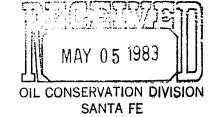
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May 2, 1983

Mr. R.L. Stamets Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Application for Unorthodox Location Rucker Lake #2 oil Gavilan Gallup Extension 1450 ESL & 1520 FWL Section 24, T25N, R2W

Dear Mr. Stamets:

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Northwest Pipeline requests permission to drill the above captioned well in a Non-Standard location due to archaeology, existing pipelines, and the surface owners requests. The surface owner has requested that the well not be located on his farmland which covers the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 24. Significient artifact scatter was located to the northeast and northwest of the proposed location. Please refer to JAS report CR83-13 which is included with this letter. The proposed location is located as close as possible to existing pipelines which run along the east and south sides of the pad.

Northwest Pipeline owns the lease for all of the southwest quarter of Section 24. The offset owners have been notified of this wells Non-Standard location by certified mail. Copies of these letters along with a copy of the receipt for certified mail is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Paul C. Thompson

Sr. Drilling Engineer

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May 2, 1983

Mr. Richard L. Davison Tucker, Anthony & R.L. Day One Beacon Street Boston, Mass. 02108

Dear Mr. Davison:

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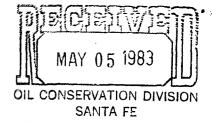
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Mr. A.G. Hill 1st National Bank Building Dallas, Texas 75202

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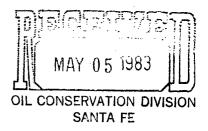
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Mr. Jim Brock Reading & Bates 1050 17th Street, Suite 1910 Pruduential Plaza Denver, Colorado 80202

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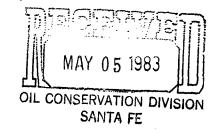
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Mr. Albert Blair Mt States National Gas P.O. Box 35426 Tulsa, Ok 74135

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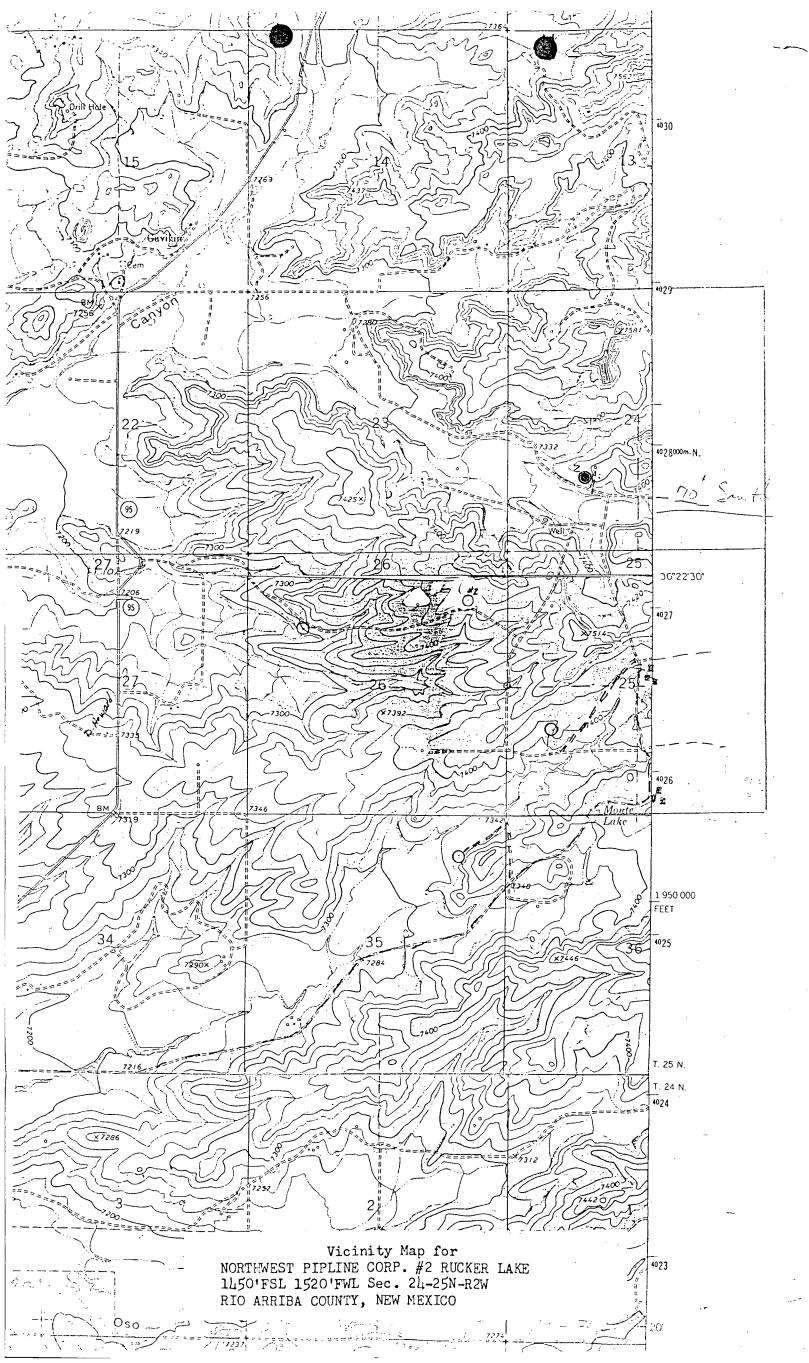
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NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION

