

APPENDIX A

SITE AND ISOLATED OCCURRENCE DESCRIPTION

Isolated Occurrence 1: This isolated occurrence consists of a portion of a sandstone basin metate measuring 20 by 24 cm. The item appears to have been broken across the middle of the basin, which is 2.5 cm deep. The utilized area of the metate has a radius of 8 cm. Soils in the area are sandy, with a pinyon and juniper forest with some sage.

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Description: The site is located on an almost-flat, northwest-aspect hill slope south of the head of a west-flowing tributary to the Los Pinos River portion of Navajo Reservoir (Figure 3). The area is a heavily wooded pinyon-juniper forest with very little ground cover. The site is manifested by two features and an artifact scatter containing one chalcedony interior flake, one flaked river cobble, two river cobble fragments, five Dinetah Gray sherds, two basalt flakes, and one battered quartzite river cobble fragment. Feature 1 is a poorly defined ash stain approximately 20 cm in diameter. A 10- by 10-cm trowel test showed ashy deposits to a depth of 6.5 cm, where sterile natural sediments were encountered. Feature 2 consists of a scatter of more than six pieces of weathered juniper that could possibly be scattered structural remains of a hogan or other structure. However, no ash stains or other cultural deposits were evident in association with these pieces of wood. Based on the presence of Dinetah Gray sherds and a paucity of other artifacts, this is a briefly occupied or utilized Dinetah Phase site. Although the artifact assemblage is small, there is some potential for buried deposits and the site should be considered significant.