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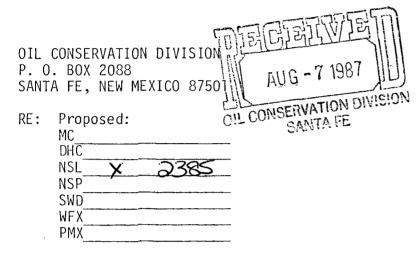
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE

GARREY CARRUTHERS GOVERNOR

7-31-87

POST OFFICE BOX 1980 HOBBS, NEW MEXICO 88241-1980 (505) 393-6161



Gentlemen:

I have examined the application for the:

<u>e Queen Sandret #73-P</u> it S-T-R 30-24-38 in Lease & Well No. Operator and my recommendations are as follows:

Yours very truly, erry error Jerry Sexton

Supervisor, District 1

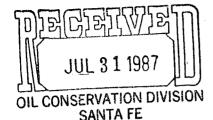
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Release Date: July 31, 1987



Sirgo-Collier, Inc.

P. O. Box 3531, Midland, Texas 79702 (915) 685-0878



State of New Mexico Energy and Mineral Department Oil Conservation Division P.O. Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

1/56-2385 RULE-104F(I) West Dollardido Queen Sund Unit Well No. 73

Dollachido Queen Pool 40 Agres dedicated SE/4 SE/4 Section 30

Re: Unorthodox Locations
WDQSU 30 #73
1050' FSL, 1250' FEL, Sec. 30
T24S, R38E, Lea Co., NM

Ladies and Genlemen:

This letter shall serve as our request to have the unorthodox locations described above approved by your office.

On the attached plat you will note our locations lie within the unit boundaries of the West Dollarhide Queen Sand Unit. We are requesting these locations be approved because these locations will allow us to establish a more efficient waterflood pattern in the field.

Should you have additional questions, please call.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Sirgo / ba

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cc: OCD - Hobbs Jerry Sexton

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ATTACHED: 1. Well location and acreage dedication plat.

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- 2. Supplemental drilling data.
- 3. Surface use plan.

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Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its unitediation.

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NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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- 1. Existing Roads: Existing roads which lead to the proposed drillsite are shown on Exhibit "B".
- 2. <u>Proposed New Road</u>: Proposed new access road will be 100' (see Exhibit "B"). Road will terminate at south end of proposed well pad. The road has been flaged and staked.
 - A. Width: 15 feet with 25 feet Right of Way.
 - B. Surfacing Material: Caliche

- C. <u>Road Design</u>: New road will be constructed by grading Right of Way and surfacing driving area with caliche.
- D. Culverts: None Necessary
- E. Gates, Cattleguards: None Necessary
- 3. Location of Existing Wells: Existing wells in vacinity of proposed drillsite are shown on Exhibit "F".
- 4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities:
 - A. This is a producing unit and a tank battery is located in the NW/SW section 32-24-38 Unit L.
 - B. If the well is productive, a flow line will be laid on top of the ground to existing facility via nearest flow line.
- 5. Location and Type of Water Supply: It is not planned to drill a water supply well. Water for operations will be transported via 3" line from existing battery. Temporary line will be laid on surface along existing road right of way.
- 6. <u>Source of Construction Materials</u>: Materials for construction of the proposed new well pad and road will be obtained from an existing pit on private land (Clyde Cooper Pit).
- 7. Methods of Handling Waste Disposal:
 - A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the drilling pits.
 - B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate.
 - C. Water produced during test will be disposed in drill pit.
 - D. Oil produced during test will be stored in test tank to sell.
 - E. Trash, waste paper, garbage, and junk will be buried in trash pit with a minimum of 24" of dirt. All waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by wind. Location of trash pit see Exhibit "C".

7. Methods of Handling Waste Disposal: (Continued)

- F. All trash and debris will be buried or removed from wellsite in a prudent manner upon completion.
- 8. Auxiliary Facilities: None Anticipated

9. Wellsite Layout:

- A. The wellsite has been surveyed and a 400' X 400' area has been staked and flagged.
- B. The dimensions and relative location of the wellsite are shown on Exhibit "C".

10. Plans for Restoration of the Surface:

- A. After completion, materials not needed will be removed. Pits will be filled and the location cleaned.
- B. Any unguarded pits will be fenced until filled.
- C. After abandonment, all equipment, trash and junk will be removed. Fee surface land will be rehabilitated as to owners agreement.

11. Other Information:

- A. <u>Topography</u>: Undisturbed wellsite elevation is 3161' situated on the west-facing shoulder of a prominenet ridge system which overlooks monument draw.
- B. Soil: Sandy clay loam sails hosting caliche inclusions.
- C. Land Type and Use: The vacinity surrounding drillsite is semiarid rangeland and its primary use is for the production of oil and gas for grazing.
- D. Flora: Vegetation cover is grassland type.
- E. Fauna: None Observed
- F. Ponds and Streams: None
- G. <u>Water Wells</u>: One mile to south, water for flood operations not known if portable.
- H. Residences and Other Structures: None in area.
- I. Archaeological, Historical and Cultural Sites: No sites observed.

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12. Operator's Representative: Representative responsible for assuring compliance with the approved surface use plan.