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REPORT CR83-13 APRIL 20, 1983

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ABSTRACT

On 4-19-83, the above locations, on fee surface, were surveyed for cultural resources. A prehistoric site, JAS 62, was found in proximity to Ruckers Lake #2, and a few isolated artifacts were found in the area of Ruckers Lake #3. Adequate avoidance measures were flagged at #2. The isolated artifacts at #3 appear of insufficient density or association to indicate potential significance. Thus with avoidance of site JAS 62, we recommend clearance for construction as being in compliance with EO 11593 and the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, and New Mexico Cultural Properties legislation.

JICARILLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES

REPORT CR83-13

APRIL 20, 1983

ANDREW R. GOMOLAK ARCHAEOLOGIST

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INTRODUCTION

On April 19, 1983, Andrew R. Gomolak of Jicarilla Archaeological Services, inspected the proposed locations for Northwest Pipeline Corporation wells Ruckers Lake #s 2 and 3 in Sections 24 and 25, T25N, R2W, at the request of Paul Thompson of Northwest. These wells are on private surface, over a Federal mineral lease. Other inspections of these wells were scheduled for 4-21-83; but due to time considerations, only the archaeologist was present on 4-19-83.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed locations were walked in multiple parallel transects spaced about eight meters apart. The access for Ruckers Lake #3 was walked in down and back transects approximately three meters to each side of the flagged centerline.

A record check of the Museum of New Mexico Archaeological Records Management System and the Santa Fe National Forest site lists was made for cultural resources on record in the vicinity.

SPONSOR: Northwest Pipeline Corporation Production, Attn:Thompson P.O.Box 90 Farmington, NM 87401 PROPOSED WELL: RUCKERS LAKE #2

LAND STATUS: Private Surface, Federal Minerals Lease

LEGAL: Well- SW之, NE之, SW之 Section 24,1450'FSL and 1520'FWL

Access- No new access required, adjoins existing roads and well location

T25N, R2W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

UTM Coordinates: 3,20,160mE: 40,27,790mN Zone 13

MAP Reference: USGS Ojito, NM, 7.5' Quadrangle, 1963, Figure 1

AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 300'x 300', 2.07 acres AREA OF THIS SURVEY: 400'x 700', 6.43 acres

TOPOGRAPHY: This location is on the heavily dissected, south side slope of a low prominence between two small canyons, at 7380' amsl. These small canyons are in the east side of Gavilan Canyon, immediately west of the Continental Divide, east of Gavilan, New Mexico.

SOILS: The low prominence is covered in thin break residuals with minor amounts of exposed bedrock. The surrounding valleys are deep footslope/floodplain alluvia from the sandstones and shales of the San José formation.

WATER: Seasonal ponding and flow are fairly reliable water sources in this area.

VEGETATION: The uplands are mature Piñon-Juniper woodlands, while the valleys (where not plowed and reseeded) are sage savanna grasslands. The location itself is canopied in piñon (Pinus edulis) and juniper (Juniperus monosperma) with an understory of rabbit brush (Chrysothamnus nauseosus) and sage (Artemisia tridentata).

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

On Record- No sites are on record in the immediate area although many are not far away.

This Report- JAS 62, a late Gallina site, is on the low prominence north of this location (immediately west of and affected by old Sunico #7 location) Some few artifacts that have washed downslope from the site will be affected by this new location; these are most likely already out of pristine context due to natural processes.

