been flagged with red pin flags to prevent inadvertent disturbance. With the proviso that well pad construction and related activities be restricted north of the red pin flags, archaeological clearance is recommended.

Location: Conoco AXI Apache N #11A

Legal Description: 1120' F/NL, 1520' F/EL, Section 12, T25N, R4N, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (Figure 2).

Map Source: USGS 7.5 Schmitz Ranch, New Mexico Quadrangle (1963).

Land Jurisdiction: Jicarilla Apache.

Area Surveyed: 250' X 300' (pad); no road.

Description: The proposed well pad is located in a transitional area between pinyon-juniper woodland and sage-covered valleys. There is virtually no other understory vegetation. The soil is a sandy loam. Deer are evident in the area.

Cultural Resources: There are no archaeological resources on the proposed pad.

Recommendation: Archaeological clearance is recommended.

Location: Conoco AXI Apache N #12A

Legal Description: 1695' F/SL, 825' F/WL, Section 11, T25N, R4W, N.M.P.M., Rio Arriba County, New Mexico (Figure 2).

Map Source: USGS 7/5' Schmitz Ranch, New Mexico Quadrangle (1963).

Land Jurisdiction: Jacarilla Apache.

Area Surveyed: 300' X 250' (pad); approximately 2625' X 20' (road).

Description: The proposed pad is situated on a narrow ridge that divides tributaries of Canon de los Ojitos. The access road runs northeast from the pad, turns east, and then south-southeast to descend the ridge to an existing well. The pad and access road are in an area of pinyon-juniper woodland. The understory includes oak, buckwheat (Eriogonium sp.), mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus montanus), bitterbrush (Purshia tridentata), and banana yucca (Yucca bacata). Both deer and rabbit occur in the area. The terrain consists of sandstone outcrops, partially overlain by aeolian sands.

Cultural Resources: An extensive habitation site is located north and east of the well location. The archaeological remains are concentrated in the aeolian areas to the virtual exclusion of the bedrock exposures. The site covers between 25,000 and 30,000 sq.m. (300,000 sq. feet). It includes a minimum of six structural areas. These include 4 loci of burned jacal, one of which forms a rectangular array approximately 2m X 5m. Interspersed among these areas are sandstone blocks that may indicate additional structures. Segregated from these areas, along the northwestern margin of the site is a fifth area of burned jacal and a nearby slab-lined hearth. Ceramics are the most frequent form of artifact With exception of one Black-on-Orange sherd (probably San Juan Redware), all the sherds are examples of Brownware, probably Sambrito or Rosa Brown. The rim forms are typical of Basketmaker III - Pueblo I wares. The adobe fragments bear impressions of beams that vary in diameter from 4 to 10cm. and which apparently derive from roofing rather than wall material. The evidence suggests that there is at least one principal habitation with scattered smaller structures, some of which may be storage cists.

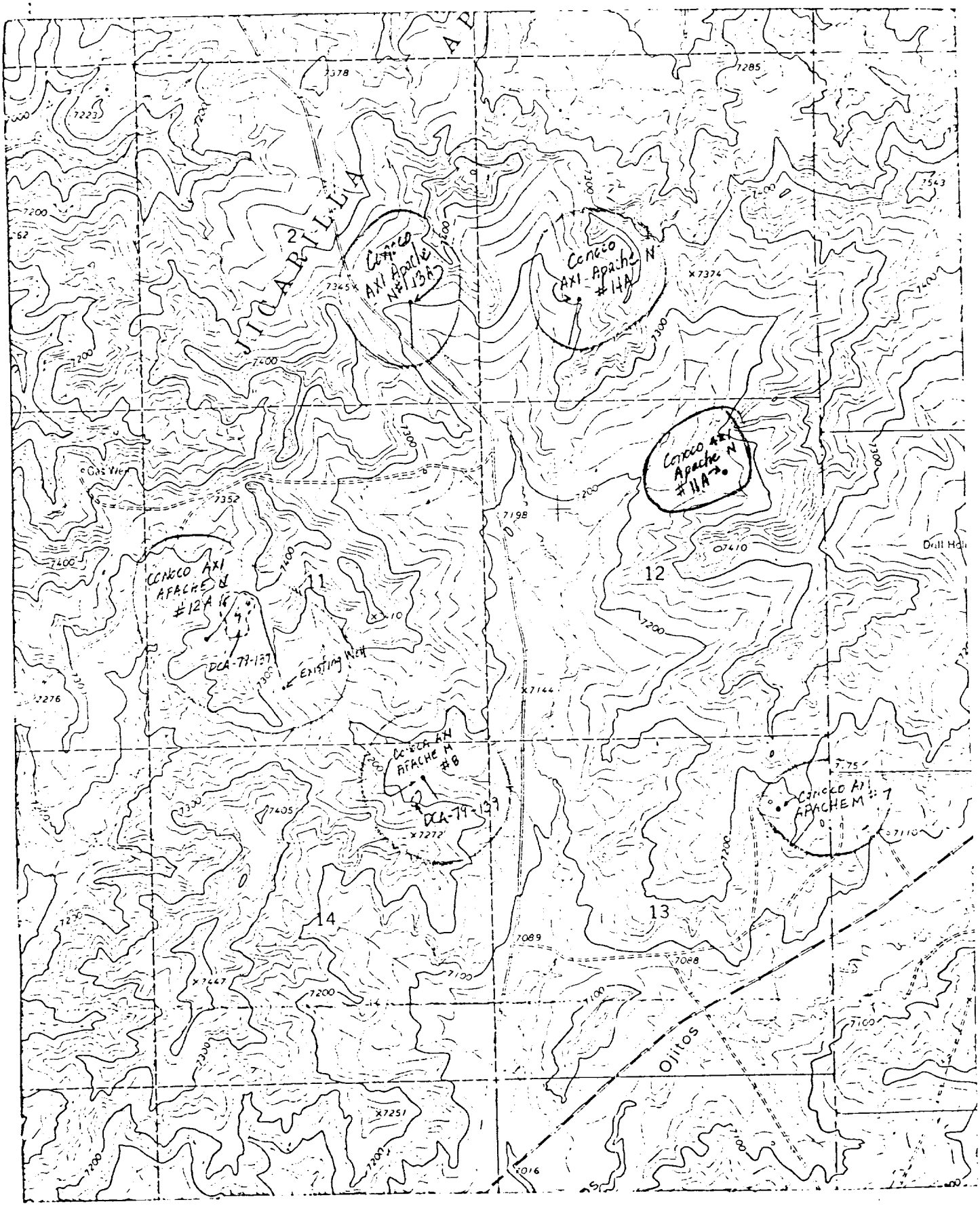

Figure 2. Locations of Conoco AXI Apache M #7 and #8; Conoco AXI Apache N #11A, 12A, 13A, and 14A; and locations of DCA-79-137 and DCA-79-139.

USGS 7½' Schmitz Ranch, NM