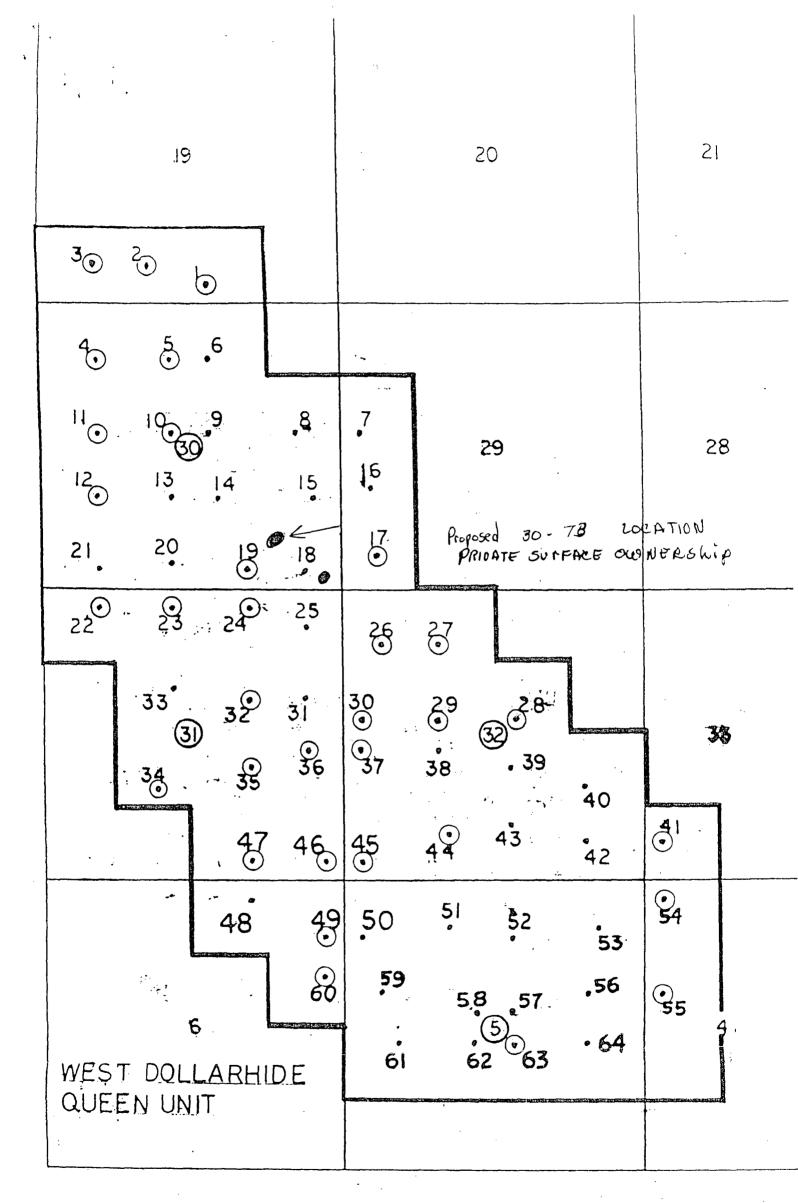
Timothy D. Collier P.O. Box 3531 Midland, Texas 79702 Work - 915/685-0878 Home - 915/684-7757

13. Certification:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drillsite 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 knowledge true and correct; and, that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by SIRGO-COLLIER, INC. and its sub-contractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

June 23, 1987

Timothy D. Collier, Agent for Sirgo-Collier, Inc.



Plat of Unit wells by Unit well number.

Supplemental Drilling Data Sirgo-Collier, Inc. WDQSU 30 #73 1050' FSL, 1250' FEL, Section 30, T-24-S, R-38-E Lea County, New Mexico

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1. Surface Formation: Tertiary Pliocene, GL 3146'

2. Estimated Tops of Geologic Markers:

Rustler	1140'	T/Yates	2656'
Top/Salt	1300'	T/Queen	3586'
Base/Salt	2580'	B/Queen	3766 '
		TD	3866 '

3. Anticipated Porosity Zones: Queen 3677' 0il

4. Casing Design:

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Size	Interval	Weight	Grade	Joint
8-5/8"	0 - 400'	24.00#	J-55	STC
5-1/2"	0 - 3866'	15.50#	J-55	STC

- 5. <u>Surface Control Equipment</u>: Double RAM-type, Series 900 + BOP with annular (See Exhibit).
- 6. <u>Circulating Medium</u>: Native, cut brine conditioned as necessary for control of viscosity and water loss.
- 7. Auxiliary Equipment: None
- 8. <u>Testing, Logging and Coring Programs</u>: Electric Logs Dual Laterlog/ MICRO Laterlog/Gamma Ray/Calipher Compensated Density Log.
- 9. Abnormal Pressure, Temperature of Gases: None anticipated.
- 10. Anticipated Starting Date: Operations will commence upon approval approximately May 5, 1987. Duration of drilling, completion and testing, about 5 weeks.

Surface Use Plan For Drilling, Completing and Producing

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Sirgo-Collier, Inc. WDQSU 30 #73 1050' FSL, 1250' FEL, Section 30, T-24-S, R-38-E Lea County, New Mexico GL 3866'

Located:	Approximately 5 air miles northeast of Jal, New Mexico
Lease Number:	LC-067968
Record Lessee:	Sinclair
Bond Coverage:	Sirgo-Collier, Inc., Federal Statewide
Acres in Lease:	320
Surface Owner:	Bill & L.B. Grove and Estate of Clyde Cooper, Jal, New Mexico
Well Spacing:	40 acre West Dollarhide Queen Sand Unit
Exhibits:	 A - WDQSU Lease Map B - Topo C - Sketch of Well Pad D - Sketch of electrical lines if any and flow lines E - Road Map F - Well locations adjacent to drill location

ROAD LOG TO SIRGO-COLLIER, INC. WDQSU 30 #73

Starting Point is Jal, New Mexico. Go north on State Road 18 $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles to El Paso Natural Gas Plant #3 road. (If you check road mile marker #13 is about a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of this turn off.)