The concentration of artifacts, in more apparently stable context, constituting Site JAS 62, is on the upper surface of the low prominence; a reasonable limit of which was

RUCKERS LAKE #2 CULTURAL RESOURCES:

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clearly flagged (in blue and orange) for avoidance. This flagline is just beyond the northwest corner on the proposed location (See Figure 2), and should prevent adverse affects to the site if not crossed.

RECOMMENDATION: Although this proposed location is in proximity to Site JAS 62, the only affects to cultural resources expected to result from construction are the dislocation of a few (ie. less than 10) artifacts that have already been displaced by natural erosion. Further, any attempted location east, west or north would result in similar or far worse affects to the archaological remains, and relocation south would affect an agricultural area, much to the displeasure of the land owner.

Thus, we recommend that the proposed location be granted as is, as being in compliance with the spirit of EO 11593, and in compliance with the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and New Mexico Cultural Properities legislation.

SITE JAS 62

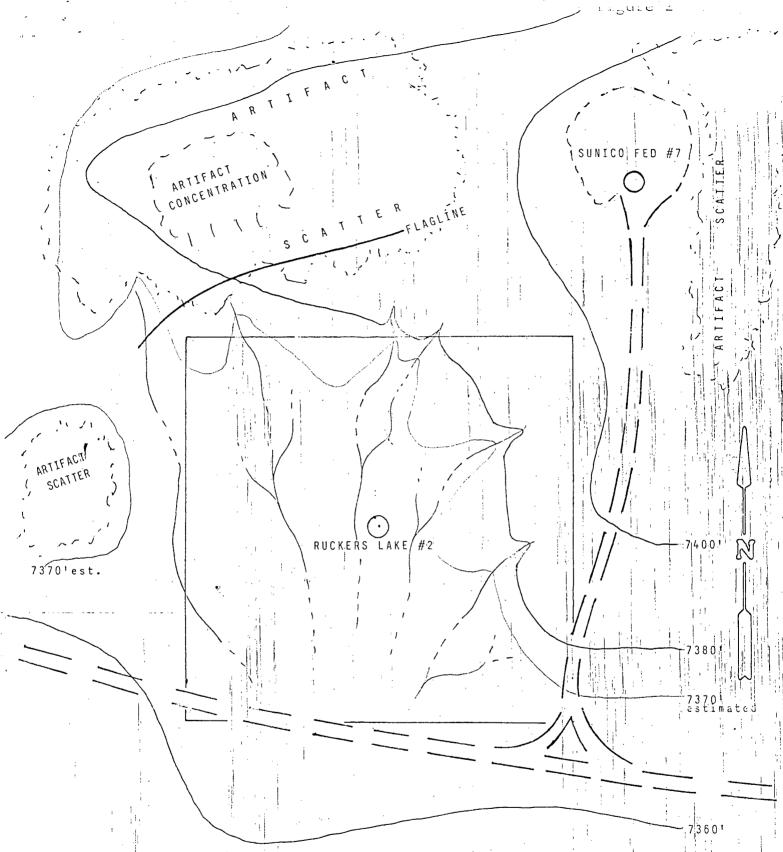
This site is located on a low, narrow, remnant prominence between, and above the confluence of, two small canyons in the upper reaches of an eastern branch of Gavilan Canyon, less than a mile west of the Continental Divide, at 7390'amsl. This low upland is a Piñon-Juniper Woodland, overlooking sage savanna/grassland valleys.

The site consists of a dense $20 \times 30 \text{m}$ artifact concentration, a surrounding $60 \times 80 \text{m}$ artifact scatter, and a relatively thin continuous artifact smattering throughout the area east, west and north of the concentration. The area south of the concentration contains only a few (10-20?) artifacts, washed down from the upland

The several hundred surface artifacts include: Gallina Black on White, Gallina Neckbanded, Gallina Plain Utility and cordmarked ceramics; quartzite and sandstone manos and fragments and sandstone trough metate fragments; knapped chalcedonics, quartzites and cherts, and quartzite hammerstones.

