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May 16, 1988

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Post Office Box 2088 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Dear Mr. LeMay:

This is a request for administrative approval for an unorthodox gas well location in the Undesignated Fruitland Pool.

It is intended to locate the El Paso Natural Gas Company Allison Unit #103 at 1795' from the South line and 2270' from the West line of Section 10, T-32-N, R-7-W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

This well was staked at this location at the request of the Bureau of Land Management.

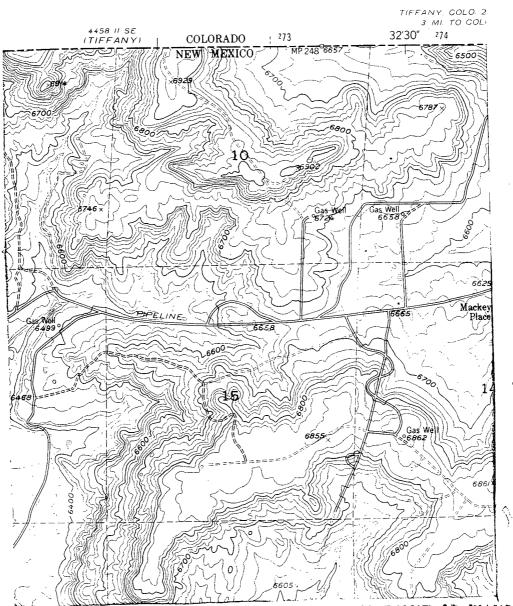
El Paso Natural Gas Company is the operator of the Allison Unit.

Plats showing the proposed well location and the terrain in Section 10, along with an ownership plat, are attached.

Sincerely yours, Tal

Peggy Doak

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Map #2

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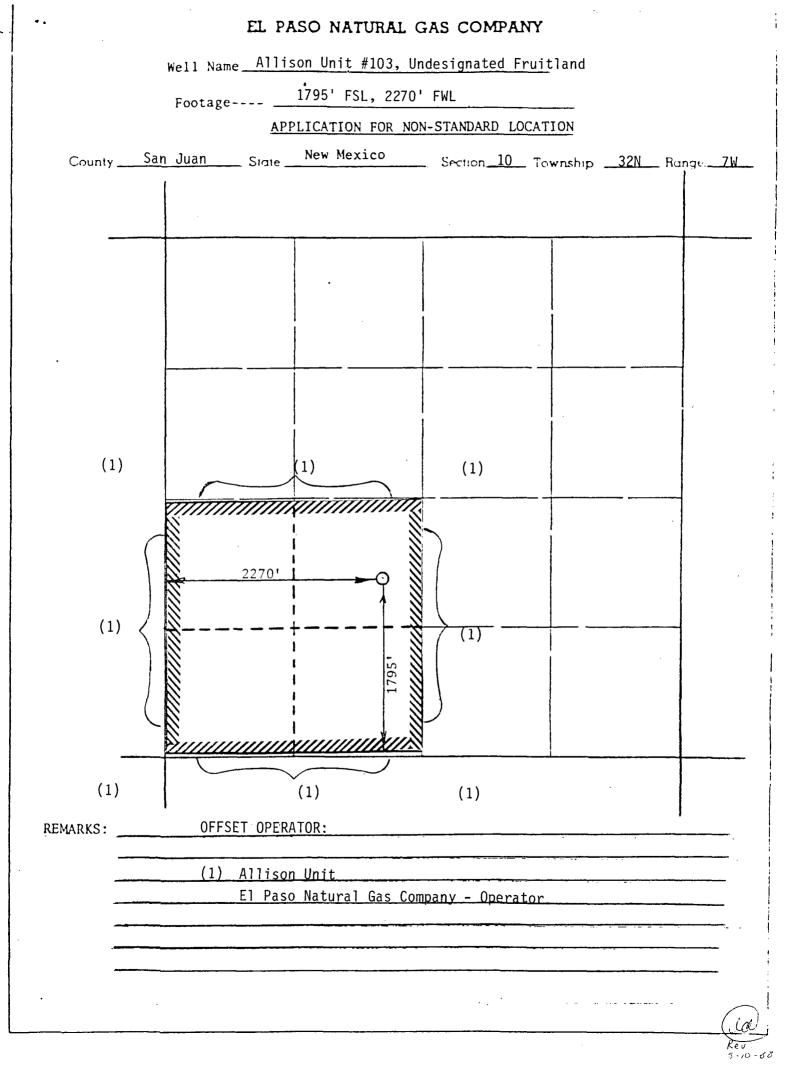
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Project No. 24-88-C