Turn east at plant #3 road, follow black top approximately 5 miles until it dead ends, turn north for one mile, turn east and continue $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. You enter WDQSU about 300' north of well #22.

Drill Site: 1050' FSL, 1250' FEL, Section 30, T-24-S, R-38-E, Unit P

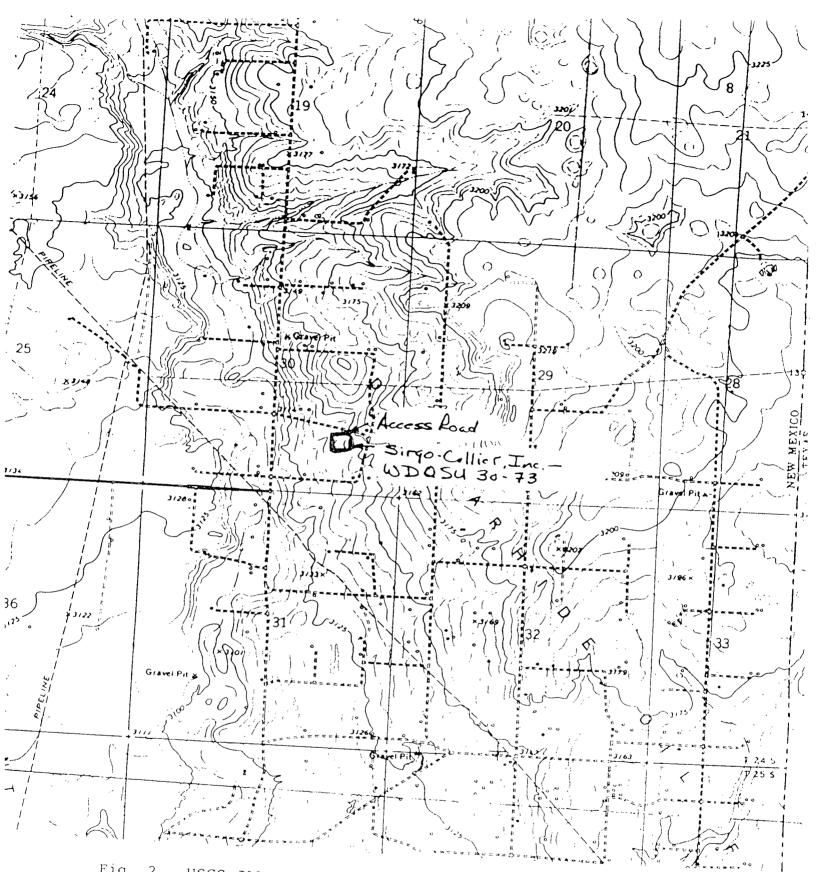
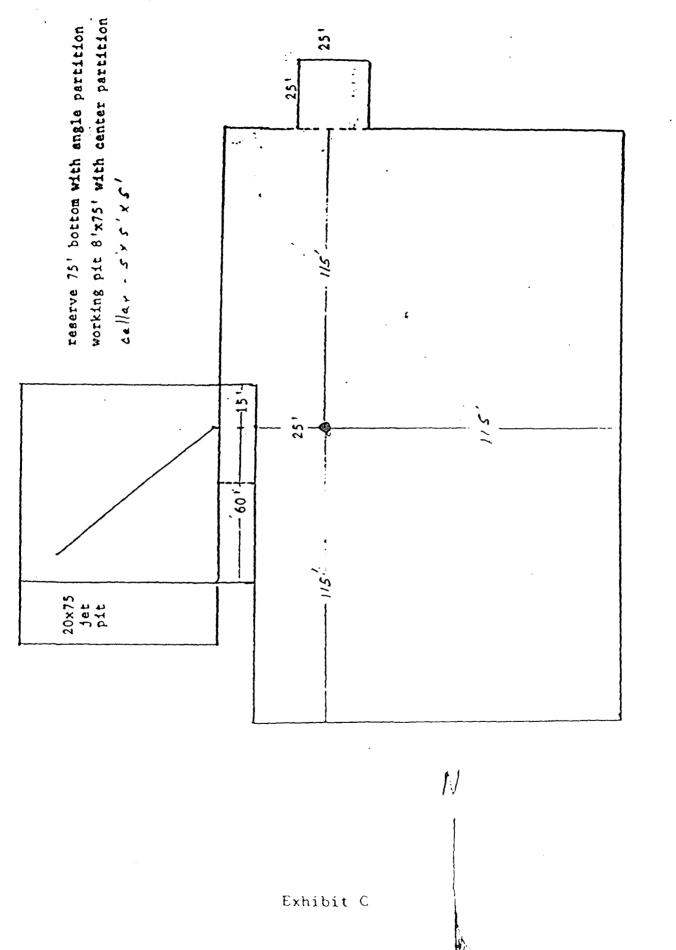
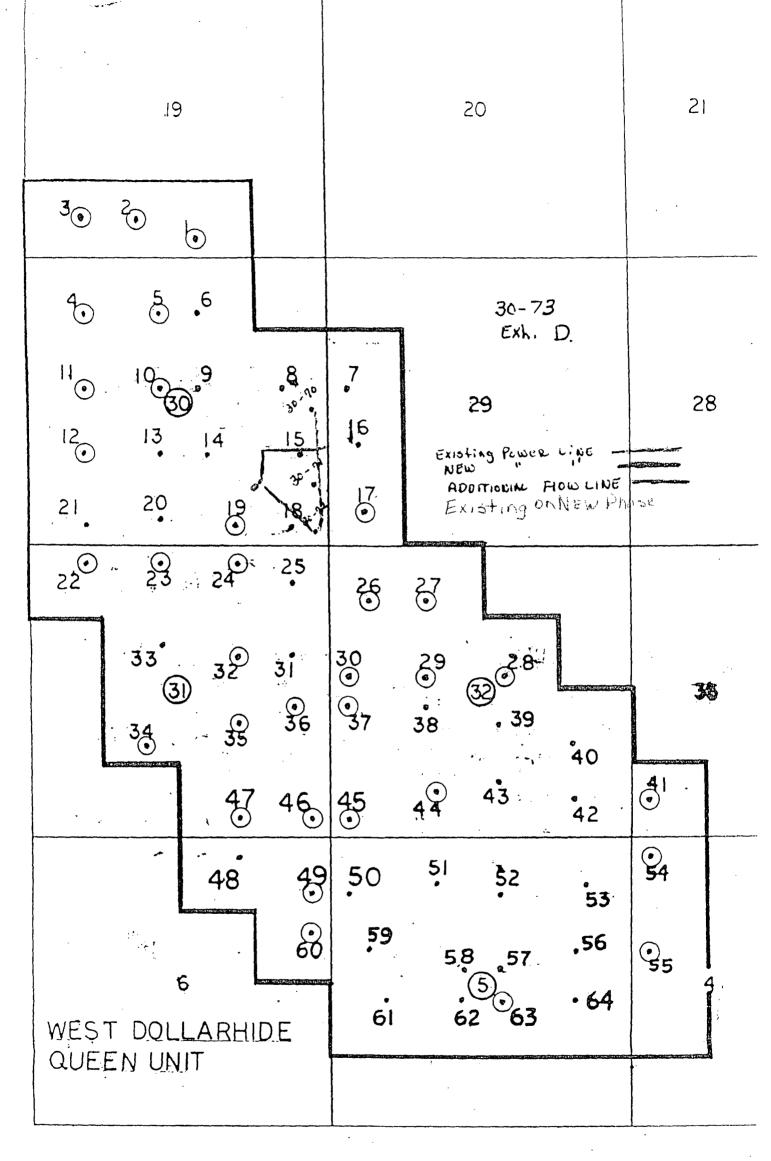


