# State of New Mexico





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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

William R. Humphries

Commissioner of Public Lands New Mexico State Land Office

Santa Fe. New Mexico

FROM:

Jean L. Fraissinet

Land Use Specialist

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SUBJECT:

Inspection, Exploratory Well, Catron County, New Mexico.

Assignme nt received 7/9/90.

## SYNOPSIS

An inspection of the location was  $m_ade$  on 7/28/90. My inspection showed the following:

- L. The area is completely fenced off on four sides with 4 strand barb-wire with metal posts.
- 2. The area is clear of trash. However, large trees were removed during the operation and remain outside the fenced area.
- 3. Two large pits remain on the site. Standing water is in the pits.
- 4. Large amounts of material 'dirt') was pushed back in the area and should be leveled.
- 5. Re-seeding should be done on the entire disturbed area. Once this is accomplished and after 2 growing season, the fence could be removed and livestock grazing allowed.

#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION

SW1SW1, Section 16, Township 3 South, Range 13 West, W.MPM., Catron County, N.M.

### LOCATION

The lands are located approximately 10 miles West of Horse Springs, New Mexico, in the vicinity of Horse Peak Mountain.

### HIGHEST AND BEST USE

The highest and best use for the lands in this area is for grazing of livestock. The current use is the same. There has also been exploration for gas and oil in the area.

#### REMARKS

In checking the area, I could not locate the actural location of the capped well. I did find a 4 X 4 post which could possibly be the well location. On August 29, 1990, I contacted Thomas Merlan, the Grazing Lessee. We agreed on the reclamation work that is required. He informed me that he had no use or plans to use any well on the site for livestock watering and that any well be capped. I recommend that Hunt Oil Company be notified of the reclamation requirements to restore the site.

Attachments: Area Map Photos

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1 OF SEVERAL HARGE TREES Removed



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