Cultural Resource Use Permit 7-2920-87-D (NM BLM)

An Archaeological Survey of Three Proposed Well Pads South of Allison, Colorado in San Juan County, New Mexico

for

Meridian Oil Company

Allison Unit #100 Allison Unit #103 Allison Unit Com #105

by

Patricia M. Hancock Supervisory Archaeologist OIL CON. DIV.J DIST. 3

Submitted by

Margaret A. Powers Principal Investigator

DIVISION OF CONSERVATION ARCHAEOLOGY

Technical Report No. 1280 San Juan County Archaeological Research Center and Library

March 31, 1988

ABSTRACT

On March 18 and 22, 1988, the Division of Conservation Archaeology of the San Juan County Museum Association completed an archaeological survey of three proposed well pads, Allison Unit #100, Allison Unit #103, and Allison Unit Com #105 for Meridian Oil Co. The survey area is located south of Allison, Colorado and is under the jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management. Approximately 17.1 acres were intensively inventoried.

Three isolated artifacts were recovered. IL #1, an Anasazi(?) brown ware sherd was recovered on Allison Unit #100. Two plain gray Anasazi sherds (ILs #2 and #3) were found on Allison Unit Com #105.

Recordation of the isolates is considered sufficient to recommend archaeological clearance.



On March 18 and 22, 1988, the Division of Conservation Archaeology (DCA) of the San Juan County Museum Association conducted an archaeological survey for Meridian Oil Company of Farmington, New Mexico. Charles Werner of Meridian Oil requested the survey on March 14, 1988 and Charles Werner administered the project for Meridian Oil Company. Margaret A. Powers administered the project for DCA.

In recognition of the limited, nonrenewable nature of archaeological remains, the federal government has enacted legislation that is designed to conserve and protect these resources. The principal legislation includes the Antiquities Act of 1906 (PL 52-209), the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (PL 89-665) and, as amended (PL 96-515), the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-852), the 1971 Executive Order No. 11593, the Archaeological and Historical Conservation Act of 1974 (PL 93-291), and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (PL 96-95). In addition, the Navajo Nation and the states of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado have enacted laws to ensure compliance with federal legislation and to protect archaeological resources within their jurisdiction. Work undertaken in the course of this project is intended to comply with these statutes and is governed by the stipulations of Cultural Resource Use Permit 7-2920-87-D.

Patricia M. Hancock and Margaret A. Powers, DCA archaeologists, surveyed the project area for cultural remains. On March 18 and 22, 1988, Odell Farley (Meridian Oil Company) accompanied the archaeologists during the fieldwork.

METHODS

The area was surveyed by walking straight line transects spaced 20 ft apart on the well pad. A 100 ft buffer was added to each side of the well pad. The access road fell within the well pad buffer zone. The archaeologist recorded all cultural remains. Those whose information potential exceeded what could be extracted during the survey phase were assigned site status. Other cultural remains were documented as isolated loci (IL). Pertinent environmental data were also recorded.

In addition to field inspection, the archaeologist conducted a search of the records at DCA and the BLM Farmington Resource Area on March 15,1988 to determine if any sites had been recorded in the project area. Site and project records required by the BLM and the NMHPD were completed.

The record search revealed the presence of 17 sites within a one mile radius of the project area. The sites are described in Table 1 and are shown on the map provided only to the BLM (Supplement 1 and 2). Table 1. Sites Within a One Mile Radius of the Project Area

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| Site No. | Description |
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| Allison Unit #100 LA 4182 LA 4186 | Unknown lithic scatter PI-PIII Anasazi isolated roomblock |
| Allison Unit #103 LA 46546 (SJC 1036) LA 46548 (SJC 1040) LA 46549 (SJC 1041) LA 50118 (JAS 148) LA 11009 SJC 1038 SJC 1039 | Anasazi PI lithic and ceramic scatter PI lithic and ceramic scatter |
| Allison Unit Com #10 LA 46153 LA 46292 LA 46294 LA 46295 LA 46289 LA 19982 LA 12292 LA 13435 | 5 Anasazi lithic and ceramic scatter PI pithouse, jacal structure PI ceramic scatter PI jacal structure and ceramic scatter PI ceramic scatter Rosa BMIII-PI possible masonry structure, pithouse, bedrock mortar No information available Historic Navajo masonry structure |