Fig. 2. USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1;24,000, 1969, photorevised, 1979, showing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 73, 1050 FSL, 1250 FEL, and access road, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

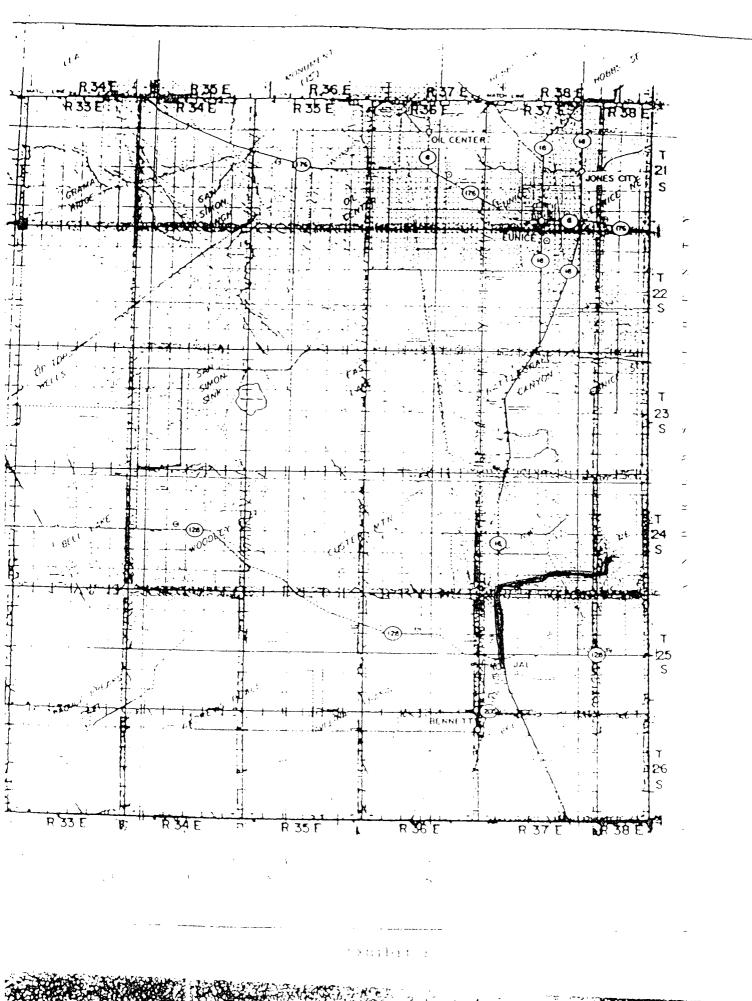


Peterson Drilling Company Rig 2 location plat



Plat of Unit wells by Unit well number.

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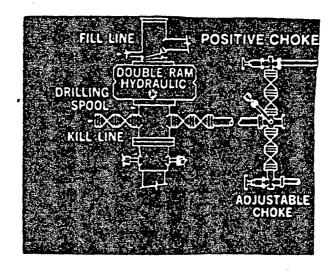
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NMAS

New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc.

P. O. Box 1341 Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220 (505) 887-7646 19 June 1987

Reconnaissance Excavation Analysis Explanation Curation

Mr. Brain Sirgo SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED P.O. Box 3531 Midland, Texas 79702

Dear Mr. Sirgo:

Enclosed please find NMAS' Archaeological Clearance Report for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 72, WDQSU "30" Well No. 73, WDQSU "30" Well No. 75, WDQSU "31" Well No. 74 and associated access roads in Lea County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded during these surveys; therefore, NMAS is <u>suggesting</u> clearance for these projects.

