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Re: Reconnaissance
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Mr. Cy Cowan
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Dear Mr. Cowan:

Enclosed please find NMAS' Addendum to its 10 January 1983 Archaeological Clearance Report for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION's proposed access road to Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2 in Chaves County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded during this reconnaissance, and hence NMAS is suggesting clearance for this project.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr. J. Loring Haskell
Principal Investigator

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Ann Ramage, BLM, Roswell
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Archaeological Clearance Report

for

YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION

Addendum

to

Report Dated

10 January 1983

Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2

Prepared

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ABSTRACT

New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., representing YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, Artesia, undertook an additional archaeological reconnaissance of Bureau of Land Management lands scheduled to be impacted by the construction of an access road to proposed Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2. The proposed road will be situated in Section 8, T10S, R25E, NMPM, Chaves County, New Mexico. No cultural resources were recorded during this reconnaissance, and hence NMAS is suggesting clearance for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION's proposed work.

Introduction

On 25 January 1983, New Mexico Archaeological Services, Inc., (NMAS), Carlsbad, undertook for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, Artesia, an expanded archaeological reconnaissance of federal land to be impacted by YATES' access road to Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2. This project was advanced by Mr. Cy Cowan, Regulatory Agent, YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION, and administered by Dr. J. Loring Haskell, Principal Investigator, NMAS, Inc. This reconnaissance was undertaken by Dr. Haskell.

Survey Technique

For this investigation, YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION's proposed easement was investigated for evidence of man's past activities by walking it in two, 25 ft wide, close interval (15° or less), zigzag transects. Methodologically, this procedure served to promote optimal conditions for the visual examination of areas to be impacted by construction-related activities.

Access Road
(Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2)

Location

As proposed, YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION's access road will measure approximately 20 X 1600 ft on federal lands and will be situated in the:

NE¼SW¼, Section 8, T10S, R25E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM
SE¼NW¼, Section 8, T10S, R25E, NMPM, Chaves County, NM

Map Reference: USGS BITTER LAKE QUADRANGLE, 7.5 Minute Series, 1962.

Cultural Resources

No cultural properties were recorded during the course of this reconnaissance. Reasons cited for their absence include an overall paucities of siliceous lithic material, shelter, and potable water. Land usage in the past should have focused exclusively on hunting and related tasks. Occupancy, therefore, should have been brief at any one time.

Demographically speaking, most usage occurred during Late Archaic (A.D. 750-950) and Jornada Mogollon (A.D. 850-1350) times.

Recommendations

NMAS recommends clearance for YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION's access road (Mountain "VR" Federal Well No. 2) and suggests that work-related activities proceed in accordance with company plans. 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.