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Allison Unit #103 (Figure 2)

Legal Description: T32N, R7W, Section 10, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4* 1795' F/SL, 2270' F/WL N.M.P.M., San Juan County, New Mexico *template anchored in SW corner of section,

Map Source: U.S.G.S. 7.5' Bancos Mesa NW, New Mexico (1954, photorevised 1982)

Land Jurisdiction: Bureau of Land Management

Project Area: 300' x 300' (pad)

Surveyed Area: 500' x 500' (pad with buffer) 5.7 Acres

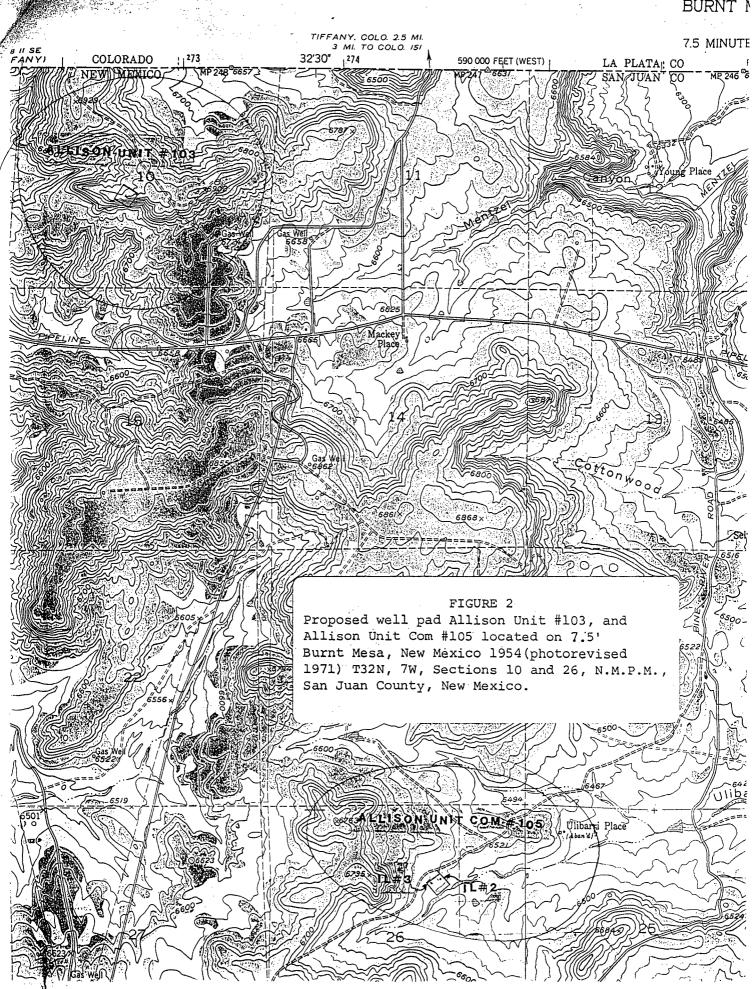
Description: Allison Unit #103 is on Burnt Mesa east and north of a major tributary of Benito Canyon. The southern buffer zone is in a rugged sandstone-boulder-strewn area which rises sharply near the edge of a tributary of Benito Canyon. The general slope is to the northeast. The soil is clayey in spots and sandy in other areas. A dense pinyon pine, juniper, and Gambel oak (<u>Quercus gambelii</u>) forest covers the pad. There is a sparse understory of Mormon tea (<u>Ephedra sp.</u>), sagebrush, and grasses (<u>Bromus tectorum</u>) and Bouteloua sp.). Vegetation cover varies from 50 to 80%.

Access to the proposed pad will be from an existing well pad, Allison Unit #55 (2200' F/SL, 2330' F/WL) which abuts the northwest corner of the proposed well pad. Snow cover at the time of the survey was approximately 10%.

Cultural Resources: No cultural resources were found.

Recommendations: Archaeological clearance is recommended.

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