If you have any questions pertaining to this report, please call my office. Thank you for asking NMAS to these surveys.

Yours sincerely, Alul J. Loring (Haskell Dv.

Principal Investigator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Mark Calamia, BLM, Carlsbad

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Archaeological Clearance Report

for

SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED

WDQSU	" 30 "	Well	No.	72
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WDQSU	"31"	Well	No.	74

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Prepared

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Dr. J. Loring Haskell

Submitted

By

Dr. J. Loring Haskell Principal Investigator New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc. Carlsbad, New Mexico

19 June 1987

Permit No. 14-2920-87-F

Report Number: NMAS-1987-19-JE

ABSTRACT

New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., representing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED, Midland, undertook a Class III survey of Bureau of Land Management lands scheduled to be impacted by the construction of four drill locations and associated access roads. Field work was conducted under clear, sunny and calm conditions during the afternoon. The proposed locations will measure 400 X 400 feet (actual area surveyed 17.76 acres. WDQSU "30" Well No. 72's access road will measure 100 X 300 feet (actual area surveyed 0.69 acre). WDQSU "30" Well No. 73's access road will measure 100 X 100 feet (actual area surveyed 0.23 acres). WDQSU "30" Well No. 75 will measure 100 X 500 feet (actual area surveyed 1.15 acres). WDQSU "31" Well No. 74 will be situated beside an existing lease road. Total acreage 19.83 They will be situated in Sections 30 and 31, T24S, R38E, acres. NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. No cultural properties were recorded during these surveys; therefore, NMAS is suggesting clearance for all SIRGO-COLLIER's work.

Introduction

On 18 June 1987, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, undertook for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED, Midland, an archaeological survey of federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Lea County, New Mexico. Reconnoitered areas will be impacted by four drill locations and their associated access roads. These projects were advanced by Mr. Brain Sirgo, SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED, and administered by Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS, Inc. These surveys were undertaken by Dr. Haskell. Field work was conducted under clear, sunny and calm conditions during the afternoon. Ground visibility ranges between 75 and 80%. Field time four hours.

Survey Technique

For these investigations, SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed locations were reconnoitered for evidence of man's past activities by walking them in a series of 25 foot wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag transects. In addition, added zones extending 20 feet on each side of the staked 400 X 400 foot locations, were reconnoitered by a similar means. The access roads were walked in two, 50 foot wide transects. Lathe is considered to be the center of the proposed roads. Methodologically, these procedures served to promote optimal conditions for the visual examination of the areas to be impacted by construction-related activities.

WDQSU "30" Well No. 72

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 feet (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres) on federal lands and will be situated 150 feet from the south line and 150 feet from the east line.

Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Thus it will be situated in the:

SELSEL, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

The associated access road will measure approximately 100 X 300 feet (actual area surveyed 0.69 acre).

Map Reference: USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1969. The proposed location has been impacted on the east and south by fences. Terrain

SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED'S proposed location will be situated on the west-facing shoulder of a prominent ridge system overlooking Monument Draw. Surficial deposists are composed of sandy clay loams and commonly harbor caliche inclusions. Caliche commonly constitutes a light scree. Soil individuals fall within the Typic Torripsamment subgroup. Drainage is by ephemeral sheetwash with runoff being tributary to the Monument Draw catchment. Overall, drainage is of an internal nature owing to the Karst landform. Seeps and springs may occur along the drainage. Water is locally scarce throughout the year. Elevation is approximately 3,155 feet.

Floristics

Local soil individuals are supportive of a very diminutive overstory of <u>Prosopis juliflora</u>. Associated forbs include <u>Psilostrophe</u> sp., <u>Croton</u> sp., <u>Solanum elaeaqnifolium</u>, <u>Dyssodia</u> sp., <u>Euphorbia</u> spp., <u>Oenothera</u> sp., <u>Nama</u> sp., <u>Gaillardia</u> sp., <u>Dithyrea</u> sp., <u>Guiterrezia sarothrae</u> and several unidentified members of the Compositae. Grasses of this association are <u>Chloris cuculata</u>, <u>Aristida</u> sp., <u>Panicum</u> sp., <u>Sporobolus flexuosus</u>, <u>Bouteloua</u> sp., <u>Muhlenbergia porterii</u> and <u>Cenchrus incertus</u>. <u>Opuntia polyacantha</u> is present on a sporadic basis.

Cultural Resources

Prefield 17 June 1987, Arita K. Slate, no archaeological sites.

No cultural properties were recorded during the course of this survey. Shortages of siliceous lithic material, a paucity of potable water and a bona fide lack of shelter combined to restrict land usage to hunting- and hunting- related tasks. Actual utilization, therefore, was brief and transitory at any one time. Temporally, occupancy dates back to at least the Paleoindian horizon. Land usage increases toward the south. Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 72 and its access road and <u>suggests</u> that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans (Fig. 1). Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately.