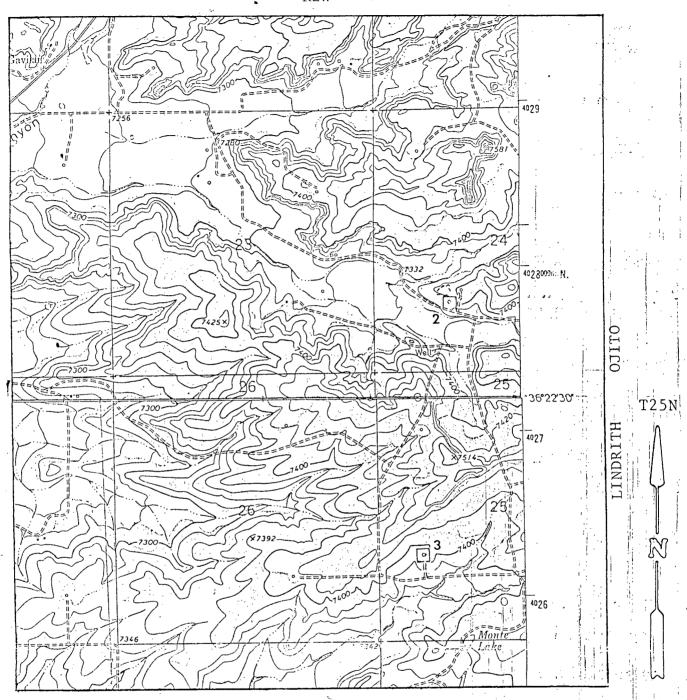
Although sought, no surface indications (such as burnt adobe, ash stains, alignments or depressions) of structural remains were apparent; yet the expectation is supported by the surface artifact density and diversity. Perhaps the old well location of Sunico Fed# 7 destroyed much of the site; or perhaps this site was a heavily used activity area related to a structural site beyond the area searched at this time.

This location, as do most in the area, provides ready access to wooded uplands and fertile valleys, for hunting, gathering and agricultural pursuits. This site is yet another indication of the intensive and extensive occupation of this region circa 1200AD; post collapse of the majority of the prehistoric urban occupations to the west.



SITE JAS 62 SW4, NE4, SW4 Section 24, T25N, R2W, Rio Arriba County, NM Scale 1cm approx 10m UTM 3,20,140mE:40,27,870mN Zone 13

JICARILLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES REPORT CR83-13,APRIL 20, 1983



NORTHWEST PIPELINE CORPORATION WELLS AND ACCESS RUCKERS LAKE #2 RUCKERS LAKE #3 SITE JAS 62 (2)

USGS OJITO, NEW MEXICO 7.5'Quadrangle, 1963 USGS LINDRITH, NEW MEXICO 7.5'Quadrangle 1963 SCALE 1:24,000

JICARILLA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SERVICES REPORT CR83-13, APRIL 20,1983

PROPOSED WELL: RUCKERS LAKE #3

LAND STATUS: Private Surface, Federal Mineral Lease

LEGAL: Well- SEZ, NWZ, SWZ Section 25, 1760'FSL and 940'FWL

Access- approximately 500' south to an existing road

T25N, R2W, NMPM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

UTM Coordinates: Well- 3,19,950mE: 40,26,270mN Zone 13

Access end- 3,19,950mE: 40,26,120mN

MAP Reference: USGS Lindrith, NM, 7.5' Quadrangle, 1963, Figure 1

AREA OF DISTURBANCE: 300'x 300', 2.07 acres Well 20'x 500', .23 acres Access

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AREA OF THIS SURVEY: 400'x 400', 3.67 acres Well | 50'x 500', .57 acres Access

TOPOGRAPHY: This location is on an open, gently sloping, low footslope "bench", on the north side of the far upper reaches of Oso Canyon, about a mile west of the Continental Divide, at 7400' amsl. The access runs south downslope into an open valley.

SOILS: The soils at this location are footslope alluvia from the sandstones and shales of the San José formation.

WATER: Seasonal flow and ponding are fairly reliable natural water sources in this area.

VEGETATION: The uplands in this vicinity are Piñon-Juniper Wood-lands, while the valleys (where not plowed and reseeded) are sage savanna. This location is canopied in piñon (Pinus edulis) and juniper (Juniperus monosperma); the access route crosses out into sage (Artemisia tridentata), grama (Bouteloua gracilis) and wheatgrass (Agropyron smithii).

CULTURAL RESOURCES:

On Record- Although many sites are on record in the vicinity, none are in the immediate area.

This Report- Four sherds of Gallina Plain Utility and one quartzite angular debris were found widely dispersed in the area to be affected (Our numbers IF-LIN 5 thru 9).

RECOMMENDATION: Because no significant cultural properties are on record in the area to be affected; and because the five isolated artifacts do not appear in concentration or association sufficient to argue significance; the proposed construction is recommended to be considered in compliance with New Mexico Cultural Properties legislation, EO 11593 and the Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Clearance is recommended.