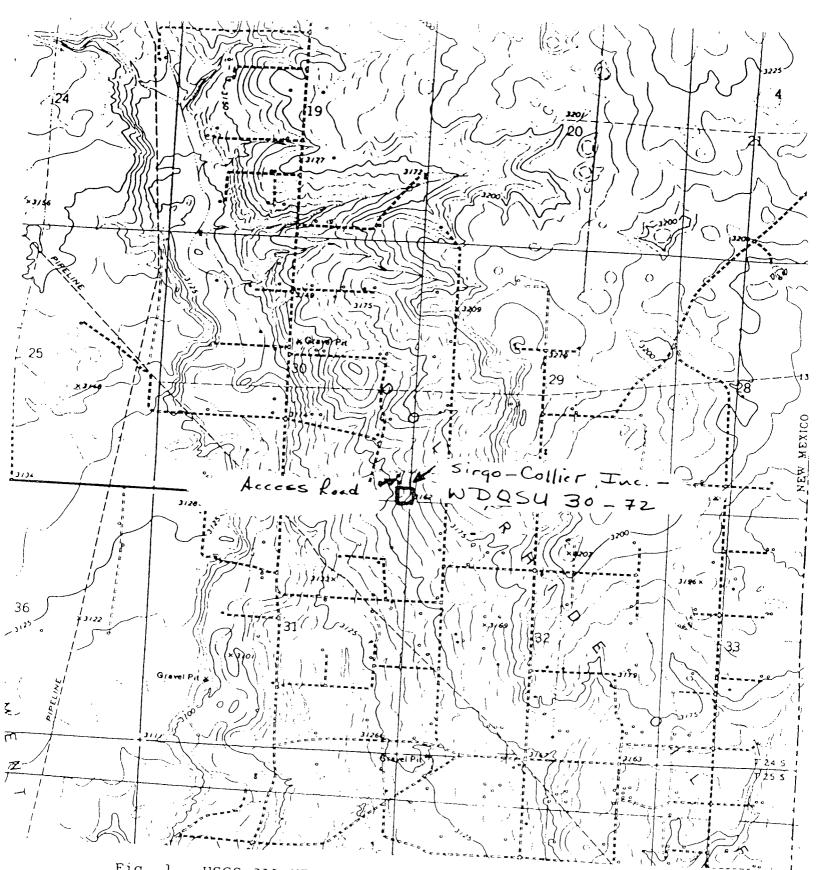


Fig. 1. USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1;24,000, 1969, photorevised 1979, showing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 72, 150 FSL, 150 FEL, and access road, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

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WDQSU "30" Well No. 73

Location

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The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 feet (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres) on federal lands and will be situated 1050 feet from the south line and 1250 feet from the east line.

Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Thus it will be situated in the:

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The associated access road will measure approximately 100 X 100 feet (actual area surveyed 0.46 acre) and is situated in the:

SELSEL, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Map Reference: USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1969.

The proposed location has been previously impacted by a flow line. Terrain

SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed location will be situated on the shoulder of a locally prominent ridge system lying due east of Monument Draw. Associated soil individuals are made up of sandy clay loams which harbor caliche inclusions. <u>Croute</u> <u>calcaire</u> underlies the surficial deposits. Taxonomically, pedons fall within the Typic Torripsamment subgroup. In general, this area is the object of intense sheetwash with runoff being to the west into the Monument Draw catchment. Water is universally scarce and limited to possible seeps and springs occurring within the Monument Draw catchemtn. Elevation is approximately 3,146 feet.

Floristics

Areal soils host a grassland, floral assemblage. Major grasses are <u>Cenchrus incertus</u>, <u>Aristida sp.</u>, <u>Chloris cuculata</u>, <u>Setaria</u> <u>macrostachys</u>, <u>Muhlenbergia porterii</u> and <u>Sporobolus flexuosus</u>. Forbs of this association are <u>Hymenoxys sp.</u>, <u>Gutierrezia sarothrae</u> <u>sarothrae</u>, <u>Nama sp.</u>, <u>Lesqurella sp. Gaillarida sp.</u>, <u>Psilostrophe</u> sp., <u>Zinnia acerosa</u>, <u>Croton sp.</u>, <u>Hoffmanseggia sp.</u>, <u>Oenothera</u> sp. and <u>Aster sp.</u> and several unidentified members of the Compositae. The Gramineae is represented by <u>Aristida sp.</u>, <u>Chloris cuculata</u>, <u>Muhlenbergia porterii</u>, <u>Sporobolus flexuosus</u> and <u>Setaria macrostachys</u>. <u>Cyperus onerosus</u>, a member of the Cyperaceae, is present on a regular basis. <u>Prosopis juliflora</u> and <u>Yucca glauca</u> are present on a regular basis.

Cultural Resources

Prefield 17 June 1987, Arita K. Slate, no archaeological sites.

No cultural properties were recorded during the course of this survey. Albeit not encountered, expected cultural properties should be of type reflecting <u>en passant</u> utilization of the landform, e.g., finished artifacts such as projectile points, scrapers, gravers, etc. Occupancy, while brief and transitory, was repetitive throughout prehistory.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 73 and its access road and <u>suggests</u> that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans (Fig. 2). Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

WDQSU "30" Well No. 75

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 feet (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres) on federal lands and will be situated 2300 feet from the south line and 1450 feet from the east line. Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

Thus it will be situated in the:

NW1SE1, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

The associated access road will measure approximately 100 X 500 feet (actual area surveyed 1.15 acres) and is situated in the:

NE: SE: Section 30, F245, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM Map Reference: USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1969.

The proposed location is cut by several flow lines as is the access road.

Terrain

SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed location will be situ-

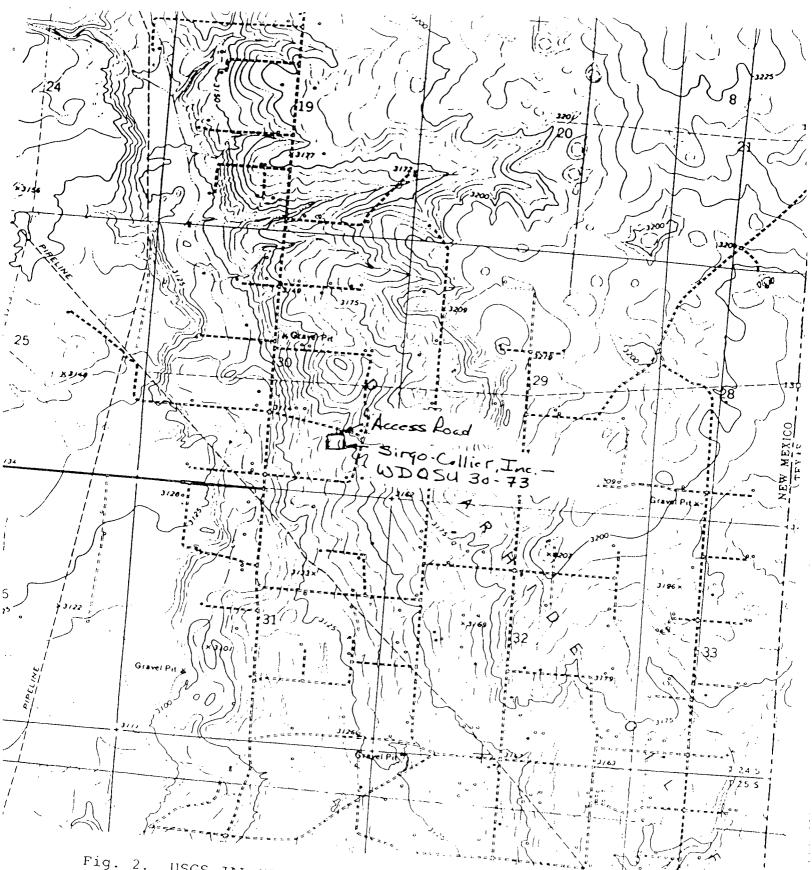


Fig. 2. USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1;24,000, 1969, photorevised, 1979, showing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 73, 1050 FSL, 1250 FEL, and access road, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico. ated on a low eminence which rises above the shoulder of the accompanying ridge system. Lying due east of Monument Draw, the coeval surface is distinguished by sandy clay loams and clay loam soils and accompanying caliche inclusions. Soil individuals fall within the Typic Calciorthid/Typic Paleorthid subgroups. Subject to sheetwash, drainage is to the west into Monument Draw. Water is universally scarce. Seeps and springs may occur in Monunment Draw. Elevation is approximately 3,165 feet.

Floristics

Areal soil individuals are supportive of a mixed, scrub-grassland, floral community. Plants of the overstory are <u>Yucca glauca</u>, <u>Prosopis juliflora</u> and rare <u>Condalia ericoides</u>. Cacti of this association are <u>Opuntia leptocaulis</u> and <u>Opuntia polyacantha</u>. Forbs include <u>Gutierrezia sarothrae</u>, <u>Salsola kali</u>, <u>Hymenoxys</u> sp., <u>Mentzelia</u> sp., <u>Gaillarida</u> sp., <u>Cassia</u> sp., <u>Dithyrea</u> sp., <u>Plantago</u> sp. and <u>Aster</u> sp. The Gramineae is represented by <u>Aristida</u> sp., <u>Cenchrus incertus</u> and <u>Sporobolus flexuosus</u>.

Cultural Resources

Prefield 17 July 1987, Arita K. Slate, no archaeological sites.

No cultural properties were recorded during the course of this survey. An overall absence of siliceous lithic sources, the open character of the landform itself, and a bona fide deficiency of potable water limited land usage to hunting- and hunting-related tasks. While brief and transitory was repetitive from Paleoindian times onward.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 75 and its access road and <u>suggests</u> that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans (Fig. 3). Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

WDQSU "31" Well No. 74

Location

The proposed location will measure 400 X 400 feet (actual area surveyed 4.44 acres) on federal lands and will be situated

1250 feet from the north and 2500 feet from the east line. Section 31, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM Thus it will be situated in the:

NWiNE, Section 31, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, NM

The proposed location will be situated beside an existing lease road.

Map Reference: USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1969.

The proposed location is bordered by a lease road on the west and is cut by a flow line on the south.

Terrain

SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed location will be situated due east of Mounment Draw on the shoulder of a locally prominent ridge system. Being coextensive with South Plain the coeval surface is distinguished by sandy clay loam soils and caliche

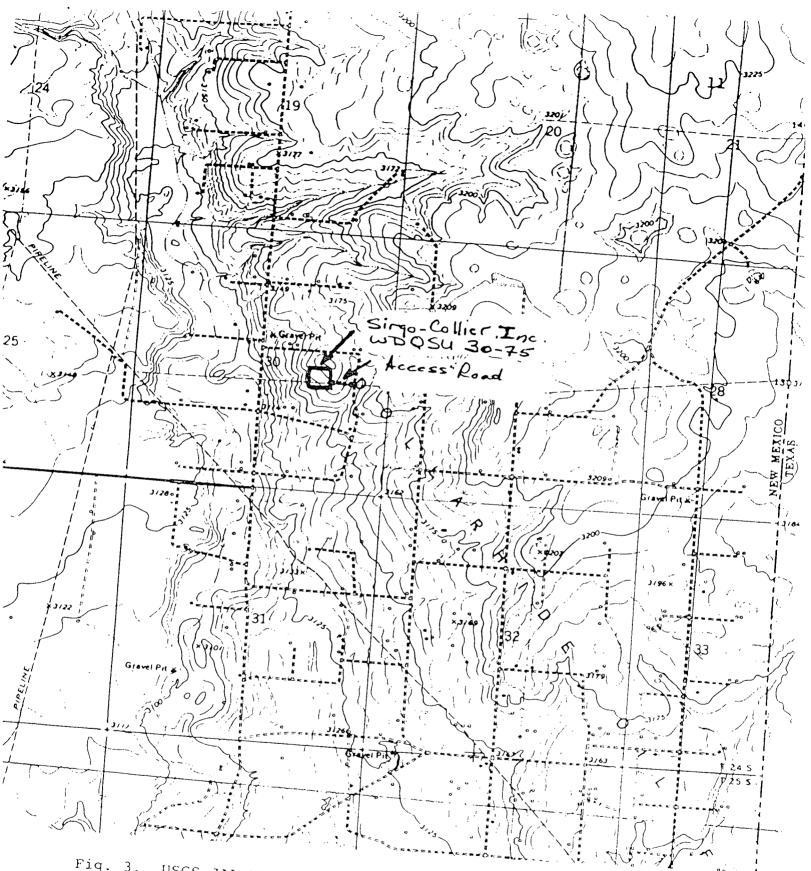


Fig. 3. USGS JAL NE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1;24,000, 1969, Photorevised, 1979, showing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "30" Well No. 75, 2300 FSL, 1450 FEL, and access road, Section 30, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.

inclusions. Soils are assignable to an intergrade of the Typic Torripsamment subgroup. Subject to sheetwash, drainage is to the west into Monument Draw. Some gullying occurs on the south. Nearest water may occur in the form of seeps and springs within the Monument Draw catchment. Water is locally very scarce. Floristics

Local soils are supportive of grassland-type, floral community. Grasses include: <u>Aristida</u> sp., <u>Chloris cuculata</u>, <u>Sporobolus</u> <u>flexuosus</u>, <u>Panicum</u> sp. and <u>Cenchrus incertus</u>. Forbs of this association are <u>Gutierrezia sarothrae</u>, <u>Solanum elaeagnifolium</u>, <u>Psilostrophe</u> sp., <u>Zinnia acerosa</u>, <u>Croton</u> sp., <u>Chamarasaracha</u> sp., <u>Perezia nana</u> and <u>Plantago</u> sp. <u>Yucca glauca</u> is present on a sporadic basis as is <u>Opuntia polyacantha</u>.

Cultural Resources

Prefield 17 June 1987, Arita K. Slate, no archaeological sites.

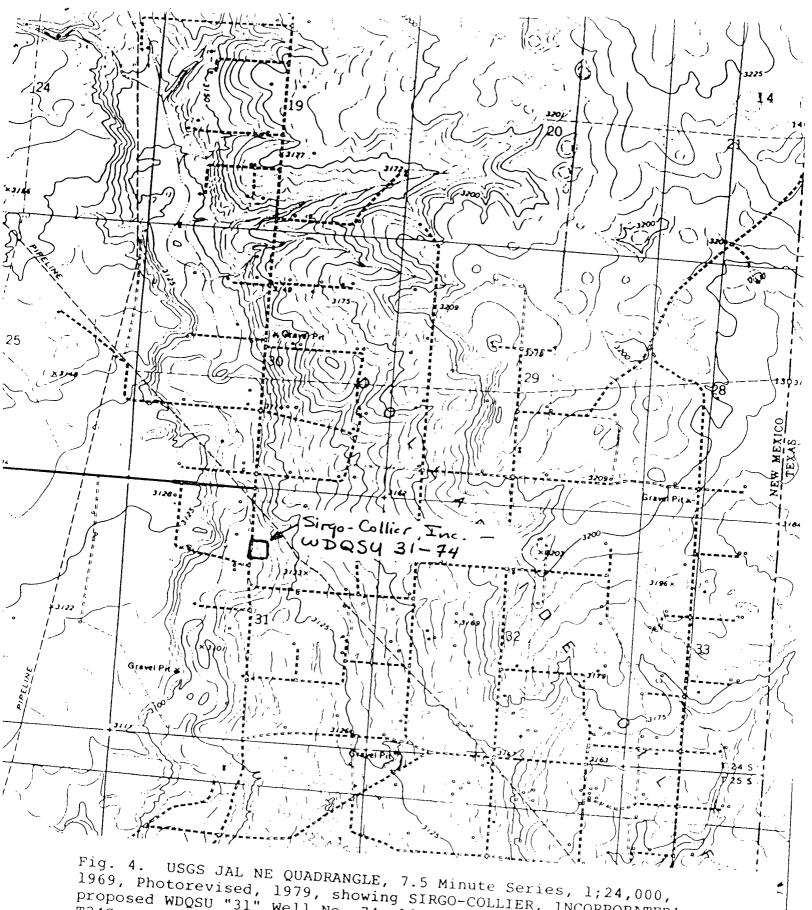
No cultural properties were recorded during the course of this survey. Shortages of locally available siliceous lithic sources, the openness of the landform, and a deificiency of water limited occupancy to hunting- and related tasks. Principal mammalian forms taken in the past included <u>Lepus</u>, <u>Sylvilagus</u>, <u>Antilocapra</u>, <u>Odocoileus</u> and <u>Bison</u>. More intensive land usage occurs in the duned country to the south. Expected remains, should they occur, should be of a type reflecting <u>en passant</u> utilization of the landform in the past.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's

proposed WDQSU "31" Well No. 74 and <u>suggests</u> that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans (Fig. 4). Clearance, of course, is granted by the Bureau of Land Management. If cultural resources are encountered during construction, the BLM and NMAS should be notified immediately. Duned settings are notorious for covering and uncovering cultural properties.

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1969, Photorevised, 1979, showing SIRGO-COLLIER, INCORPORATED's proposed WDQSU "31" Well No. 74, 1250 FNL, 2500 FEL, Section 31, T24S, R38E, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico.